

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Meeting No. 16

Tuesday, October 20, 1998

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, October 20, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Case Ootes, Chair
Councillor Ashton
Councillor Berger
Councillor Brown
Councillor Berardinetti
Councillor Disero
Councillor Fotinos
Councillor Jakobek
Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski
Councillor O'Brien
Councillor Pantalone
Councillor Prue
Councillor Rae
Councillor Saundercook

**326. Submission To The Minister Of Citizenship, Culture And Recreation On The
"Ontarians With Disabilities Act"**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (September 29, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity, from its meeting held on September 24, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the position of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity respecting the *Ontarians With Disabilities Act*, embodied in the submission dated September 3, 1998, to the Minister of Citizenship, Culture and Recreation, be endorsed.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the communication (August 14, 1998) from Mr. Dennis Casey, Acting President, Local 79, Canadian Union of Public Employees, forwarding the Union's views respecting the foregoing and urging the Ministry to consider the important issues mentioned in the foregoing communication, before drafting an *Ontarians with Disabilities Act*.

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity contained in the transmittal letter (September 29, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21, Clause 1)

327. Recreation Grants Program - 1998 Allocations In The Former City Of Etobicoke

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (September 28, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting held on September 28, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the report (September 3, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism which recommended that:

- (1) an amount of \$601.00 be allocated to the Etobicoke Girls Baseball League;
- (2) an amount of \$1500.00 be allocated to the Toronto West Minor Football League;
- (3) any future requests to the former City of Etobicoke that meet the criteria for Sports Grants be awarded, provided there are funds available in the Recreation Grants Budget, and reported to Council by year end; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Committee contained in the transmittal letter (September 28, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 2)

328. Lester B. Pearson International Airport - Noise Monitoring

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (September 28, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting held on September 28, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report (September 15, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

- (1) the City's Noise Section of the Works and Emergency Services Department develop terms of reference and a cost estimate, with input from the Etobicoke Federation of Ratepayers' and Residents' Associations, to conduct an assessment of noise impacts from Lester B. Pearson International Airport; and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services submit such terms of reference and cost estimate to the Works and Utilities Committee before the end of 1998; and
- (2) funds for this study be considered in the 1999 Operating Budget submission of the Works and Emergency Services Department.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Committee contained in the transmittal letter (September 28, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 3)

329. Audit Division Staff Redeployment

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 6, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources, concluding that it is the objective of the Chief Auditor and Human Resources staff to find permanent suitable alternate reemployment for the remaining two employees from the Audit Division, and recommending that this report be received for information.

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On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (October 6, 1998) from the Executive Director of Human Resources.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 17(a))

330. COAT OF ARMS FOR THE CITY OF TORONTO

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 13, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer forwarding a report to propose a Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto as proposed by the Chief Herald of Canada;
- (2) Council select a motto for the Coat of Arms from the following:
Diversity Our Strength
The Meeting Place
Home to the World
Stronger in Unity
Strength in Diversity
A new Destiny;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer forward the approved design for the Coat of Arms to the Fire Chief and Police Chief to inform them of the opportunity to receive a badge from the Coat of Arms by Crown grant; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take appropriate action to give effect thereto.

The Chief Herald of Canada addressed the Committee.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that the proposed Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto be approved subject to the following changes:

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council

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that the proposed Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto be amended by replacing the symbol of a Bald Eagle with that of a Golden Eagle;

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee amended the foregoing motion of by adding the words "and that its stance be as that depicted on the drawing distributed at Committee";

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that the proposed Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto be amended by incorporating a Maple Leaf symbol on either side of the lower part of the Coat of Arms in red and depicted as flowing; and

On motion by Councillor Brown, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that the proposed Coat of Arms for the City of Toronto be amended by replacing the texture of the grass to depict it as smooth rather than rough.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that Council select the motto "Diversity Our Strength" for the Coat of Arms;

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that Council request the Chief Administrator Officer to forward the approved design for the Coat of Arms to the Fire Chief, the Police Chief and the General Manager of

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Toronto Ambulances to inform them of the opportunity to receive a badge from the Coat of Arms by Crown grant;

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that the appropriate City officials be authorized to take appropriate action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Herald of Canada to incorporate the Committee's recommended changes to the Coat of Arms into a revised design for submission to City Council at its meeting on October 28, 1998;

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Herald of Canada to discuss with representatives from the First Nations people the symbolism of the Committee's recommendation that the Bald Eagle be replaced with that of a Golden Eagle and report directly to Council;

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report directly to Council on the possibility of incorporating the approved Coat of Arms as the Flag of the City; and

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report directly to Council on the amount of funding involved in the development and use of the Coat of Arms.

The following motions were voted on and lost:

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On motion by Councillor
Saundercook:

- (1) "To adopt "Home to the World" as the Motto for the Coat of Arms; and
- (2) That the proposed Coat of Arms be amended by replacing the brown bear with a black bear."

On motion by Councillor Pantalone:

"That the proposed Coat of Arms be amended by depicting the beaver and the bear be as gentler and slimmer."

On motion by Councillor Prue:

"That "The Meeting Place" be adopted as the motto for the Coat of Arms."

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 4)

331. Response To Information Requested About Parking Enforcement Issues And Feasibility Of Placing Parking Tag Revenues Into A Reserve

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the Chief of Police provide a monthly report on absenteeism through the Police Services Board, to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee and the Budget Committee;

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- (2) the Police Services Board secure full civilianisation of the remaining four parking enforcement officers;
- (3) the Chief Administrative Officer report back by the end of 1998 on the feasibility of incorporating parking enforcement and other related parking functions into an authority or department; and
- (4) the parking tag revenues not be removed from the corporate revenue stream.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 5)

332. Funding Sources To Offset The Financial Impact Of The 1998 Toronto Police Association Contract Settlement

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council the adoption of the recommendation contained in the report (August 28, 1998) from the Toronto Police Services Board, which recommends that the Budget Committee approve the utilization of \$3.5 million of the OMERS contribution holiday savings towards offsetting the remainder of the 1998 impact of the Toronto Police Association contract settlement; advising that it:

- (i) requested the City Solicitor to provide a report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee meeting on October 20, 1998 on the authority of OMERS to retain surplus funds; and
- (ii) forwarded a confidential motion moved by Councillor Jakobek to all Members of Council under separate cover for consideration in conjunction with this item;

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the following:

- (a) In Camera motion (October 13, 1998) from Councillor Jakobek respecting Agencies, Boards And Commissions - Salary And Wage Settlements; and
- (b) report (October 19, 1998) from the City Solicitor forwarding a report providing legal advice on the issue of the authority of OMERS to retain surplus funds and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone,
the Strategic Policies and Priorities
Committee recommended to Council
the adoption of :

- (1) the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk; and

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- (2) the confidential report (October 13, 1998) from Councillor Jakobek which has been forwarded to members of Council under separate cover, subject to amending the first recommendation to indicate that the consultation process take place within the next two weeks.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (October 19, 1998) from the City Solicitor for information.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 6)

333. People Movers

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the report (September 22, 1998) from the Interim General Manager, Exhibition Place, be received as information;
- (2) the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place, the Board of Directors for the Toronto Zoo and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to examine the feasibility of purchasing vehicles which could be utilized at the Canadian National Exhibition, the Toronto Zoo and the Toronto Islands;
- (3) in the event that the five-year capital plan includes the purchase of replacement vehicles; it be ensured that the said vehicles have the capability of operating at any and all of the three identified sites;
- (4) the Fleet Manager be instructed to coordinate the purchase of vehicles so that the said vehicles can be utilized at all City-owned facilities; and

- (5) in the event that Toronto Zoo requests the use of additional vehicles on a temporary basis from the City's Parks Division; i.e. Centre Island, that every effort be made by staff to comply with any such request.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 7)

334. Corporate Leasing Requirements And Strategy

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the transmittal letter (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Corporate Services Committee be received as information;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a three to five-year plan on the reduction and/or consolidation of space to cut costs and that such consolidation not affect direct services;
- (3) a quarterly progress report on the corporate leasing requirements and strategy be provided to the Budget Committee; and
- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer notify the Budget Committee on decisions to lease "General Purpose" office space for periods beyond one year.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 8)

335. Toronto Transit Commission - Sheppard Subway - Bessarion Station

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that:

- (i) the contract for the construction of the Bessarion Station be approved; and
- (ii) the communication (October 8, 1998) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission be considered in conjunction with the report on the Sheppard Subway funding options being provided by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer at the October 20, 1998 meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the report (October 19, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer forwarding a report outlining options for financing projected project cost overruns for the Sheppard Subway and recommending that this report be received for information and that the financing options contained herein be considered during deliberations on the overall 1999 Capital Works Program.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone,
the Strategic Policies and Priorities
Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendation (1) of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.
- (2) received for information the report (October 19, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and forwarded it, together with the communication (October 8, 1998) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, to the

Chief Financial Officer for consideration of the funding options contained therein during deliberations of the 1999 Capital Works Program.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 9)

(Letter to Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - October 22, 1998)

Councillor O'Brien assumed the Chair.

336. Funding Requirements For City Hall Council Chamber And Main Committee Room

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the report (October 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be received; and
- (2) funding for the installation of workstations in the renovated City Hall Council Chamber and the reinstallation of an electronic voting system in the main Committee Room be approved with funds to be allocated from the City Hall renovation project's Contingency Fund.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 10)

337. Security Upgrades To Toronto City Hall

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget

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Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that:

- (1) the Budget Committee approve the funding request in the amount of \$60,000 for the implementation of the first stage of Phase 1 of the security upgrades to Toronto City Hall with the rest of the 1998 transition projects for approval and funding; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 11)

Councillor Ootes resumed the Chair.

338. Social Development Strategy - Elements, Timelines, Process And Preliminary Budget

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the recommendations embodied in the report (September 24, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding the subject matter, which recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the development of a social development strategy and the process and timelines as outlined in this report;
- (2) the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department provide in its 1999 budget request an amount of \$70,000.00 for developing the Social Development Strategy;

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- (3) this report be referred to the Budget Committee for consideration in the 1999 budget process;
- (4) Council adopt the Social Development Strategy objectives, as follows:
 - (a) to set the direction for social and community development in the new City of Toronto by establishing a set of clearly articulated goals and monitoring systems;
 - (b) to involve communities, clients, funders and policy makers, in defining community social needs and priorities;
 - (c) to channel the results productively into a comprehensive and coherent vision for the future;
 - (d) to improve service co-ordination and linkages and to rationalize the provision of social and community services across the new City of Toronto; and
 - (e) to maintain and enhance the reputation of Toronto as the best city in the world to live through the development of dynamic, responsive social policy and the provision of effective services and programs; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Budget Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 12)

339. Toronto City Hall - Accommodation Of Press Gallery

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 13, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget

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Committee from its meeting of October 13, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, that:

- (1) the construction of the Press Gallery be approved with funding to be taken from the Transition Reserve Fund; and
- (2) usage of the Press Gallery be provided free of charge to members of the press and media

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council to approve the construction of the Press Gallery with funding to be taken from the Transition Reserve Fund.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 17(b))

(Letter to Council - October 20, 1998)

340. Yonge/Dundas Redevelopment Project Settlement Claims - 291 Yonge Street, Toronto (Ward 24 - Downtown)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services forwarding a report to authorize the settlement of disturbance damage and business loss claims with two tenants resulting from the expropriation of 291 Yonge Street and to have Council clarify that it is only those financial settlements exceeding authority previously delegated to the Chief Administrative Officer, which must specifically come forward for the approval of Committee and Council, and recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted to enter into settlement agreements with Yusuf Gul and with Lee Wang and Daniel Wang for compensation for disturbance damage and business loss resulting from the expropriation of the property located at 291 Yonge Street, on the terms set out in the body of this report;
- (2) Council confirm that the Chief Administrative Officer has authority to approve settlements under the *Expropriations Act* within the limits as set out in Clause No. 1 of Report No. 11 of the Corporate Services Committee adopted as amended, by Council at its meeting held on July 29, 30 and 31, 1998; and

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- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (October 14, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services subject to Recommendation (3) being renumbered Recommendation (4) and the addition of the following recommendation (3):

“(3) that after all settlements have been reached pursuant to the foregoing Recommendation 2, the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to advise the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee of the final result”.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 13)

341. Appeal To Ontario Municipal Board Of Equalization Factors By Former City Of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 15, 1998) from the City Solicitor forwarding a report seeking City Council's approval to withdraw the application of the former City of Toronto at the Ontario Municipal Board for a review of the Equalized Assessments and Equalization Factors for Metropolitan Toronto as published in the Ontario Gazette in July 1993, and recommending that the application to the Ontario Municipal Board made by the former City of Toronto for a review of the Equalized Assessments and Equalization Factors for Metropolitan Toronto as published in the Ontario Gazette in July 1993, be withdrawn, and that staff be authorized to take any necessary action to implement this.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (October 15, 1998) from the City Solicitor.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 14)

342. Motion - Updating The Payments-in Lieu Process For Provincial And Federal Properties In The City Of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk, referring a motion by Councillor Saundercook from the October 1 and 2, 1998, Council meeting and recommending that:

- (1) City Council immediately contact other municipalities across Ontario and ask them to contact the province requesting them to revisit the payments-in-lieu process; and
- (2) Council instruct staff to produce a report for the next regular meeting of Council on the payments-in-lieu payable for provincial and federal properties in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the motion by Councillor Saundercook to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report back to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 17(c))

(Letter to Chief Administrative Officer - October 22, 1998)

343. Status Of Negotiations Concerning A Proposal For Eliminating The City's Obligation To Provide An Annual Subsidy To The Toronto Harbour Commissioners

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the confidential report (October 19, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, informing the Committee of the status of discussions with the Toronto Harbour Commissioners concerning the Subsidy Agreement.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the confidential report (October 19, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services which were forwarded to members of Council under separate cover.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 15)

344. Financial Impact To The City Of Toronto Resulting From Recent Provincial Actions

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 19, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reporting on the preliminary financial impact to the City resulting from Provincial actions, and recommending that:

- (1) Council request the Province for a \$10.4 million grant or offset from the City's next Local Services Realignment (LSR) installment payment; and
- (2) should staff discussions with Provincial authorities not result in significant results or meaningful actions, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to deduct \$10.4 million (or appropriate updated amount) from either the school board repayment or the next LSR installment.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (October 19, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Report No. 21 Clause No. 16)

Adjourned at 12:05 a.m.

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Chair.