

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee

Meeting No. 2

Tuesday, February 23, 1999

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Tuesday, February 23, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:37 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:37 a.m. to 12:31 p.m.	In Camera Session 2:40 p.m. to 3:45 p.m.	2:15 p.m. to 3:56 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	X	X	X
Councillor Milton Berger	X	X	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X	X	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown		X	X
Councillor Betty Disero	X	X	X
Councillor Dennis Fotinos	X	X	X
Councillor Tom Jakobek	X		
Councillor Dick O'Brien	X	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	X	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X		
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X	X

**2.1 Response to the Mayor's Homelessness
Action Task Force Final Report.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 17, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse, in principle, the general directions outlined in the final report of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force, "Taking Responsibility for Homelessness: An Action Plan for the City of Toronto";
- (2) in recognition of the need for all three levels of government to be involved in responding to the homeless crisis, the Mayor convene a meeting with officials of the provincial and federal governments to determine the appropriate resources and structure required to coordinate a tri-level action plan;
- (3) in order to exercise a leadership role, as recommended by the Task Force, and to ensure the City of Toronto is best able to utilize the policy and planning tools available to it to respond to the homeless crisis, Council direct the following Commissioners to submit their respective reports to their representative standing committees by April 1999:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services to report to Urban Environment and Development Committee on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to the housing policies of the Official Plan including second suites, rooming houses, main streets development, density incentives and inclusionary zoning;
 - (b) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to Community and Neighbourhood Services on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to service coordination and planning, emergency shelter, social assistance, health and mental health, housing help, supportive and affordable housing, aboriginal peoples and immigrants and refugees;
 - (c) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Service, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to Corporate Services Committee, on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to land management issues and a "housing first" policy for the City of Toronto; and

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- (d) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in her review of the City's development charges by-law, in consultation with Urban Planning and Development Services, to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on recommendations contained in the Homelessness Action Task Force report relating to development charges;
- (4) once the detailed policy reviews, described in recommendation three, have been brought forward to the standing committees, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, report to the Budget Committee with a detailed financial analysis of the implications of the recommendations from the policy reviews for the City's operating and capital budgets;
- (5) in recognition of the need for all three levels of government to take ownership of the problem of homelessness and responsibility for solving it, Council encourage the involvement of the other levels of government in areas that fall within their jurisdictions by:
 - (a) urging the federal government to establish a \$300 million capital support fund in recognition of the critical need for this type of financing assistance to encourage the development of new low-income rental housing;
 - (b) seeking funding support from Human Resources and Development Canada to implement the Homeless Services Information Line consistent with their expression of interest in projects which enhance community access to existing supports and services, in particular community information;
 - (c) seeking approval from the Province to fund Toronto hostels at the full 80 percent level resulting in savings of up to \$6.9 million for 1999 for the City;
 - (d) urging the Province to establish a \$1.5 million (annual) capital replacement fund for emergency shelters in the City of Toronto;
 - (e) urging the Province to expand the criteria for health and safety grants to include all capital expenditures, including food preparation equipment, and to dedicate an additional \$400,000.00 specifically for the drop-in sector, for 1999 to respond to the most pressing needs of drop-ins as identified through the City's facilities audit; and

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- (f) again urging the Province to fund all supportive housing units, including those in mixed social housing portfolios, in recognition of provincial responsibility for this type of housing;
- (6) contingent upon provincial commitment to fund Toronto hostels at the full 80 percent, Council consider reinvesting the resulting savings to the Shelter, Housing and Support Division budget into diversion and prevention strategies which would include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) a hostel follow-up program to assist people to leave the hostel system and to maintain housing to reduce recidivism;
 - (b) a comprehensive service audit of the community-based social service sector to determine the scope and capacity of the service system to be involved in a Homeless Services Information System; and
 - (c) a comprehensive health and safety audit of the drop-in sector to identify capital cost requirements to bring them to code;
- (7) pending the final evaluation of the City's \$50,000.00 rent bank pilot project, consideration be given to increasing the fund to \$200,000.00 as part of the 1999 allocations of the Provincial Homelessness Initiatives Fund;
- (8) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to receive and administer a \$50,000.00 grant from the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to organize a national symposium on homelessness in March 1999; and
- (9) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (a) (February 10, 1999) from the Scarborough Homelessness Committee supporting the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force; and requesting that the Scarborough Homelessness Committee and its partners in Scarborough, The Caring Alliance and the Scarborough East Community Analysis Group, be consulted thereon;

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- (b) (February 10, 1999) from Ms. Susan Nwosu, Coalition of Toronto Housing Help Centres, supporting the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force; and advising that Housing Help Centres are directly affected by Recommendations Nos. 41 and 42 of the Final Report; and
- (c) (February 23, 1999) from Mr. Fred Avery expressing concerns with regard to the effects that the implementation of the Task Force recommendations will have on communities with vast amounts of social housing and suggesting that the strategy on this issue should include the rehabilitation of those individuals affected so that they can restart a new life apart from the constant reliance on the vast social safety net which Canadians are so proud of.

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

- Mr. Phillip Dufresne, Houselink Community Homes, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Ms. Nancy Farmer, Toronto Non-Profit Housing Providers Network, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. Howard Tessler, Federation of Metro Tenants;
- Ms. Ann Fitzpatrick, Children's Aid Society of Toronto, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. Michael Shapcott, Co-operative Housing Federation of Canada, Ontario Region Office, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Ms. Tracey Nesbitt, The Central Ontario Branch of the Ontario Association of Social Workers, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. Vance Latchford, Latchford Associates;
- Ms. Brenda Cohen, and filed a written submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. John Harstone, Co-operative Housing Federation of Toronto; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, and submitted the following recommendations:

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- (1) that the Provincial Government be urged to adopt the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force which outline the need for Provincial action in partnership with the City; and that the City of Toronto particularly urge the Province to:
 - (a) support the request for \$52 million per year to adjust the shelter component of welfare to reflect local rents province-wide;
 - (b) support the request for \$178 million a year for a new shelter allowance for working, low-income singles and families province-wide; and
 - (c) support \$32 million a year in capital costs to develop new supportive housing;
- (2) that Recommendation No. (5) (a) embodied in the report (February 17, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer be amended to include the Task Force request that GST be waived on new low-income housing;
- (3) that the Chief Administrative Officer's report (February 17, 1999) be amended to provide that the full supply of supportive housing recommended by the Task Force be supported; and that the Task Force call for supportive housing across the province also be supported;
- (4) that the Chief Administrative Officer's (February 17, 1999) report be amended to provide for support of the full funding of the rent bank proposed by the Task Force, raising the proposed funding from the Chief Administrative Officer's recommended funding of \$200,000.00 to \$500,000.00;
- (5) that the Task Force's Recommendation No. (101) concerning evictions be referred to the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes with a request that the Committee work with staff and the public to review the City's eviction prevention strategy and the impact of the new provincial legislation concerning evictions; and

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- (6) that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes be requested to meet with the Board of the Toronto Housing Company to discuss its eviction policies and practices.

Mayor Lastman appointed Councillor Ootes as Acting Chairman and vacated the Chair.

- A. Mayor Lastman moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (February 17, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to the recommended amendments by Councillor Layton, amended, in part, as follows:
- (a) that Recommendation No. (4) submitted by Councillor Layton be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; **(Carried)** and
- (b) that Recommendation No. (5) submitted by Councillor Layton be amended by adding the words “as it pertains to High-rise and multi-residential buildings” after the word “evictions”. **(Carried)**

Mayor Lastman resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to submit a report directly to Council, for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, on public expectations as it relates to the visibility of panhandling and homelessness on the streets and whether this expectation can be met by the implementation of the Mayor’s Homelessness Action Task Force report. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Jakobek moved that:
- (1) the Medical Officer of Health and other appropriate staff be requested to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, on extending the provisions/powers contained in the “Extreme Weather Alert” year round; and **(Carried)**

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- (2) the appropriate staff be requested to report on how social/street workers other than the police could be given the authority to relocate homeless persons to a safe housing alternative; and on how this could be implemented and funded. **(Carried)**

- D. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that the City of Toronto request the Provincial Government to assist communities outside of the City of Toronto to provide appropriate programming to deal with homelessness in their respective cities. **(Carried)**

- E. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Mayor be requested to present a report card directly to City Council every six months, commencing at the April, 1999, meeting of Toronto City Council, as to:
 - (a) the status of homelessness in Toronto; and

 - (b) what action has been taken by the City of Toronto and the Federal and Provincial Government to alleviate the problem. **(Carried)**

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

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report (February 17, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer, subject to:
 - (a) amending Recommendation No. (5) (a) to include the Task Force request that GST be waived on new low-income housing; and

 - (b) amending the report to provide that the full supply of supportive housing recommended by the Task Force be supported; and that the Task Force call for supportive housing across the province also be supported;

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- (2) that the Provincial Government be urged to adopt the recommendations of the Mayor's Homelessness Action Task Force which outline the need for Provincial Action in partnership with the City;
- (3) that the City of Toronto particularly urge the Province to:
 - (a) support the request for \$52 million per year to adjust the shelter component of welfare to reflect local rents province-wide;
 - (b) support the request for \$178 million a year for a new shelter allowance for working, low-income singles and families, province-wide; and
 - (c) support \$32 million a year in Capital costs to develop new supportive housing;
- (4) that the Task Force's Recommendation No. (101) concerning evictions, as it pertains to High-rise and multi-residential buildings, be referred to the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes with a request that the Committee work with staff and the public to review the City's eviction prevention strategy and the impact of the new provincial legislation concerning evictions;
- (5) that the Council Strategy Committee for People Without Homes be requested to meet with the Board of the Toronto Housing Company to discuss its eviction policies and practices;
- (6) that the Mayor be requested to present a report card directly to City Council every six months, commencing at the April, 1999, meeting of Toronto City Council, as to:
 - (a) the status of homelessness in Toronto; and
 - (b) what action has been taken by the City of Toronto and the Federal and Provincial Government to alleviate the problem;
- (7) that the City of Toronto request the Provincial Government to assist communities outside of the City of Toronto to provide appropriate programming to deal with homelessness in their respective cities.

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also:

- (1) referred the following motion to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

Moved by Councillor Layton:

“That the Chief Administrative Officer’s report (February 17, 1999) be amended to provide for support of the full funding of the rent bank proposed by the Task Force, raising the proposed funding from the Chief Administrative Officer’s recommended funding of \$200,000.00 to \$500,000.00.”;

- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a report directly to Council, for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, on public expectations as it relates to the visibility of panhandling and homelessness on the streets and whether this expectation can be met by the implementation of the Mayor’s Homelessness Action Task Force report;
- (3) requested the Medical Officer of Health and other appropriate staff to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, on extending the provisions/powers contained in the “Extreme Weather Alert” year round; and
- (4) requested the appropriate staff to report on how social/street workers other than the police could be given the authority to relocate homeless persons to a safe housing alternative; and on how this could be implemented and funded.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Medical Officer of Health; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor; c. Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; All Interested Parties - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 5)

**2.2 Final Report of the Task Force
on Community Safety.**

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

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- (i) (February 8, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Task Force on Community Safety on January 25, 1999, adopted its Final Report and requested that the report be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and City Council for adoption of the recommendations;
- (ii) (February 19, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Etobicoke Community Council on February 17, 1999, referred the 1998 Annual Report of Crime S.C.O.P.E., to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for its meeting on February 23, 1999, for consideration with the Final Report of the Task Force on Community Safety; and
- (iii) (February 22, 1999) from Mr. H. Daryl Currie advising that he had just received the notice of the meeting and that he would not be able to attend due to a prior appointment; and requesting that he be advised of the decision on this issue.

Councillor Rob Davis and Councillor Brad Duguid, Co-Chairs, Task Force on Community Safety, made a presentation to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee respecting the Final Report of the Task Force on Community Safety.

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

- Mr. Jeff Zajac CMA, Chair, City of Etobicoke Safety Council; and
- Mr. Ross Vaughan, Chair, Police Issues Committee, Crime S.C.O.P.E. Etobicoke.

A. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend Council:

- (1) the adoption of the Recommendations contained in the report (February, 1999) from the Task Force on Community Safety, entitled "Toronto. My City. A Safe City. A Community Safety Strategy for the City of Toronto"; and
- (2) that City Council indicate in strong terms, to the Federal and Provincial Government, to take immediate measures to deal with the ongoing concerns respecting prostitution in the City of Toronto. **(Carried)**

B. Councillor Berardinetti moved that Part (1) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski be amended to provide that

those Recommendations contained in the report of the Task Force on Community Safety which have financial implications be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee. **(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski further moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee convey its appreciation to the Members of the Task Force on Community Safety, and staff for their efforts in finalizing the foregoing report. **(Carried)**

(Members of the Task Force on Community Safety; Staff Reference Group; All Interested Parties)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 5)

**2.3 Building on a Strong Foundation for the 21st Century:
New Directions for Immigration and Refugee
Policy and Legislation - Announcement by
Minister of Citizenship and Immigration -
January 6, 1999.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (February 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and Executive Director of Human Resources and Amalgamation recommending that:

- (1) Council reaffirm its position on the Settlement Legislative Review of the Immigration Act as identified in the March 1998 response to the Settlement Legislative Review consultation, and the recommendations on the Urban Forum on Immigration and Refugee Issues addressed in the Chief Administrative Officer's report to the Task Force on Community Access and Equity in May, 1998, specifically:
 - (i) the inclusion of the City of Toronto by the Federal Government in formal consultation and collaboration on relevant policy issues;
 - (ii) the maintenance of an ongoing federal role in settlement services with a commitment to establishing clear accountability guidelines and providing adequate funds to the community-based sector to ensure equitable access to settlement services;

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- (iii) the reimbursement to municipalities for social assistance, hostel and other service costs borne by the municipalities for services and programs provided to immigrants and refugees;
 - (iv) a review of the impact of the right of landing fee and the waiting period for landing required for undocumented convention refugees on the settlement and integration of immigrants and refugees by the Federal Government;
 - (v) a firm commitment to access to trades and professions be reflected in the new immigration and refugee policy and legislation;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Advisory Committee on Immigration and Refugee Issues to be incorporated in submission to Citizenship and Immigration Canada regarding the proposed new directions for Canada's immigration and refugee policy and legislation;
 - (3) this report be forwarded to the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Minister of Citizenship and Immigration;
 - (4) Council encourage the Federal Government to conduct broad and public consultation on the proposed directions for the new immigration and refugee policy and legislation to ensure all relevant stakeholders have an opportunity for input; and
 - (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

A. Councillor Ashton moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, on the cost of the City's immigration and refugee programs; and
 - (b) prepare an inventory of immigration and refugee settlement programs and priorities and report thereon to the appropriate standing committee; and
- (2) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council that the Mayor be requested to arrange a meeting

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with the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Federal Minister of Citizenship and Immigration and the Honourable David Collenette, Federal Minister responsible for the GTA, to discuss these issues. **(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Prue moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the joint report (February 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Human Resources; subject to striking out the following Items Nos. (6) and (7) contained therein, appearing under the section entitled “Comments and/or Discussion and/or Justification”:

“(6) Undocumented convention refugees:

The document on new directions proposes a reduction in the waiting period from five to three years before the undocumented refugees can apply for landing. While this proposal is an improvement on the present policy, it does not address the issue of establishing other means of identification for the purpose of applying for permanent residence, such as affidavits. The delay in obtaining permanent resident status would prevent the refugees from accessing benefits available to landed immigrants and prolong their dependence on social assistance, which would have financial implications on the City.

“(7) Inland refugee determination process and security measures:

The immigrant and refugee service sector has expressed concern about a few proposals in the inland refugee determination process and security measures. For instance, a 30-day time limit for making a refugee claim, with exception in “compelling circumstances” will make certain categories of refugee claimants, such as women fleeing domestic violence or sexual assault and people fleeing persecution based on sexual orientation, particularly vulnerable.” **(Carried)**

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

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the joint report (February 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Executive Director of Human Resources; subject to striking out the following Items Nos. (6) and (7) contained therein, appearing under the section entitled "Comments and/or Discussion and/or Justification":

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- (2) that the Mayor be requested to arrange a meeting with the Honourable Lucienne Robillard, Federal Minister of Citizenship and

Immigration and the Honourable David Collenette, Federal Minister responsible for the GTA, to discuss these issues.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to:

- (a) submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 2, 1999, on the cost of the City's immigration and refugee programs; and
- (b) prepare an inventory of immigration and refugee settlement programs and priorities and report thereon to the appropriate standing committee.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Executive Director of Human Resources - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 5)

**2.4 Toronto Food Policy Council -
Food and Agricultural Quick Starts.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Chair, Environmental Task Force, advising that the Environmental Task Force on January 28, 1999, considered a report dated January 5, 1999, from the Food Policy Coordinator, Toronto Food Policy Council, and submits the following recommendations for consideration:

- (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:
 - (i) Council endorse the practice of increasing the purchase of Canadian organic food by the City; and that Council direct the appropriate City officials responsible for food service contracts to ensure that the purchase of Canadian organic food increases over the term of food service contracts between the City and food service providers;

- (ii) the Board of Directors of the Toronto Housing Company prepare a report that investigates the opportunities to establish rooftop and on-site community gardens on residential buildings owned by the Toronto Housing Company, with estimates of costs and possible sources of funding;
 - (iii) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism prepare an action plan to increase the area of the City devoted to community gardening and the number of participants in community gardens be developed;
 - (iv) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services prepare a report examining the feasibility of using steam generated from burning methane gas at the Beare Road and Keele Valley Landfill sites to heat greenhouse operations that would be run by non-profit or for profit operators under an agreement with the City; and
 - (v) the Human Resources Director investigate the program run by Husky Molding Company, which provides organic food to employees at discounted prices, which has resulted in a reduction of absenteeism and lower medical and drug costs; and
- (2) the noted recommendations and accompanying report also be forwarded to the Board of Health for their information.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, 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, Environmental Task Force - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 27(a), Report No. 5)

**2.5 Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force -
Terms Of Reference.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 8, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, on February 5, 1999, reaffirmed its recommendations respecting its proposed Terms of Reference, embodied in the communication (December 2, 1998) from the City Clerk.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that Council reaffirm the Terms of Reference for the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, embodied in the aforementioned communication (February 8, 1999) from the City Clerk, subject to the Task Force reporting to Council through the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 5)

**2.6 Information in Reports on
Comparable Costs for Previous
Year's Pricing for Purchases.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint report (February 9, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that reports for Standing Committees and Council include prices received on current Request for Quotation/Request for Proposals/Tender Calls based on current requirements and market conditions, together with the previous year's pricing, for information purposes only, in cases where the purchase is made each year, where practical.

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

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 5)

**2.7 Year 2000 Priority 1 Business Functions Status Report
and Identification of Priority 2 and 3 Business Functions.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 9, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services recommending that:

- (1) the 64 priority 2 and 3 business functions identified by the Operating Departments be approved for remediation;
- (2) the Program Office be given the authority to recommend to the Year 2000 Steering Committee that the City extend, re-negotiate, terminate or enter into new contracts that affect priority 2 and 3 business functions to minimize major disruptions of business units doing remedial work on priorities 2 and 3 business functions thereby putting business continuity at risk;

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- (3) the Chief Administration Officer be given approval to continue to enter into agreements for priority 2 and 3 business functions 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;
- (4) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee refer this report to Council for approval; and
- (5) the Year 2000 Project Office be requested to report monthly to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee on the status of priorities 2 & 3 business functions.

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

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 5)

**2.8 Applications to the Chief Judge of
the Provincial Court for Set Fines.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 11, 1999) from the City Solicitor recommending that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be granted authority to apply from time to time to the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for the establishment of set fines under the Provincial Offences Act, for violations of by-laws of the new City of Toronto and of the municipalities that were amalgamated to form the new City, where the Court has not previously established set fines, and that the City Solicitor in consultation with the appropriate City staff, determine the amount of the set fine to be requested from the Chief Judge; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be granted authority to apply from time to time to the Chief Judge of the Provincial Court for increases in the set fines established under the Provincial Offences Act for City of Toronto by-laws, to amounts which more accurately reflect the seriousness of the violation at the time of the application, such amounts to be determined by the City Solicitor in consultation with the appropriate City staff.

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

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 5)

2.9 Yards Rationalization Update.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 10, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that The Works and Utilities Committee received a report dated January 11, 1999, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the yard rationalization study, and directed that it be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, together with the communication dated February 9, 1999, from Councillor Irene Jones, Lakeshore - Queensway.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing communication.

(Clause No. 27(b), Report No. 5)

2.10 Retention of Outside Counsel: Livent Mortgage.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential report (February 16, 1999) from the City Solicitor respecting the retention of outside Counsel, Livent Mortgage, which was forwarded to Members of Council under separate cover.

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

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 5)

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, in accordance with subsection 55(7) of the Municipal Act, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met privately to give consideration to the following item No. 2.11 having regard that the confidential joint report (February 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer deals with a confidential legal matter:

**2.11 Proposed Amendments to the City Lands
Compensation Agreement.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a joint confidential report (February 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Chief Financial

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Officer and Treasurer respecting proposed amendments to the City Lands Compensation Agreement, which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover.

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

- Councillor Rob Davis, York Eglinton;
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adjourned its in camera session and continued its consideration of this matter in public.

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

- Councillor Michael Walker, North Toronto; and
 - Councillor Doug Holyday, Markland Centennial.
- A. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the joint confidential report (February 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer subject to amending Recommendation No. (3) by adding thereto the following words “for the use of non-profit charities and community groups or for City use”, so that such Recommendation now read as follows:

“(3) the administration and scheduling of the Stadium Days be delegated to the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department for the use of non-profit charities and community groups or for City use;”
(Carried)

- B. Councillor O’Brien moved that Recommendation No. (5) embodied in the foregoing joint confidential report (February 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be amended to read as follows:

“(5) should the City elect to receive the Toronto Raptor Basketball tickets pursuant to the Ticket Election provision, the administration and distribution of these tickets be delegated to the Office of the Mayor for community and non-profit use.” **(Carried)**

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 5)

2.12. St. Patrick’s Day Parade Events.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 16, 1999) from Mr. Duff Ryan, St. Patrick’s Parade Society, submitted by Councillor Kyle Rae advising that on Sunday March 14, 1999, the 12th Annual Toronto St. Patrick’s Day Parade will march down Yonge Street, at which Mayor Mel Lastman will be the Grand Marshall; and advising that a special occasion permit will be required for the aforementioned event.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council that the request embodied in the foregoing communication be approved.

(Clause No. 26, Report No. 5)

On motion by Councillor O’Brien, in accordance with subsection 55(7) of the Municipal Act, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met privately to give consideration to the following item No. 2.13 having regard that the confidential report (February 19, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services deals with a confidential property matter:

2.13 Leasing of Temporary Office Space Required for Office Consolidation.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential report (February 19, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting leasing of temporary office space required for office consolidation, which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee adjourned its in-camera session and continued its consideration of the foregoing matter in public.

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

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 5)

2.14 Process for Providing Downtown Municipal Office Space to Replace Metro Hall.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 18, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to issue a Request for Expressions of Interest, generally as described in this report, soliciting responses that would provide timely delivery of the following elements in a financially sound manner, without exposing the City to significant risks:
 - (a) the sale of Metro Hall;
 - (b) the provision of a building or buildings close to City Hall to meet the City's need for downtown office and ancillary space, on the assumption that Metro Hall and 277 Victoria would no longer be available;
 - (c) a practical contribution towards making real the City Centre vision of an enhanced municipal precinct anchored by City Hall and an upgraded Nathan Phillips Square; and
 - (d) a net return to the City;
- (2) following evaluation of the Request for Expressions of Interest, the Commissioner of Corporate Services report back through the Office Consolidation Sub-Committee and Corporate Services Committee on detailed terms of reference for a Request for Proposals including the same elements set out in Recommendation No. (1); and identifying the short-listed respondents who will be invited to make Proposals;
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to develop preliminary Planning Guidelines

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and Principles for the City Centre so that these can be incorporated into Request for Expressions of Interest;

- (4) funds be provided from Transition Funding:
- (a) in the amount of \$130,000.00 to cover the City's costs of preparing, issuing and evaluating both a Request for Expressions of Interest and a Request for Proposals;
 - (b) in the amount of \$70,000.00 for consulting services to help prepare the City Centre Planning Guidelines and Principles and evaluate proponents' responses to them.

Mayor Lastman appointed Councillor Case Ootes as Acting Chairman and vacated the Chair.

Mayor Lastman moved that consideration of the aforementioned report be deferred pending consideration of the Office Space Rationalization Study.
(Carried)

Mayor Lastman resumed the Chair.

Councillor Disero, later during the meeting, moved that:

- (A) this matter be reopened for further consideration, which **carried**; and
- (B) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:
 - (1) amend Recommendation No. (1) (c) embodied in the aforementioned report by adding thereto the following words, "such contribution to exclude improvements within the perimeter colonnade of Nathan Phillips Square, and with priority given to improved below-grade pedestrian access from City Hall to the subway"; and
 - (2) add the following new Recommendation No. (5) to the aforementioned report:
 - "(5) the schedule for the proposed RFP be such that a final report recommending action on the proposals received reach the November meeting of City Council."; which **carried**.

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

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) amended Recommendation No. (1) (c) embodied in the foregoing report by adding thereto the following words, “such contribution to exclude improvements within the perimeter colonnade of Nathan Phillips Square, and with priority given to improved below-grade pedestrian access from City Hall to the subway”, so that such Recommendation shall now read as follows:

“(1) (c) a practical contribution towards making real the City Centre vision of an enhanced municipal precinct anchored by City Hall and an upgraded Nathan Phillips Square, such contribution to exclude improvements within the perimeter colonnade of Nathan Phillips Square, and with priority given to improved below-grade pedestrian access from City Hall to the subway;”;

- (2) added the following new Recommendation No. (5) to the foregoing report:

“(5) the schedule for the proposed RFP be such that a final report recommending action on the proposals received reach the November meeting of City Council.”; and

- (3) deferred consideration of the foregoing report, as amended, pending consideration of the Office Space Rationalization Study.

(Commissioner of Corporate Services - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 27(c), Report No. 5)

2.15 Service Level Harmonization.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 19, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

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- (1) this report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for service level recommendations as part of the 1999 Operating Budget process;
- (2) the shaded “Baseline Service Level” and options for the programs outlined in Tables 1 and 2 have formed the basis for the 1999 preliminary Operating estimates, and be considered by the Budget Committee as part of the 1999 Operating Budget process;
- (3) service level harmonization reviews within Departments continue through 1999 resulting in the determination of Baseline Service Levels and options for other programs and services;
- (4) this report be forwarded to Community Councils and the respective standing committees;
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) endorse the Recommendations embodied in the foregoing report; and
- (2) request the Works and Utilities Committee and the Urban Environment and Development Committee to convene a joint meeting, as soon as possible, to consider policy issues.
(Carried)

B. Councillor Jakobek moved that Part (2) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Disero be amended by adding thereto the following words:

“and report their findings to the Budget Committee for inclusion in the 1999 Operating Budget.”
(Carried)

(Budget Committee; Works and Utilities Committee; Urban Environment and Development Committee; Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee; East York Community Council; Etobicoke Community Council; North York Community Council; Scarborough Community Council; Toronto Community Council; York Community Council; c. Chief Administrative

Officer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Planning and Urban Development Services - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 27(d), Report No. 5)

2.16 Mayor's Initiative on Youth Violence in Schools.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 19, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services recommending that:

- (1) Council approve the recommendations in the attached report on youth violence in schools;
- (2) the report be forwarded to the Boards of Education, the Chief of Police, the Attorney General, and the Minister of Education and Training with the request that these recommendations be endorsed and acted upon immediately; and
- (3) 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 City Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 5)

2.17 Report from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Board of Directors.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 1, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton recommending that:

- (1) the "New Approach to Funding Urban Transportation in Canada" document be considered by:
 - (i) the Environmental Task Force;
 - (ii) the Toronto Transit Commission; and

- (iii) the Urban Environment and Development Committee and that these committees consider the recommendation adopted by the FCM Board of Directors;
- (2) the issue of mercury in sludges and other wastes be addressed by the Works Department in the development of strategies for solid waste disposal/diversion and biosolids management;
- (3) City Council address Brownfield Redevelopment by incorporating the recommendations into our strategic plan, official plan and environmental plan;
- (4) City Council endorse the recommendations of the report entitled “Greening Canada’s Brownfield Sites” (See attachment);
- (5) the CES (Working Group on Community Energy Systems) Study Tour report (see attachment) be received;
- (6) the FCM Campaign for Pesticide Reduction (See attachment) be submitted to the City of Toronto Pesticide Sub-Committee for consideration;
- (7) FCM and its staff in the development of an information package to alert municipalities about the possibilities for Carbon Credits and Trading;
- (8) the Commissioner of Works, the Toronto Atmospheric Alliance and ICLEI be requested to work together to assist the FCM in the investigation and possible development of a Municipal Carbon Trading Collaborative; and
- (9) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report on the possible involvement of the City of Toronto in the Centre for Municipal Aboriginal Relations.

On motion by Councillor Rae, 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, Don River - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 27(e), Report No. 5)

2.18 The State of the City’s Health: Achieving

Public Health Goals in the Millennium.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, amongst other things, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the endorsement of the report (January 14, 1999) from the Medical Officer of Health, wherein it is recommended that the Board of Health endorse this report, and refer it to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, Budget Committee and City Council.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 13, Report No. 5)

**2.19 Contamination of Recyclables at
Multi-Unit Residential Locations in the
Scarborough Community Council Area.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (December 23, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) staff be authorized to enforce Scarborough By-law No. 24478 with respect to the removal of waste collection services from multi-unit residential locations in the Scarborough Community Council area not fully participating in the City's recycling program;
- (2) Councillors be apprised of the affected locations in their Ward; and
- (3) the City of Toronto's new waste management by-law include a provision that any multi-unit residential location that does not establish, operate and maintain a valid recycling program be subject to the removal of all municipal waste management services.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 5)

2.20 Evaluation of the 'On the Move' Pilot Project.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 11, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) current funds for the 'On the Move' Pilot Project of \$50,000.00 be incorporated into the Community Services Grants Program for allocation to community-based agencies as a dedicated public transit resource for homeless and socially isolated persons;
- (2) the Social Services Division be directed to maximize the use of transportation assistance currently available under the Ontario Works program for all eligible clients;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Toronto Transit Commission with a request to consider a discount on bulk ticket purchases, beyond the one percent currently provided to TTC ticket agents, for community-based agencies providing services for homeless and socially isolated persons; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 5)

2.21 Grants Priorities.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 14, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to inserting the words “on a pro-rated basis” after the word “allocated” in Recommendation No. (1) so that such recommendation shall read as follows:

- “(1) for the 1999 fiscal year, because key Council policy directions through the Strategic Plan, Social Development Strategy and Official Plan are not yet available, any funds available for reallocation within the consolidated grants budget be allocated on a pro-rated basis to grants service areas on an equal priority basis; and”

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 16, Report No. 5)

2.22 Delegation of Authority - Grants Administration.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 20, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to adding the following:

- “agencies that receive funding be advised that the 40 percent advanced funding is not a commitment to fund any further grants in 1999 or grants at the 1998 level”.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 5)

**2.23 Improvements to Florence Gell Park
(Ward 27 - York Humber).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 15, 1999) from the Manager, Parks and Recreation, West District, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) Parks staff install two (2) park benches and/or additional plantings in the park to discourage cyclists from racing their bicycles through the park;
- (2) staff install additional lighting in the park at a cost of \$3,500.00 to deter youth from using the back dark corners as a 'hangout'; and
- (3) Parks staff review and install appropriate signage that would deter youth from being in the park after 11:00 p.m.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 5)

**2.24 Smythe Park Tennis Courts
(Ward 27 - York Humber.)**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 15, 1999) from the Manager, Parks and Recreation, West District, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) staff in the Parks and Recreation Department, West District, evaluate the need for additional tennis courts as these facilities are inventoried with the new City of Toronto Parks and Recreation Department;

- (2) the following information be received regarding the Smythe Park master plan and the relocation of the lit tennis courts; and
- (3) as part of the 1999 approved capital budget, the tennis courts at Smythe Park be removed.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 5)

**2.25 Lester B. Pearson International Airport,
Noise Monitoring Study,
Terms of Reference and Cost Estimate.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (December 22, 1998) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to engage a consultant to carry out a study as outlined in the proposed terms of reference shown in this report at an estimated cost of \$25,000.00 subject to approval of Council and the 1999 Budget process; and
- (2) the Greater Toronto Airports Authority be requested to reimburse the City for this expense.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 20, Report No. 5)

2.26 Proposed Harmonization of Development Related

**Engineering Fees for the City of Toronto
Works and Emergency Services Department.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999:

- (1) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of report (February 1, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, wherein it is recommended that:
 - (i) authority be granted to the Works and Emergency Services Department to standardize and continue applying engineering fees for development related engineering services, as shown in Schedule "A" of this report; and
 - (ii) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee at its meeting of February 23, 1999, on the following:
 - (a) whether the engineering fees are cost recoverable;
 - (b) what an appropriate fee would be;
 - (c) how to phase-in the engineering fees; and
 - (d) why the design and contract administration fees are substantially lower than what was charged in the past.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a report (February 23, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, responding to the request from the Budget Committee for a further report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee respecting the Proposed Harmonization of Development Related Engineering Fees for the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 21, Report No. 5)

2.27 Municipal Plan for Continued Provision of Benefits to Non-social Assistance Recipients.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) pursuant to Council direction, a fund be established for 1999 with an amount up to \$400,000.00 gross and net, with the source for this funding to be determined through the 1999 budget process;
- (2) the municipality provide benefits to non-social assistance recipients on a limited basis as outlined in this report;
- (3) this report be referred to the Budget Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the foregoing communication back to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 1999 Operating Budget deliberations.

(Budget Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 27(f), Report No. 5)

2.28 A Plan to Reinvest National Child Benefit Supplement Savings.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the

adoption of the report (January 28, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to adding the following:

- “(1) that the City Convey to the Province its preference to ‘reinvest’ in improved income benefits to children on social assistance through a Toronto Child Income Program; and urge that the Province, at a minimum, should enable municipalities to make these ‘reinvestments’ and not deduct these benefits as income from social assistance;
- (2) that the City advance municipal reinvestment in improved income benefits to children on social assistance with other municipalities;
- (3) that the City continue to support the longer term goal of rescinding the Child Benefit Supplement claw back with the Province and Federal government;
- (4) that all funds from the Federal Tax Credit be allocated to the shelter fund as recommended by the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and that the Commissioner consult on the design of the fund; and
- (5) that the City urge the Provincial Government to move quickly to increase the shelter component maximum for social assistance.”

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 22, Report No. 5)

2.29 Main Treatment Plant - Award of Beneficial Use Contracts and Procedure for Selection of Design/Build Firms for the Implementation of 100 Percent Biosolids Beneficial Use Program.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999:

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- (A) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council the adoption of the report (February 8, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, wherein it is recommended that:
- (1) authority be granted to commence negotiations with and, if successfully concluded, enter into an agreement with Terratec Environmental Ltd. (Terratec), for the transport, storage and direct land application of dewatered biosolids from the Main Treatment Plant in accordance with Terratec's proposal dated December 16, 1998, such agreement to be for a period of four years, for biosolids quantities up to a maximum of 28,000 dry tonnes per year with an expected minimum of 25,000 dry tonne per year at a cost of \$107.00 per dry tonne of biosolids, on the terms and conditions as set out in this report, the Request for Proposals (RFP) issued by the City, dated September 28, 1998, and otherwise on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
 - (2) authority be granted to commence negotiations with and, if successfully concluded, enter into an agreement with USF Canada Inc. (USF) for the design, construction and commissioning of a biosolids pelletizing facility in accordance with USF's proposal dated December 16, 1998, such facility to be located at the Main Treatment Plant at a lump sum price of \$22,235,959.00, on the terms and conditions as set out in this report, the RFP issued by the City dated September 28, 1998, and otherwise on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
 - (3) subject to finalizing the agreement in accordance with Recommendation No. (2), authority be granted to commence negotiations with and, if successfully concluded, enter into an operations agreement with USF for the transportation, marketing and distribution of up to a maximum of 28,000 dry tonnes per year of biosolids pellets with an expected minimum of 25,000 dry tonnes per year of biosolids pellets at a cost of \$13.35 per dry tonne, such agreement to be for a period of 15 years, on the terms and conditions as set out in this report, the RFP issued by the City dated September 28, 1998, and otherwise on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
 - (4) subject to finalizing agreements in accordance with Recommendations Nos. (2), and (3), authority be granted to negotiate with USF for the management

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and operation of the pelletization facility for a period of two years from the date of successful commissioning of the pelletizing facility;

- (5) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to short list a minimum of three firms to receive the Request for Proposals for the provision of biosolids loading and odour control facilities at the Main Treatment Plant (MTP), and to short list a minimum of three firms to receive the Request for Proposals for the provision of plant heating facilities at the MTP based on criteria and procedures contained in this report;
 - (6) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the next meeting of the Works and Utilities Committee on the Request for Proposals for biosolids loading and odour control facilities at the MTP and Request for Proposals for plant heating at the MTP;
 - (7) authorization be granted to add to the 1999-2003 Capital Works Program an amount of \$76,600,000.00 net after GST rebate for the Biosolids Beneficial Use Program; and
 - (8) the Biosolids Beneficial Use Program additional cash flow be approved at the following levels: \$15,710,000.00 for 1999, \$53,303,000.00 for 2000, and \$7,855,000.00 for 2001; and
- (B) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, at its meeting of February 23, 1999, on the cost of the treatment process (i) through incinerators; (ii) using the current equipment; and (iii) using 100 percent Biosolids; said report to include the cost of any necessary replacement equipment.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also had before it a supplementary report (February 22, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services providing information requested by the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999; advising that the presently used method of the MTP sludge disposal, which is incineration of the part of the volume of solids using existing and already paid down equipment, plus land application of the remaining volume of solids utilizing services of a private contractor represents the lowest cost of \$113.00 per dry tonne, however, this must be balanced with the eventual need to replace the existing equipment; that the costs of incineration versus beneficial use of 100 percent of the plant generated biosolids (both methods require replacement of existing and/or addition of new facilities) represent a higher than presently incurred costs and are quite similar; and that the cost of incineration which is \$282.00 per dry tonne is still \$2.00 per dry tonne (0.7 percent) higher than the cost of beneficial use of biosolids.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - February 24, 1999)

(Clause No. 23, Report No. 5)

2.30 Update on Hostel Occupancy.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council the adoption of the report (February 11, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, as amended by Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee, viz:

“The Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee on February 11, 1999, recommended to the Budget Committee and Council the adoption of the report (ii) dated February 11, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) by deleting the word “only”, so that such recommendation reads as follows:

“(2) the commitment by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department to expand hostel services by adding smaller full-standard facilities and developing a range of harm reduction shelters be supported; and”.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 24, Report No. 5)

2.31 Acquisition of Ontario Hydro Corridor Kennedy Road to Birchmount Road (Ward 15 - Scarborough City Centre).

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The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on February 19, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee and Council, the adoption of the confidential report (February 8, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, respecting the acquisition of Ontario Hydro Corridor lands which was forwarded to all Members of Council under confidential cover.

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Budget Committee embodied in the foregoing confidential communication (February 22, 1999) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 5)

2.32 Corporate Sponsorship Program.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 18, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, updating Council on efforts to develop a Corporate Sponsorship Program; advising that the Corporate Sponsorship Program is intended to optimize the City's sponsorship benefits, ensure competitive access to City contracts, and promote the City's public image; that a six month development study funded by the transition project for amalgamation and service rationalization will be followed by reports to Council proposing a corporate policy and seeking authority to award a sales/marketing/program management contract; that Corporate sponsorship agreements may begin to impact the Operating Budget in the year 2000 if the project proceeds on schedule; that in the meantime, an interim corporate guideline has been established to direct sponsorship activities in 1999; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 27(g), Report No. 5)

**2.33 Board of Directors for the New
Toronto Hydro Corporation.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (February 19, 1999) from Mayor Mel Lastman, recommending that the nominations for the Board of Directors for the new Toronto Hydro Corporation be submitted directly to Council for consideration at its meeting of March 2, 1999.

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

(Clause No 25, Report No. 5)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:56 p.m.

Chair.