

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Meeting No. 18

Tuesday, November 17, 1998

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, November 17, 1998, in Committee Room A, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, Toronto, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

Members Present:

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee held on October 20 and October 28, 1998, were confirmed.

347. Presentation - 1999 Budget Context

The Chief Administrative Officer announced he would be giving a presentation to all members of Council prior to the commencement of Council's meeting on November 25, 1998.

348. 2008 Toronto Olympic Bid - November Update Report

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (November 4, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing an update on Toronto's bid to host the 2008 Olympics and responding to the various Council motions of March and July, 1998 and the Community Council motions from special meetings held in September and October, and recommending that Council:

- (1) request the Strategic Transportation Planning Group to work in co-operation with TO-Bid to provide strategic direction and guidance on transportation issues related to the bid for the 2008 Olympic Games;
- (2) request TO-Bid to involve the Strategic Transportation Planning Group in the preparation of the transportation component of the bid for the 2008 Olympic Games;
- (3) direct the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, jointly with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to establish a staff working group to:
 - (i) prepare strategies to address issues of homelessness, tenant protection, neighbourhood plans and new affordable housing opportunities as a component of Toronto's Olympic bid; and
 - (ii) report to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee as part of the update reports from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism on the Olympic bid:
- (4) request that TO-Bid continue to work with social planning agencies and that TO-Bid conduct a social equity impact and action plan, as outlined in this report;
- (5) direct the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to provide regular updates on the progress of the social equity impact and action plan;
- (6) adopt the terms of reference for the Olympic Task Force and request the Striking Committee select the members of the Committee.

Staff from the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Community and Neighbourhood Services Departments gave a presentation to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (November 4, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Report No. 24, Clause 1)

349. Year 2000 Business Continuity Plan

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (November 3, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services forwarding a report outlining information as requested by Council at the July meeting, and recommending that:

- (1) project approval in the amount of \$149.6 million be approved for the ongoing management of the year 2000 Program and for ensuring that the Year 2000 solutions for priority 1 business functions and city wide initiatives are implemented;
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer incorporate a financing strategy in the 1999-2003 Capital Budget capital financing plan scheduled to be before the Budget Committee in November, 1998;
- (3) the Program Office report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee by February 1999 on the funding requirements for business functions identified as priority 2 (important) and 3 (when time permits) and the implementation and testing of contingency plans and emergency preparedness plans;
- (4) the Solicitor's Year 2000 liability report go forward, in camera, with this report;
- (5) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer investigate acquiring the necessary insurance for all City employees with potential Year 2000 liability as addressed in the Solicitor's report;
- (6) the Executive Director of Human Resources recommend a strategy for streamlining the administrative process relating to recruitment, compensation and retention of staff working on the Year 2000 project;

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- (7) the strategies for the City-wide initiatives for Year 2000 readiness as outlined in this report be approved;
- (8) a contingency plan, approved by both the Operating Departments and the Year 2000 Program Office, be required for each business function identified as priority 1, even if it is Year 2000 ready;
- (9) the Year 2000 office be directed to work with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services Department to develop and test an emergency preparedness plan specifically for Year 2000 failures;
- (10) the transfer of funds from the City of Toronto to organizations, through means such as grants, be subject in each case to such organizations having a Year 2000 program in place;
- (11) the Program Office be given the authority to recommend to the Year 2000 Steering Committee extension or re-negotiation or termination of contracts or entering into new contracts that affect priority 1 business functions to ensure that the re-tendering of goods and services and a possible change of suppliers not create a major disruption for business units doing remedial work on these priority 1 business functions thereby putting business continuity at risk;
- (12) the Chief Administrative Officer be given approval to enter into agreements in support of the above for the full amount of expenditures, until June year 2000, reporting on a regular basis to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; and
- (13) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee refer this report to Council for approval.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a replacement sheet for attachment No. 8, page No. 5 of the November 3, 1998, joint report from the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the joint report (November 3, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

(Report No. 24, Clause 2)

350. Toronto Police Service - Air Service Business Case

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (September 25, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting held on September 23, 1998, and recommending that:

- (1) the RCMP, OPP and the GTSB be formally approached to determine if there are opportunities for joint ventures;
- (2) the Federal Government be requested to increase the Criminal Code penalties or create new offences when a person in a vehicle does not stop for the police; and
- (3) the Provincial Government be requested to increase the Highway Traffic Act penalties or create a new offences when a person in a vehicle does not stop for the police.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the communication (September 30, 1998) from Mr. Eric Greenspoon, President, Noisewatch conveying total disapproval of any police helicopter service in Toronto and requesting that the proposal for helicopters be rejected.

Detective Chief Steven Reesor was present at the Strategic Polices and Priorities Committee to answer questions.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred this matter to the Emergency and Protective Services Committee for further consideration together with the additional material filed by Councillor Chow.

(Report No. 24, Clause 10(a))

(Letter to Emergency and Protective Services Committee; cc: Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board; Mr. Eric Greenspoon, President, Noisewatch - November 20, 1998)

351. City Of Toronto Grants Policy

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (September 16, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services which recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto Grants Policy be adopted as presented in Appendix 1;
- (2) the Anti-Racism, Access and Equity Policy Guidelines be adopted as presented in Appendix 2;
- (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the appropriate officials, be directed to prepare the administrative guidelines described under Section XVI of the proposed policy for the review of the Municipal Grants Review Committee at its October meeting; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting on December 15, 1998.

(Report No. 24, Clause 10(b))

352. Administration Of The Arts And Culture Grants Program In 1999

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the following report (September 11, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to amending Recommendation (3) by adding the following new 3(c):

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and recommending that:

- (1) the Municipal Grants Review Committee's review of Arts and Culture grants policy be deferred until Council has given final consideration to the structure for the delivery of cultural services through the Special Committee to Review the Final Report of the Toronto Transition Team;
- (2) for 1999, the Toronto Arts Council receive and review all arts and cultural grant applications City-wide, except those noted in Recommendation No. (3)
- (3) for 1999, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism receive and review grant applications from:
 - (a) the major five cultural organizations (Art Gallery of Ontario, Canadian Opera Company, National Ballet of Canada, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and National Ballet School); and
 - (b) the local arts councils (Arts York, Arts Etobicoke, Scarborough Arts Council, and Lakeshore Arts);
- (4) the Toronto Arts Council, as a condition of its administration grant, establish, in a manner satisfactory to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:
 - (a) a separate process for the review of grant applications from community-based arts and cultural organizations sensitive to the past practices of the former municipalities; and
 - (b) a plan for the further restructuring of its board of directors to increase the representation of persons with experience in the community arts sector;
- (5) the grant agreement with the Toronto Arts Council be extended for a period of one year from the expiry of the current agreement on March 31, 1999;
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 24, Clause 3)

353. Administration Of Grants Program

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (October 9, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services which recommended that:

- (1) the general responsibility for the administration of grants policies and programs be assigned to the department responsible for the policy area addressed by the grants program;
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in conjunction with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be designated the lead commissioners for the purposes of administering corporate and residual grants policy matters;
- (3) the terms of reference for a staff co-ordinating committee be adopted as presented in Appendix 1;
- (4) the Commissioners of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, allocate part of the time of an existing position to serve as a departmental representative for a team to undertake the work related to corporate and residual grants policy matters; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal

Grants Review Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 24, Clause 4)

354. Economic Development Partnership Program - Final 1998 Grant Allocation Recommendations

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (October 15, 1998) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, which recommended that:

- (1) Economic Development Partnership Program grants totalling \$42,500.00 be allocated to five organizations, as set out in Appendices 1, 2 and 3;
- (2) the disbursement of the Economic Development Partnership Program allocations be conditional on satisfying the Economic Development Partnership Program Guidelines and on project specific conditions set out in Appendix 3;
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 24, Clause 5)

355. Issuance Of Charitable Status By Revenue Canada

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Municipal

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Grants Review Committee from its meeting of October 26, 1998, recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (October 13, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services which recommended that:

- (1) the City Council support the recommendations of The Panel on Accountability and Governance in the Voluntary Sector and communicate to the Parliament of Canada that:
 - (a) the Federal Parliament develop a definition of “charitable” for purposes of charitable registration under the Income Tax Act, by establishing a parliamentary committee or a four-level task force (involving representatives of the federal, provincial, municipal and the voluntary sector);
 - (b) Parliament amend the *Income Tax Act* to incorporate the definition of “charitable”;
 - (c) once developed the definition be reviewed by a parliamentary committee or task force every ten years and amended as necessary to meet changing circumstances; and
 - (d) the registration process be open and transparent; that all applications to and decisions regarding registration be considered public information;
- (2) the Prime Minister of Canada, as well as the Premier of Ontario be advised of City Council’s concerns respecting limitations of the *Income Tax Act* subsection 248(1) and associated common law interpretation, and specifically of the negative impact these limitations have on non-profit community organizations that serve specific immigrant and refugee communities;
- (3) City staff work in co-ordination with public foundations, private foundations, the Panel on Accountability and Governance in the Voluntary Sector and other relevant bodies in identifying ways and means of assisting non-profit community organizations that do not have charitable tax status;
- (4) City staff, in the process of recommending allocation of grants, take into consideration the hardships and disadvantages faced by non-profit community organizations which are not registered charities; and that this consideration form part of the formal practice in implementing the City’s municipal grants policy;

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- (5) the City's municipal grants eligibility criteria for any of the City's grants programs, line-item grants, or ad hoc grants provide that it is not a requirement for an applicant to be a registered charity; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary steps to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the transmittal letter (October 26, 1998) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report directly to Council for its meeting on November 25, 1998 on the definition of a "social club" and how it could qualify for charitable status.

(Report No. 24, Clause 6)

(Letter to Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services
- November 20, 1998)

356. Extending The Termite Control Program Across The City of Toronto

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (November 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services responding to Council's request of July 29, 30 and 31, 1998 to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on extending former City of Toronto Termite Grants to all of the former municipalities in 1998, and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (November 6, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for information.

(Report No. 24, Clause 10(c))

357. Federation Of Canadian Municipalities Actions To Protect Current Levels Of Federal Payments In Lieu Of Taxes

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (October 27, 1998) from Councillor Layton respecting the Federation of Canadian Municipalities actions to protect current levels of federal payments in-lieu of taxes and recommending that:

- (1) the Treasurer report on the status of federal payments in-lieu in the City of Toronto, including a detailed account of the status of these payments from federal crown corporations; and
- (2) the City of Toronto continue to endorse the efforts of the FCM to secure full payments in-lieu of taxes from the federal government and all of its agencies and corporations.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report (October 27, 1998) from Councillor Layton; and
- (2) forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and City Treasurer material filed by Councillor Saundercook respecting a Policy Report dated August 27, 1998 from AMO regarding National Consultation of Payments in Lieu of Taxes.

(Report No. 24, Clause 7)

(Letter to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; cc: Councillor Layton - November 20, 1998)

358. Disposition Of "Property Houses" Owned By The City Of Toronto

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it Clause No. 4 of Report No. 10 of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee headed, "Disposition Of 'Property Houses' Owned By The City Of Toronto", which was struck out and referred by Council at its meeting of October 28, 29 and 30, 1998, to the Strategic Policies And Priorities Committee for further consideration in conjunction with the report to be submitted to the Committee by the Corporate Services Committee on a corporate-wide policy for the sale of 'Property Houses', with a request that this matter be considered by the Committee during the afternoon session of its meeting or at a subsequent meeting.

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

- (a) transmittal letter (November 12, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Corporate Services Committee from its meeting of November 9, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council:
 - (1) the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (3) of the Board of Directors of the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Cityhome) and the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited (MTHCL) embodied in the communication (September 18, 1998) from the Corporate Secretary, Board of Directors of the City of Toronto Non-Profit Housing Corporation (Cityhome) and the Board of Directors of the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Company Limited (MTHCL), viz:

"That the Board of Directors:

 - (1) recommend to the City of Toronto that the ownership of all the "Property Houses" be transferred at no cost to the new amalgamated Municipal Housing Company so that this portfolio can be used to provide affordable housing for families directly or through any sale proceeds;
 - (3) recommend that City of Toronto Council authorize the appropriate officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.";
 - (2) that the appropriate staff be requested to further explore the options for such housing stock in order to maximize its potential for social housing purposes, given:

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- (a) the extent of the current waiting lists for affordable family housing; and
 - (b) that City Council has previously advised the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the Chairs of the Boards of the Ontario Housing Corporation (OHC) and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Authority (MTHA) of its opposition to the sale of the scattered houses owned by OHC in the City of Toronto;
- (3) that existing tenants receive the right to purchase his/her own specific unit within any of the subject properties that are of the following type: a duplex, triplex or fourplex;
 - (4) that Corporate Services Committee and Council approval be required for any proposed sales; and
 - (5) that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to the Corporate Services Committee on the disposition of any monies forthcoming from such sales.
- (b) report (November 12, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer providing the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee with a series of over-arching recommendations on the sale of the property houses and the use of property assets to achieve affordable housing objectives, and recommending that:
 - (1) Council retain the property houses portfolio as a City asset;
 - (2) Council adopt the report (October 26, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services that was before the Corporate Services Committee on November 9, 1998 subject to the following amendments:
 - (a) the City continue the management arrangement it has with the Housing Company and that the mortgages which expire on December 1, 1998 be renegotiated and renewed for a period of up to one year;
 - (b) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be directed to work with the Housing Company to determine which properties could be declared surplus without undermining the balance of market rent required to support subsidized houses in the

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portfolio and the staff report's recommended process option², the "5 Category Process" be used to guide staff in making such determination;

- (c) the revenue raised through sales of such surplus properties be put into a new "social housing" reserve fund to be maintained until such time as Council considers a Housing First strategy for the City;
 - (3) as soon as possible after the release of the report of the Mayor's Action Task Force on Homelessness, the CAO work with the involved Commissioners to develop a policy for SPPC consideration on the sale of City assets to resolve the conflicting objectives of maximizing revenue from sale versus social housing objectives, the resulting report to include a Housing First policy option; and
 - (4) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with an analysis of the various strategies to gain the maximum benefit from City assets that are available to address the housing crisis.
- (c) report (November 17, 1998) from Councillor Layton recommending:
- (1) that the recommendations of Corporate Services Committee contained in the report (November 12, 1998) from the City Clerk be adopted; and
 - (2) that Recommendation (4) of the Chief Administrative Officer's report (November 12, 1998) be adopted.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (November 12, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the addition of the following recommendation:

- "(5) that no tenant is unwillingly evicted as a result of the adoption of this report without a further report being submitted to the Corporate Services Committee and Council".

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

- (1) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to report to the Corporate Services Committee on locking the surplus funds into an account to be used for the expansion of, or provision of, crisis housing; and
- (2) should the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services identify needs for social housing, requested that a report be forwarded to the appropriate Committee for consideration.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide an information session to members of Council on all of the housing stock that the City has in its direct or indirect control, such session to focus on the organizational structure, who controls it, strategies, budget size, and amount required to bring the housing stock up to standard.

The following motions were placed but not voted upon as they were determined redundant:

By Councillor Rae:

That the report (November 17, 1998) from Councillor Layton be adopted.

By Councillor Ashton:

That the recommendations contained in the transmittal letter (November 12, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the actions of the Corporate Services Committee be adopted subject to:

- (1) recommending that the newly amalgamated Housing Company be requested to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on a portfolio management strategy; and

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- (2) should properties be considered for disposal, that the “5 Category Process” outlined in Recommendation No. 2 of the report (November 12, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer be used to guide staff.

(Report No. 24, Clause 8)

(Letter sent to Chief Administrative Officer; cc: Corporate Services Committee; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - November 20, 1998)

359. Tenant Tax Notification

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the transmittal letter (November 11, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 11, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to the following:

- (1) deleting “Communications - Newspaper Advertisements” in “Appendix 'C' Summary of Estimated Costs - 1998 Tenant Tax Notification”, at a savings of \$24, 346.00; and
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing a report to Council outlining all available options;

the report recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the process for sending notices of 1998 property tax changes to all tenants as outlined in this report;
- (2) funds in the amount of \$453,400 be provided from corporate contingency;
- (3) the funds in the amount of \$453,400 be allocated for the increased level of service for annual tenant notification of tax changes and included in the Finance Department’s 1999 Operating Budget if Council wishes to continue this extent of notification in 1999 and future years; and
- (4) the appropriate civic officials be authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary to give effect to the foregoing.

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it the report (November 13, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responding to a request by the Budget Committee further clarifying the cost of the tenant tax notification program for 1998, and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that Option titled "Group A" contained in the following report (November 13, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be approved as the method of notifying landlords and tenants of tax changes in 1998, which reads:

"Group A - Notices of Automatic Rent Reductions

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| 1. | Mandatory - Multi-Residential | \$8,400 |
| 2. | Discretionary - Residential | <u>\$106,326</u> |

Total \$114,726

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to prepare a uniform advertisement and notice of the tax changes for distribution to members of Council to assist them in informing their constituents; and

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended that the appropriate civic officials be authorized and directed to take whatever actions are necessary give effect thereto.

The following motion of Councillor Rae was placed but not voted upon as it was determined redundant:

That the transmittal letter (November 11, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the action of the Budget Committee from its meeting of November 11, 1998, and recommending to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the

report (November 4, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, as amended, be adopted.

(Report No. 24, Clause 9)

360. Renovations to Toronto City Hall

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the report (November 16, 1998) from Mayor Lastman concerning the renovation costs to Toronto City Hall and recommending:

- (1) a complete plan detailing the full scope of improvements, upgrades and renovations required at the Toronto City Hall site;
- (2) full cost estimates for all such improvements, upgrades, renovations and additions being contemplated, including the real costs of restoring the east and west towers; repairing Nathan Phillips Square, and ensuring all conditions for occupancy are met;
- (3) timelines and detailed plans for all expected moves into Toronto City Hall; and for the sale or lease of Metro Hall;
- (4) cost estimates for staff relocation associated with the Metro Hall/City Hall move and square footage space available in both Metro and City Hall facilities;
- (5) solid cost estimates on the longevity of any renovations or retrofits;
- (6) that the Chief Administrative Officer be required to prepare said reports and report back to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; and
- (7) suspension of any further expenditure on Toronto City Hall beyond those necessary to complete the originally authorized renovations until such reports are delivered.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred this matter to the Budget Committee for consideration.

The following motions were placed but not voted upon as they were determined redundant:

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By Councillor O'Brien:

That the report (November 16, 1998) from Mayor Lastman be amended by adding the words:

“future use of all other civic centres and timelines and detailed plans, including cost estimates for any moves in and out of the civic centres, or any necessary renovations.”

By Councillor Ootes:

That the report (November 16, 1998) from Mayor Lastman be amended by requesting that the Chief Administrative Officer include in his report information on the process of renovating City Hall and any staff relocation which may be necessary.

By Mayor Lastman:

That the report (November 16, 1998) from the Mayor be adopted.

By Councillor Pantalone:

That the Chief Administrative Officer provide a status report to the next Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on this matter.

(Report No. 24, Clause 10(e))

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recessed at 12:45 p.m. to meet in Camera.

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361. Court Ordered Recount In Scarborough Malvern - Ward 18

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the report (November 12, 1998) from the City Solicitor and requested that the previously requested report from the City Clerk and the City Solicitor be expedited, and that this report also include suggested amendments to the Municipal Elections Act which would provide, in appropriate circumstances, for reimbursement of costs to candidates involved in election recounts.

(Report No. 24, Clause 10(d))

(Letter sent to City Clerk; cc: City Solicitor - November 20, 1998)

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adjourned its In Camera session at 12:55 p.m. and reconvened in public session at 12:55 p.m.

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Adjourned at 12:55 p.m.

Chair.