

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Services Committee**

**Meeting No. 1**

**Tuesday, January 26, 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, January 26, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time periods indicated.

	9:35 a.m. to 11:36 a.m.	2:10 p.m. to 4:03 p.m.
Councillor Case Ootes, Acting Chair	X	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	X	X
Councillor Milton Berger	X	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X	X
Councillor Betty Disero	X	X
Councillor Dennis Fotinos	X	X
Councillor Tom Jakobek		X
Councillor Dick O'Brien	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	X
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X

### **1.1 1999 Capital Budget and Five Year Capital Plan.**

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

- (i) (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk, forwarding Recommendations from the Budget Committee respecting the 1999-2003 Capital Budget;
- (ii) (January 20, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Etobicoke Community Council on January 20, 1999, amongst other things, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that \$20,000.00 be included in the 1999 Capital Budget for a Feasibility Study to identify potential capital and operating cost savings to be gained by attaching the proposed Performing Arts Centre to the existing Etobicoke Civic Centre;
- (iii) (January 20, 1999) from Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber, regarding a request from the Etobicoke Community Council on December 2, 1998, with respect to covering bocci courts in the Etobicoke district; advising that he would like to ensure that the Riverlea Seniors Club site is definitely included in any studies that are conducted; and gratefully requesting that recommendation No. (9) contained in the report dated January 14, 1999, from the Chair of the Budget Committee, entitled "Parks and Recreation - 1999 - 2003 Capital Works Program", be amended to also include this site; and
- (iv) (January 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:
  - (1) the gross cash flow spending authority in the amount of \$1,197.4 million for 1999, and future year commitments of \$600.9 million for 2000, \$334.7 million for 2001, \$166.5 million for 2002 and \$152.3 million for 2003, as outlined on a project basis in Appendix A of this report, be approved;
  - (2) financing in an amount not to exceed \$500 million to be debentured, if required, for a term up to, but not exceeding 20 years be approved;
  - (3) funds be withdrawn in the indicated amounts from reserve funds as outlined in Appendix C of this report to partially fund the 1999 Capital Budget as applied in Appendix D;

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- (4) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer report to Budget Committee on recommended closures to previously approved capital spending authorizations not contained in this report; and
- (5) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with department, board and agency heads, recommend for the year 2000 Capital Budget and beyond, a program of capital works that minimizes the future year commitments required to be approved in conjunction with the annual capital request.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Ila Bossons, Midtown;
- Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown;
- Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber;
- Councillor Blake F. Kinahan, Lakeshore Queensway; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights.

(Councillor Prue declared his interest in the foregoing matter insofar as it pertains to a Conservation Authority Project listed in Appendix (d) embodied in the Capital Budget Book, in that his principal residence is immediately adjacent to such project.)

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) recommend to Council:
  - (i) the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk; **(Carried)**
  - (ii) the adoption of the report (January 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Spending Authorizations for the 1999 Capital Budget and Commitments"; **(Carried)**

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- (iii) approval of the request embodied in the communication (January 20, 1999) from Councillor Giansante to amend Recommendation No. 9 of the Budget Committee to include the Riverlea Seniors Club; and **(Carried)**
  - (2) refer the communication (January 20, 1999) from the City Clerk, Etobicoke Community Council, entitled "Feasibility Study - Proposed Etobicoke Centre for the Performing Arts", to the Budget Committee for consideration during the Operating Budget deliberations; and **(Carried)**
  - (3) direct that the 1999-2003 Capital Budget and the Recommendations of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in regard thereto, be submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999. **(Carried)**
- B. Councillor Saundercook moved that the Budget Committee be requested to address the issue of building conditions at 11 and 14 Division, Toronto Police Service, in its upcoming five-year Capital Plan. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Berardinetti moved that the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk, be amended as follows:
- (i) Recommendation No. 9 of the Budget Committee be amended to include the Scarborough District as well; and **(Carried)**
  - (ii) the Chinese Cultural Centre Gardens be included in the Capital Budget at zero funding to the City of Toronto. **(Carried)**
- D. Councillor Disero moved that the Budget Committee be requested to give consideration to the installation of Toronto Transit Commission island at St. Clair and Via Italia, and submit a report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, when this matter is being considered. **(Carried)**

- E. Councillor Rae moved that the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to report, in an expeditious manner, to the Budget Committee, on the outstanding Urban Design Project Items 1-9 (Page 170 of the Capital Budget Book); such report to also include information respecting Garrison Creek Linkages. **(Carried)**
- F. Councillor Jakobek further moved that the Commissioners be requested to submit a report to the Budget Committee, no later than the last meeting in July, 1999, on any projected unexpended funds, or projected funds, respecting the following two projects: "Jane\Finch and Sheppard" in order that they can be reallocated to other projects. **(Carried)**
- G. Councillor Jakobek further moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Special Meeting of the Budget Committee, for report thereon directly to Council, with respect to the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts and any Capital items that need advance approval. **(Carried)**
- H. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendation embodied in the communication (January 20, 1999) from the City Clerk, Etobicoke Community Council, entitled "Feasibility Study - Proposed Etobicoke Centre for the Performing Arts". **(Lost)**

**The decision of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee therefore is as follows:**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council:
  - (A) the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk, subject to:

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- (i) amending Recommendation No. (9) as embodied in the 1999 Capital Budget Book, to include the Scarborough District and the Riverlea Seniors Club; and
  - (ii) including the Chinese Cultural Centre Gardens in the Capital Budget at zero funding to the City of Toronto; and
- (B) the adoption of the report (January 26, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Spending Authorizations for the 1999 Capital Budget and Commitments";
- (2) requested the Budget Committee to:
  - (i) address the issue of building conditions at 11 and 14 Division, Toronto Police Service, in its upcoming five-year Capital Plan; and
  - (ii) give consideration to the installation of a Toronto Transit Commission island at St. Clair and Via Italia, and submit a report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, when this matter is being considered;
- (3) requested the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to report, in an expeditious manner, to the Budget Committee, on the outstanding Urban Design Project Items 1-9 (Page 170 of the Capital Budget Book); such report to also include information respecting Garrison Creek Linkages;
- (4) requested Commissioners to submit a report to the Budget Committee, no later than the last meeting in July, 1999, on any projected unexpended funds, or projected funds, respecting the following two projects: "Jane\Finch and Sheppard" in order that they can be reallocated to other projects;
- (5) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report to the Special meeting of the Budget Committee, for report thereon directly

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to Council, with respect to the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts and any Capital items that needs advance approval;

- (6) referred the communication (January 20, 1999) from the City Clerk, Etobicoke Community Council, entitled "Feasibility Study - Proposed Etobicoke Centre for the Performing Arts", to the Budget Committee for consideration during the Operating Budget deliberations; and
- (7) directed that the 1999-2003 Capital Budget and the Recommendations of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in regard thereto, be submitted to Council for consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999.

(Budget Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. City Clerk, Etobicoke Community Council; Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber - January 26, 1999)

**(Clause No. 20(d), Report No. 2)**  
**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 3)**

## **1.2 1999 Interim Operating Budget Estimates.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 5, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Budget Committee on December 8, 1998, during its consideration of a report (December 7, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the 1999 Interim Operating Budget Estimates, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the aforementioned report.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 2)**

## **1.3 Yonge/Dundas Re-development Project Settlement of Expropriation Claims**

**259 Victoria Street, Toronto****Owner: Salvation Army, Governing Council of Canada  
(Downtown - Ward 24)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the following reports from the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

- (i) (January 12, 1999) recommending that:
  - (1) a final settlement be approved with the Salvation Army, Governing Council of Canada, for total compensation in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 for its interest in the property located at 259 Victoria Street, in return for a full and final release; and
  - (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto; and
- (ii) (January 25, 1999) recommending that:
  - (1) for the purposes of Section 193(40 of *the Municipal Act*, the real property municipally known as 259 Victoria Street be declared surplus;
  - (2) subject to the stopping up and closing of the required portions of the public road shown in heavy outline on Map 2, these lands be declared as surplus;
  - (3) Council affirm that the sale of 259 Victoria Street is in accordance with and pursuant to Section 28 of *the Planning Act*;
  - (4) upon compliance with the requirements of By-Law No. 551-98 and the stopping up and closing of the required portions of the public road, the lands forming Parcel C, (comprised of 259 Victoria Street and the 5 metre strip of public road abutting to the north) be sold to Senator Restaurant Ltd., or such other corporation to be formed by Robert Sniderman, the owner of Senator Restaurant Ltd. (the "Purchaser");
  - (5) approval be granted to enter into a lease with the Purchaser on the remaining lands to be stopped up and closed, shown on Map 2, for the construction and operation of a tower and connecting pedestrian bridge development;
  - (6) the main terms and conditions of the sale and lease be as set out in Appendix A;



- (7) the sale and lease documents be executed by the Purchaser no later than 45 days after City Council approval and to include any other terms deemed necessary by the Commissioner of Corporate Services and in form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect to the foregoing.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing reports.

**(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)**

#### **1.4 Toxics/Pollution Prevention, Land and Air/Climate Change Actions.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 12, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Environmental Task Force, recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environmental (TIE) Team, be requested to coordinate responses to the actions listed below and described in this report and provide a monthly status chart to the Environmental Task Force commencing in January, 1999;
- (2) the Commissioner of Finance submit the Environmentally Responsible Purchasing Policy that is being prepared to City Council as soon as possible and submit it to the Environmental Task Force for information en route to Standing Committee;
- (3) the Medical Officer of Health be advised that the Environmental Task Force supports the establishment of a Toronto-based Children's Environmental Health Network that will gather and disseminate information on protecting children from environmental risks to their health;
- (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Environmental Task Force on actions that are currently being taken to reduce the release of household hazardous waste into the environment and suggestions for actions that could be taken by the Environmental Task Force or City Council;

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- (5) the City of Toronto's new seat of government have, as a pilot project, a drop-off spot in a visible location for disposal of batteries used by City employees;
- (6) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services prepare a report regarding the setting-up of hazardous waste drop-off sites for the public in places such as fire stations;
- (7) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environmental (TIE) Team, be requested to prepare a plan for disposal of pesticides whose use will be eliminated;
- (8) City Council endorse a program to encourage and recognize employee suggestions that bring environmental, social and financial benefits to the City's operations and request the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services to bring forward a report on such a program;
- (9) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services report on how the City could achieve reductions in emissions from mobile and stationary diesel sources owned by the City and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions which are not included in the Provincial 'Drive Clean' Program;
- (10) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Inter-departmental Environment (TIE) Team, be requested to report on how reports to City Council could include carbon dioxide accounting information;
- (11) City Council request the Toronto Licencing Commission to ensure that fuel burning vehicles licensed by the Commission meet Provincial emission control specifications and that there is a mechanism for recognizing and encouraging compliance with provincial emission control specifications; and
- (12) City Council indicate its support for efforts to make employer provided transit passes tax-exempt and its intention, as an employer, to review offering the transit pass as an employee benefit.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the foregoing report to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c: Councillor Jack Layton, Chair of the Environmental Task Force - January 26, 1999)

**(Clause No. 20(a), Report No. 2)**

**1.5 Environmental Task Force Budget for 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it the following reports from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Environmental Task Force:

- (i) (January 8, 1999) recommending that:
  - (1) an Environmental Task Force operating budget of \$93,000 for 1999 as described in this report be approved; and
  - (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, as co-chairs of the Toronto Interdepartmental Environment (TIE) team, ensure that the approved funds for the Environmental Task Force budget are included in the appropriate 1999 Operating Budget requests; and
- (ii) (January 21, 1999) clarifying that the Environmental Task Force request is not for prior approval of \$93,000.00; advising that this is a request for consideration through the normal processes of the Budget Committee and Council; and recommending that the Environmental Task Force be allocated \$16,000.00 for its activities until May, 1999, and that these funds be provided on a prior approval basis.

Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation embodied in the report (January 21, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair of the Environmental Task Force, viz:

“It is recommended that the Environmental Task Force be allocated \$16,000.00 for its activities until May, 1999, and that these funds be provided on a prior approval basis.”; and

- (2) referred the report (January 8, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair of the Environmental Task Force, entitled “Environmental Task Force Budget for 1999”, to the Budget Committee for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Budget Committee; c: Councillor Jack Layton, Chair of the Environmental Task Force - January 26, 1999)

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)**

**1.6 Settlement of Claim, Contract No. T-51-93,  
Don Valley Parkway at Chester Hill Road,  
Slope Stabilization and Soldier Pile Retaining Walls.**

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

- (i) (January 13, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Urban Environment and Development Committee on January 11, 1999, during its consideration of a confidential report (December 1, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, seeking Council’s approval of a proposed settlement of an outstanding claim by Bridgecon Construction Limited arising from Contract No. T-51-93, took the following action:
  - (1) requested that the confidential report (December 1, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services respecting the above-noted matter, be considered by the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee as an in-camera item; and
  - (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit a further in-camera report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee providing additional information on this matter, and including the earlier report which was submitted to the former Metro Toronto Council.
- (ii) Confidential report (January 21, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing supplemental information respecting Contract No. T-51-93, Don Valley Parkway at Chester Hill Road, Slope Stabilization and Soldier Pile Retaining Walls.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing confidential report (January 21, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services.

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 2)**

**1.7 Draft Report of the Task Force  
on Community Access and Equity.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 22, 1999) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Task Force on Community Access and Equity, recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to prepare a report for the end of March, if possible, for consideration by the Task Force on Community Access and Equity and that the report address the following:
  - (a) Administrative options to support this Action Plan which includes community advisory committees; an Aboriginal Affairs Office, a Disability Issues Office, a Human Rights Office; and an Access and Equity Centre with geographic sites;
  - (b) an external evaluation mechanism for conducting an Access, Equity and Human Rights Audit every three years for each term of Council on the implementation of Council's policies on access, equity and human rights; and
  - (c) the level of resources required for the harmonization and levelling up of the access, equity and human rights programs and policies of the former municipalities;
- (2) the mandate for the Task Force on Community Access and Equity be extended by three months to provide the time required by the Chief Administrative Officer to prepare the options report outlined in Recommendation No. (1); and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

Councillor Joe Mihevc, York Eglinton, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) recommended to Council that the mandate of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity be extended for three months; and
- (2) referred the report dated January 22, 1999, from the Chair of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity, to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee respecting the financial implications in regard thereto.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c: Chair, Task Force on Community Access and Equity - January 26, 1999)

**(Clause No. 6, Report No. 2)**

**1.8 Official Flag for the City of Toronto.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 19, 1999) from the City Clerk recommending that:

- (1) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee review the official flag design options submitted at Committee on January 26, 1999, by staff and recommend one design to Council for approval as the official flag of the City of Toronto;
- (2) except as provided in Recommendation No. (5) below, all existing former municipal flags be phased out by July 1, 1999, and replaced by the new City flag as operating budgets permits;
- (3) the existing courtesy flag poles will fly the flag of any country recognized by the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, on its national day or on the anniversary of a special occasion for up to two weeks, upon written request;

- (4) the flag of a non-profit or charitable organization will be flown on a courtesy flagpole for up to two weeks upon the written request of the group or organization;
- (5) the former municipal flag be displayed along with the official City of Toronto flag in the Council Chamber of each respective Civic Service Centre with the exception of Toronto City Hall as it is the seat of the new City government;
- (6) the Chief of Protocol be delegated authority to approve all flag raisings in accordance with Council policy and that Toronto Protocol, Clerk's Division, Corporate Services Department will be responsible for administering the flag raising policies and for the coordination of all flag ceremonies and related events;
- (7) City Council approve the guidelines in Appendix A for half-masting flags at all City of Toronto properties;
- (8) the recommendations in this report supersede any previous flag policies adopted by Council; and
- (9) the appropriate City of Toronto staff be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council:

- (i) that Option 3(b) (gold background with a blue "T" bar and blue crest) be approved as the official flag of the City of Toronto ; and
- (ii) the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (9) embodied in the foregoing report (January 19, 1999) from the City Clerk:

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)**

**1.9 Authority to Issue Debentures During 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, recommended to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 14, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, wherein it is recommended:

- (1) authority be granted for the Mayor of the City of Toronto and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to enter into an agreement or agreements, in accordance with Section 101 of the City of Toronto Act, 1997 (No. 2) with a purchaser or purchasers for the sale and issuance of debentures to provide an amount in 1999 not to exceed \$500 million;
- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing; and
- (3) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 2)**

**1.10 Temporary Borrowing Pending the Receipt of Tax Revenues and the Issuance of Debentures During 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, amongst other things, recommended to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 14, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the temporary borrowing limit to meet 1999 current expenditures, pending receipt of tax levies and other revenues, be established at \$1,000,000,000.00;
- (2) the temporary borrowing limit for capital purposes for 1999 be established at \$500,000,000.00;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing; and
- (4) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.



**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 2)**

**1.11 Establishment of a Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing and the Social Housing Reserve Fund.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk forwarding the Recommendations of the Budget Committee respecting the Establishment of a Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing and the Social Housing Reserve Fund.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 13, Report No. 2)**

**1.12 Referral from the School Tax Sub-committee, Status Report on School Board Mutual Service Master Agreements.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, amongst other things, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (October 26, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the City make remittances to the Toronto Catholic School Board at a rate of \$3.70 per square foot for child care spaces used to provide child care services;
- (2) payment to the Toronto Catholic School Board in the amount of \$73 thousand for 1998 in respect of Recommendation (1) be made using an appropriate transfer mechanism as determined by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to a satisfactory agreement at the staff level of the basic principles laid out in this report, in particular, the security of tenancy for City programs;
- (3) discussions continue with the Toronto District School Board to achieve appropriate square footage and other rates, such as permit hours and with the Toronto Catholic School Board on other rates; and

- (4) staff continue to negotiate with the respective school boards to implement Mutual Services Master Agreements with the City to protect child care services and City-run recreational programs in schools, provide mutual services between the City and the boards, based on the principles laid out in this report, and report to the School Tax Sub-Committee and the Budget Committee on the progress of those negotiations.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 14, Report No. 2)**

### **1.13 Proposed 1999 Operating Budget Process and Schedule.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, amongst other things, recommended the to Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (January 18, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, subject to providing that the proposed April 20, 1999, Special Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee meeting to hear deputations pertaining to the 1999 Operating Budget, shall be a joint meeting of Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and the Budget Committee.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to meet with the Community Council Chairs to establish dates for presenting the Operating Budget to the Community Councils.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Administrative Officer; c: Secretary, Budget Committee; Chairs of Community Councils - January 28, 1999)

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)**

**1.14 Consolidation of Records Storage Facilities and Services.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, amongst other things, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 15, 1999) from the City Clerk, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) inactive records of the City of Toronto and its agencies, boards, and commissions that do not require long-term retention be consolidated into a single records storage facility;
- (2) as directed by the Budget Committee, the City's Real Estate unit continue to negotiate a lease with TEDCO, and report thereon to the Corporate Services Committee and the Budget Committee on the terms of the lease and its impact upon the operating budget for the City Clerk's Division in future years;
- (3) in the event that negotiations are not satisfactorily concluded with TEDCO, the City Clerk with the assistance of Real Estate staff be authorized to issue a proposal call for a storage facility to be financed by the private sector on city-owned property for lease with a buy-back option;
- (4) the 1999 Operating Budget target for the Corporate Records and Archives unit be adjusted to reflect a one-time expenditure of \$389 thousands to meet service requirements associated with project delays as discussed in this report; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 15, Report No. 2)**

**1.15 Utilization of Revenues from First Aid/CPR Programs.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, inter alia, directed that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, be advised,

during its consideration on February 2, 1999, of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 1 of The Emergency and Protective Services Committee, that the Budget Committee received the transmittal (January 12, 1999) from the City Clerk respecting Utilization of Revenues from First Aid/CPR Programs.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 20(b), Report No. 2)**

**1.16 Renewal of Lease - Welfare Office  
1860 Wilson Avenue (North York/Humber - Ward 6).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (January 21, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on January 19, 1999, requested that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee advise City Council, for its information, that Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber, has certain concerns regarding the subject property.

Councillor George Mammoliti, North York Humber, appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 20(c) - Report No. 2)**

**1.17 Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program  
Grant Agreement.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 26, 1999) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, providing details related to the Community Policing Partnership (CPP) Program Grant, introduced by the Ministry of the Solicitor General and Correctional Services, and its impact on the Toronto Police Service's (TPS') uniform staffing levels, and on the TPS' Operating Budget over the next several years; advising that the CPP Program is a cost-sharing partnership between the Province of Ontario and the municipalities, designed to enhance community safety and increase police visibility; that entering into this program with the Province will provide the City of Toronto with grant funding to off-set some of the costs of the 193 new officers committed to by Council during 1998 Operating Budget deliberations; and recommending that:

- (1) Council enter into this agreement with the Province; and

- (2) the Mayor of Toronto be granted authority to sign any documents related to the CPP Program agreement.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 16, Report No. 2)**

### **1.18 Donation for Caribana.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (December 22, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the donation of \$7,000.00 from the Oland Specialty Beer Company be deposited when received;
- (2) a receipt which can be used for income tax purposes, be issued to the Oland Specialty Beer Company; and
- (3) a cheque for \$7,000.00 be issued to the Caribbean Cultural Committee in respect of the Caribana Festival.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 17, Report No. 2)**

### **1.19 Citizen Appointments to the Committee on the Status of Women.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 19, 1999) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Committee on the Status of Women, recommending that the following persons be appointed to the Committee on the Status of Women for a term to expire on November 30, 2000, and/or until their successors are appointed:

Farhia Ahmen;  
Susan Holmes,  
Gerda Kaegi;  
Carol Mark;

Raheel Raza;  
Rupert Ritchie; and  
Terry Winston.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 18, Report No. 2)**

**1.20 Year 2000 Business Continuity Plan,  
Status Report for December, 1998.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 12, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, updating the Committee on the status of the Year 2000 Business Continuity Plan for the City of Toronto; and recommending that:

- (1) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee receive this report for information; and
- (2) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee forward this report to Council for information.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee concurred with the recommendations embodied in the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 19, Report No. 2)**

**1.21 Office Space Consolidation - Concept Plan  
and Proposal for Phase 2 Work at Toronto City Hall.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting Office Space Consolidation - Concept Plan and Proposal for Phase 2 Work; and recommending that:

- (1) the Office Consolidation Concept Plan as set out in this report be endorsed in principle as the basis for completion of a Detail Plan, to be submitted for Council approval in May together with budget estimates for complete implementation by the end of 2000;

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- (2) funds in the amount of \$4,580,000.00 be provided immediately from Transition Funding as part of the 1999 capital budget, to cover project start-up costs including design work, establishment of a project team, and leasing of temporary office space for the relocation of staff displaced during the office consolidation process;
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to proceed immediately with Phase 2 implementation work as set out in this report, specifically reconfiguration of the lower half of City Hall's East Tower, and that funds in the amount of \$2,400,000.00 for Phase 2 be provided from Transition Funding as part of the 1999 Capital Budget;
- (4) the Executive Director of Facilities and Real Estate be requested to advise all civic Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions of the City's intention to dispose of the following City-owned properties unless they are required for municipal purposes: 590 Jarvis Street, 951 Wilson Avenue and 5151 Yonge Street;
- (5) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be authorized to enter into a one-year lease, with a one-year renewal option, for up to 75,000 square feet of office space to provide for the temporary relocation of staff displaced during the office consolidation process;
- (6) the Sub-Committee on the Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, which (based on Council's decision in July 1998) was reconstituted effective January 1, 1999, as a sub-committee of the Corporate Services Committee, be renamed the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee;
- (7) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to submit reports through the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee to the Corporate Services Committee on an ongoing basis with respect to the Plan and its implementation;
- (8) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report through the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee to the Corporate Services Committee within the next two months on options for realizing cost savings from space that will be no longer needed in Metro Hall; and
- (9) the Chief Administrative Officer and other appropriate officials be requested to explore with officials from Toronto Hydro and the Toronto Board of Education the potential availability of surplus office space that might assist in meeting the City's needs.

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a communication (January 25, 1999) from the City Clerk, Sub-Committee - Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, recommending that:

- (1) the report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services clarify in a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of all Members of Council to City Hall, that the building at 277 Victoria Street forms part of the Yonge-Dundas Redevelopment Project and has been declared surplus, and as such, should be considered as a temporary location building; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a progress report on this matter to the Sub-Committee - Relocation of all Members of Council to City Hall every three months.

The Commissioner of Corporate Services gave a presentation to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee respecting the foregoing matter, and filed a copy of her presentation material.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre;
- Councillor Mario Giansante, Kingsway Humber; and
- Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights.

A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (i) recommend to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, embodied in the communication (January 25, 1999) from the City Clerk, viz:

“It is recommended that:



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- (1) the report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted; and **(Carried)**
  - (ii) request the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to the meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee scheduled to be held on February 23, 1999, on a process for issuance of an RFP to the private sector which would include all of the following elements:
    - (a) the sale of Metro Hall and other non-former City Hall buildings; **(Carried)**
    - (b) the building of an adequate building structure(s) on City-owned lands to the North of City Hall or purchase of a connecting building, to permit the relocation of centrally-required City staff from Metro Hall; **(Carried)**
    - (c) better connections to the subway from City Hall; and **(Carried)**
    - (d) a net return to the City. **(Carried)**
- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Committee defer consideration of this matter until its next meeting; and that, in the meantime, the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to prepare a further report for the provision of “swing” space within existing City buildings and/or outside the downtown and a more detailed cost per floor for the renovation of City Hall and a time line for the renovation of those floors. **(Lost on the following recorded vote:**
- FOR: Brown, Jakobek**
- AGAINST: Ashton, Berardinetti, Disero, O’Brien, Ootes, Pantalone, Prue, Rae, Saundercook)**
- C. Councillor Rae moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the following Recommendations of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of all Members of Council to City Hall, embodied in the communication (January 25, 1999) from the City Clerk, viz:

- “(2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services clarify in a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, that the building at 277 Victoria Street forms part of the Yonge-Dundas Redevelopment Project and has been declared surplus, and as such, should be considered as a temporary location building; and **(Carried)**
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a progress report on this matter to the Sub-Committee - Relocation of all Members of Council to City Hall every three months.” **(Carried)**
- D. Councillor Jakobek further moved, on behalf of Councillor Shiner, that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to submit a confidential report to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on February 2, 1999, respecting the property located at 5151 Yonge Street, including information on:
- (a) current lease extensions; **(Carried)**
  - (b) the appraised value on today’s market; **(Carried)**
  - (c) the impact on neighbouring land assembly; and **(Carried)**
  - (d) the future potential value. **(Carried)**

**A recorded vote was taken on the adoption of Recommendation No. (5) embodied in the foregoing report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, viz:**

**FOR: Ashton, Berardinetti, O’Brien, Ootes, Pantalone, Prue, Rae, Saundercook**

**AGAINST: Brown, Disero, Jakobek**

**Decided in the affirmative.**

**The decision of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee therefore is as follows:**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (A) recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, embodied in the communication (January 25, 1999) from the City Clerk, viz:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services be adopted;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services clarify in a report to the next meeting of the Sub-Committee - Relocation of All Members of Council to City Hall, that the building at 277 Victoria Street forms part of the Yonge-Dundas Redevelopment Project and has been declared surplus, and as such, should be considered as a temporary location building; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services provide a progress report on this matter to the Sub-Committee - Relocation of all Members of Council to City Hall every three months”; and

- (B) requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services:

- (i) to submit a confidential report to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on February 2, 1999, respecting the property located at 5151 Yonge Street, including information on:
  - (a) current lease extensions;
  - (b) the appraised value on today’s market;
  - (c) the impact on neighbouring land assembly; and
  - (d) the future potential value; and
- (ii) to report to the meeting of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee scheduled to be held on February 23, 1999, on a process for issuance of an RFP to the private sector which would include all of the following elements:

- (a) the sale of Metro Hall and other non-former City Hall buildings;
- (b) the building of an adequate building structure(s) on City-owned lands to the North of City Hall or purchase of a connecting building, to permit the relocation of centrally-required City staff from Metro Hall;
- (c) better connections to the subway from City Hall; and
- (d) a net return to the City.”

(Commissioner of Corporate Services c: Secretary, Sub-Committee -  
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**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)**

**1.22 North York Performing Arts Centre  
 (Ford Centre) - 1999 - 2000 Concert Series.**

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

- (i) (January 25, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation (NYPACC) Emergency Committee on January 23, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council that the operation of the Ford Centre be continued for 1999 and the first six months of 2000, including a 65 concert series at the George Weston Recital Hall and community and commercial rentals in the Apotex Theatre and Studio Theatre, at a cost not to exceed \$1.1 million in 1999 and \$1.9 in 2000; and
- (ii) from the following persons in support of the continuation of the Ford Centre for the Performing Arts:
  - (a) a petition (January 24, 1999) signed by residents of the Yonge-Sheppard area;
  - (b) (January 25, 1999) from Ms. Pamela Shapiro, President, North York Chamber of Commerce;

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- (c) (January 25, 1999) from Mr. Bernard Rasch, Rasch Architect Ltd.;
- (d) (January 25, 1999) from Nelly and Tony Mazzone, Mazzone Antipasti Ristorante;
- (e) (January 25, 1999) from Ms. Lillian Ing; and
- (f) a petition (January 25, 1999) signed by residents in the York Region area.

The following persons appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Jim McGuffin, Chair, North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation;
- Mr. Tom Hill, representing Local 58, on behalf of Mr. Bill Nalepka, Acting Business Agent, IATSE, Local 58;
- Mr. Peter Webb, General Manager, Classical 96 and 103 FM;
- Mr. Eric Friesen, Host CBC Radio 2 In Performance;
- Mr. Kerry Stratton, Conductor and Music Director, North York Symphony;
- Ms. Gail Vanstone, Chair of the Art Gallery Committee;
- Ms. Liz Bradley, General Manager and Chief Executive Officer, The Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts;
- Mr. Glenn Garwood, Executive Manager, North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation; and
- Mr. Ken Colley, Finance Division.

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown;
- Councillor Blake Kinahan, Lakeshore Queensway; and

- Councillor David Shiner, Seneca Heights.

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

- (1) referred the issue of the North York Performing Arts Centre (Ford Centre) 1999 - 2000 Concert Series, to the Budget Committee for report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on February 2, 1999, on the full costing of all options; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:
  - (a) on the status and the prospect of the RFP review;
  - (b) on the operational models that are envisioned;
  - (c) respecting a business plan on the transition period and beyond; and
  - (d) respecting quarterly financial reports being submitted to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Budget Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. All Interested Parties  
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**(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)**

**1.23 Sponsorship Agreement with Molson Breweries  
to Launch "Toronto's Own Beer"**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (January 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:

- (1) City staff be authorized to enter into an agreement with Molson Breweries regarding the matter set out in this report, in a content satisfactory to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;

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- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development Committee on how the funds accruing from the sponsorship agreement for the “Toronto’s Own Beer” product will be spent on water parks or other park and recreational projects in the City of Toronto; and
- (3) the launch of “Toronto’s Own Beer” take place at the City’s Winterfest Carnival on February 12, 13 and 14, 1999.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 2)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:03 p.m.

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Acting Chair.