

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

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

**Meeting No. 3**

**Wednesday, April 7, 1999**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee met on Wednesday, April 7, 1999, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:38 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:38 a.m. to 10:34 a.m.	In Camera Session 10:35 a.m. to 10:46 a.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	-	-
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X	X
Councillor Milton Berger	-	-
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	X	X
Councillor Betty Disero	X	X
Councillor Dennis Fotinos		X
Councillor Tom Jakobek	X	X
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	X	X
Councillor Dick O'Brien	-	-
Councillor Case Ootes	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	-	-
Councillor Michael Prue	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Berardinetti, the minutes of the meetings of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee held on the following dates were confirmed:

January 26, 1999, and  
February 23, 1999.

### **3-1. Arts and Culture Grants Service Area Review.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on March 4, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report dated February 19, 1999, from Ms. Anne Collins, President, Toronto Arts Council, respecting the Arts and Culture Grants Service Area Review, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Arts Council undertake a Service Area Review that will assess the needs of the arts and culture communities across the City beyond 1999, make recommendations on the programs required to meet those needs, and provide a cost analysis for the funding and delivery of those programs; and
- (2) the Toronto Arts Council be directed to report the results of this Service Area Review to the appropriate committee by December 1999.

On motion by Councillor Disero, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee contained in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 7)**

**3-2. Legislative Process for Grants  
Policy and Administration.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Municipal Grants Review Committee on March 4, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of Option No. 4 - Sub-Committee of Policy and Finance (limited mandate), and Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) contained in the report dated February 22, 1999, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, which read as follows:

- “(2) the recommended reporting procedure be put into effect on June 1, 1999, in conjunction with the implementation of the revised Council-committee structure; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Municipal Grants Review Committee, embodied in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 7)**

**3-3. Task Force on Community Safety - Membership.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 22, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on March 2, 3 and 4, 1999, during its consideration of Clause No. 4 of Report No. 5 of the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, headed “Final Report of the Task Force on Community Safety”, amended Recommendation No. (35) of 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.”, to provide that five Members of Council, representing all areas of the City, be appointed to such Task Force.

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On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the foregoing communication to the Striking Committee for consideration.

(Striking Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - April 7, 1999)

**(Clause No. 16(a), Report No. 7)**

**3-4. Identification and Evaluation of Policy  
Areas Within the Various Departments.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (March 9, 1999) from the Chief Administrative Officer commenting on the transition team's proposed Strategic Directions Secretariat as requested by the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee; describing the policy functions now being undertaken by staff and their location within the City's departments and the staff roles and responsibilities for policy development in the future, as requested by the Budget Committee; and recommending that this report be received for information and that a copy of the report be forwarded to the Budget Committee for its information.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing report; and forwarded a copy thereof to the Budget Committee for its information.

(Budget Committee; c. Chief Administrative Officer - April 7, 1999)

**(Clause No. 16(b), Report No. 7)**

**3-5. Bill C-440 - Penalties Under the Criminal Code  
Use of Motor Vehicle to Evade Police.**

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

- (i) (Undated) notice of motion moved by Councillor Norman Gardner and seconded by Councillor Brad Duguid recommending that:

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- (1) the City of Toronto communicate to the Federal Justice Minister its support of Bill C-440 and its intent, and request the Minister to support and preferably to immediately introduce strong legislation in the spirit of Bill C-440 which would provide stiff and consecutive penalties and sentencing for all indictable offences under the Criminal Code of Canada for any individual who operates a motor vehicle for the purpose of evading a peace officer in the performance of his duties; and
  - (2) the City of Toronto communicate its support of this resolution to the Association of Municipalities (Ontario) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities with a request that this resolution be adopted by these organizations and its members.
- (ii) communication (April 6, 1999) from Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre, submitting background material relevant to the foregoing motion respecting Bill C-440.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee unanimously recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing motion by Councillor Norman Gardner, North York Centre and Councillor Brad Duguid, Scarborough City Centre.

**(Clause No. 6, Report No. 7)**

**3-6. Municipal Voting Day - Year 2000.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (March 26, 1999) from the City Clerk recommending that:

- (1) Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to amend the *Municipal Elections Act, 1996, Section 5*, to enable municipalities to pass a by-law to provide for a voting day as approved by the municipality. The amendment should limit the choice of dates to a day no later than the second Monday in November and no earlier than the Thursday after Thanksgiving in October;
- (2) in the event the Minister is not in favour of Recommendation No. (1) above, the Minister be requested to institute a Province-wide municipal election date of the Thursday after Thanksgiving in an election year;

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- (3) Council indicate their support for the City of Toronto municipal election to be held on the Thursday after Thanksgiving in an election year;
- (4) Council request the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to amend the *Municipal Elections Act, 1999, Subsection 6(1)*, to enable municipalities to pass a by-law to provide for the beginning date for a new Council. Such date to be no more than two weeks after the date of the election.
  - A. Councillor Rae moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the foregoing report. **(Carried)**
  - B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the City Clerk be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee in September, 1999, providing an update on the status of the request to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing. **(Carried)**

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

On Motion by Councillor Berardinetti, 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. 3.7 having regard that the confidential report (March 23, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, contain information respecting a subsidy agreement.

**3-7. Toronto Port Authority - Draft Letters  
Patent and Subsidy Agreement  
(Ward 24 - Downtown)  
(Ward 25 - Don River).**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a confidential report (March 23, 1999) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services respecting the Toronto Port Authority - Draft letters patent and subsidy agreement.

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

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On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing confidential report; and referred the matter of the membership of the proposed Mayor's Committee to the Striking Committee for consideration and report thereon to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on April 13, 1999, with the following suggested membership:

Councillor Gordon Chong, Don Parkway;  
Councillor Michael Feldman, North York Spadina;  
Councillor Jack Layton, Don River;  
Councillor David Miller, High Park; and  
Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown.

(All Members of Council; Striking Committee; c. Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services - April 7, 1999)

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

**3-8. Year 2000 Priority One Business Functions  
Status Report and Communication Plan.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a report (March 26, 1999) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services recommending that:

- (1) the Year 2000 Communication Plan for the City of Toronto outlined in Appendix 1 of this report be approved; and
- (2) the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee refer this report to Council for approval.

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

- Mr. Bob Olsen; and
- Mr. Eric Hellman.

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

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 7)**

**3-9. Proposal to Provide \$185,000.00 in the Capital Budget Year 2000 Allocation for Clerk's Year 2000 Related Issues.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (March 18, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, wherein it is recommended that funds in the amount of \$185,000.00 be provided with the Year 2000 Capital Budget allocation to address the Clerk's Division's Year 2000 and related issues.

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. 7)**

**3-10. Bingo Task Force Terms of Reference.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council,

- (1) that the Terms of Reference for the Bingo Task Force, as amended by the Emergency and Protective Services Committee at its meeting on March 23, 1999, be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, for consideration; and



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- (2) that the joint report (March 8, 1999) from the City Clerk and the City Solicitor, be amended by striking out Recommendation No. (2) and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“(2) That no additional funding be allocated to the 1999 Clerk’s Operating budget to cover the Bingo Task Force expenses.”

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee, embodied in the communication (March 23, 1999) from the City Clerk, subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) embodied in the joint report (March 8, 1999) from the City Clerk and the City Solicitor to provide that funds in the amount of \$10,000.00 be provided to the Bingo Task Force; and that such funds be drawn from the Corporate Contingency Account.

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 7)**

**3-11. Funding for 761 Community Development Corporation.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of report (February 25, 1999) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) funding in the amount of \$83,750.00 be provided to the 761 Community Development Corporation;
- (2) the funding in Recommendation No. (1) be provided from the following grants programs, Economic Development Partnership, Homeless Initiatives Fund, Community Services Grants Programs, and the grants contingency once the 1999 Operating Budget has been approved;
- (3) the recommended funding be administered by the Shelter, Housing and Support Division of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department;

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- (4) staff work with the Board of 761 Community Development Corporation to develop alternative sources of funding for the Executive Director's position; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) a grant in the amount of \$83,750.00 be provided within the grants envelope for 761 Community Development Corporation;
- (2) this grant reflects the City's support for a staff position which cannot exceed \$50,000.00, the remainder to be used for non-salary operations; and
- (3) the Municipal Grants Review Committee be requested to review the grant being provided to the 761 Community Development Corporation and the work being done by the Centre.

B. Councillor Ootes moved that the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek be amended by adding thereto the following additional recommendation:

- “(4) that the grant be deemed to be in the interest of the municipality.”

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

C. Mayor Lastman moved that the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee submit the foregoing communication to Council without recommendation; and request the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 13, 1999, respecting the concerns raised by the Committee regarding the use of the requested funds. **(Carried)**

**Having regard for the foregoing action taken by the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, the foregoing Motions A and B were not put to a vote.**

Mayor Lastman resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services - April 7, 1999)

**(Clause No. 10, Report No. 7)**

### **3-12. Capital Accounts Closing.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999:

- (i) recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (March 17, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, wherein it is recommended that:
  - (1) approval be given to transfer funds, as required, from unexpended funds on individual completed projects to projects that experienced over expenditures and that funds in the amount of \$3,090,487.00 be transferred to an unexpended capital account to be used for future tax supported capital projects and \$2,108,632.00 be transferred to a capital financing reserve for water rate capital projects, as identified in Appendix "A";
  - (2) any future over/under expended capital projects from 1997 and prior, when closed, be transferred; and
  - (3) capital financing approval in the amounts of \$568,629.00 and \$87,192,273.00 representing unspent capital approval in the former Borough of East York and Metro respectively, be cancelled; and
- (ii) requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to the Corporate Services Committee on a possible usage for the Old Terrace Roller Rink.

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 (i).

**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 7)**

**3-13. Status Report - Evaluation of Standardized Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) for the Toronto Fire Services.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999, received the joint report (March 11, 1999) from the Fire Chief and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the status of the Fire Services' project to test and evaluate various suppliers' self-contained breathing apparatus; and directed that the foregoing report be forwarded to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, for information.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee received the foregoing communication; and directed that it be forwarded to Council for information.

**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 7)**

On Motion by Councillor Brown, 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. 3.14 having regard that the confidential communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk, contain personal matters about an identifiable individual.

**3-14. Establishment of a Trust Fund for Children.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Committee on March 29, 1999, forwarded confidential recommendations to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, respecting the establishment of a trust fund for children.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee requested Councillor Olivia Chow, Downtown, to submit a report to the meeting of Council scheduled to be held on April 13, 1999, providing more detailed information respecting the proposed trust fund referred to in the confidential communication (March 30, 1999) from the City Clerk. Details of the foregoing request were forwarded to all Members of Council under confidential cover.

(Councillor Olivia Chow; c. All Members of Council - Confidential - April 7, 1999)

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 7)**

**3-15. City of Toronto Olympic Task Force - Possible  
Audit of the 1996 Olympic Games Bid.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 6, 1999) from Councillor Anne Johnston, North Toronto, recommending that the City of Toronto Olympic Task Force be permitted to report directly to the April 13 and 14, 1999, meeting of City Council, in order to present her report on the question of conducting an audit of the 1996 Olympic Games bid; and advising that the report has been prepared in conjunction with the City Solicitor and the City Auditor and addresses an outstanding motion on the April 13 and 14, 1999, Council Order Paper.

On motion by Councillor Prue, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee concurred with the Recommendation embodied in the foregoing communication (April 6, 1999) from Councillor Anne Johnston, North Toronto.

**(Clause No. 13, Report No. 7)**

**3-16. Business Reference Group.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on April 1, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee:

- (1) the adoption of the report (March 30, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, wherein it is recommended that:
  - (i) the Terms of Reference as outlined in this report be adopted as the basis for the Business Reference Group;
  - (ii) the Business Reference Group be formed by, and report through, a three member Steering Committee and then to the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force; and
  - (iii) the Business Reference Group be composed of at least 3 major panels - commercial, industrial and multi-residential - with further subgroups to be determined by the main panel following its first meetings; and
- (2) that Council consider this matter to be a major public policy issue.

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the Recommendations of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, embodied in the foregoing communication (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) that the composition of the Business Reference Group be referred to the Mayor, the Chair of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

On motion by Councillor Brown, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee also recommended to Council that, in future, all matters respecting the Tax Assessment and Policy Task Force be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration.

**(Clause No. 14, Report No. 7)**

**3-17. Maintenance of “Frozen Assessment Listing” - Capped Property Classes.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 1, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on April 1, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee the adoption of the report (April 1, 1999) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, wherein it is recommended that, if the Province/OPAC is not prepared to provide the City of Toronto with a “fresh” updated frozen assessment listing by May 15, 1999, that the Province commit to financial reimbursement to the City of all costs incurred in maintaining the listing.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, embodied in the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 15, Report No. 7)**

**3-18. Policy on Interest Paid on Assessment Appeal Refunds.**

The Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee had before it a communication (April 6, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force on April 1, 1999, recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee that:

- (1) the City of Toronto pay interest of 1 percent on assessment appeal refunds, retroactive from January 1, 1998 until the date the new by-law is enacted;
- (2) the rate of interest to be paid on assessment appeal refunds be set at the average of the prime rate of interest by the six major Canadian chartered banks, at the beginning of the calendar year for which the rate applies;
- (3) By-law No. 29097 of the former City of North York which allows for the payment of interest on assessment appeal refunds for properties in the former City of North York, be repealed;

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- (4) the former City of Toronto's Municipal Code be amended to provide that any overpayments made on or after the date of the by-law being enacted by Council, which are eligible for assessment appeal refunds, shall have the interest applied from the day the overpayment is made;
- (5) the City Solicitor be requested to submit the necessary by-law to give effect to these recommendations; and
- (6) the former City of Toronto continue to pay interest on assessment appeals that relate to tax years 1997 and prior based on the rates as adopted by the former City of Toronto.

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

On motion by Mayor Lastman, the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee referred the foregoing communication to the Budget Committee for consideration; and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report to the Budget Committee on the financial implications in regard thereto.

Mayor Lastman resumed the Chair.

(Budget Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Chief Administrative Officer - April 7, 1999)

**(Clause No. 16(c), Report No. 7)**

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:46 a.m.

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Chair.