

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee**

**Meeting No. 2**

**Monday, February 14, 2000**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:40 a.m. to 12:28 p.m.	2:14 p.m. to 5:55 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	X	X
Councillor Elizabeth Brown	-	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X
Councillor Mario Giansante	X	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor Sherene Shaw	X	X
Councillor Mario Silva	X	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X	X
Councillor Mike Tzekas	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	Councillor Jack Layton
Councillor Kyle Rae	Councillor Michael Walker

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**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on January 17, 2000, were confirmed.

**2.1 Smartrisk Foundation**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (November 15, 1999) from Dr. Robert Conn, President and CEO, Smartrisk Foundation, requesting permission to make a deputation to explain the results of the national and provincial studies with regard to helping people see the risk in their everyday lives and show them how to take those risks in the smartest way possible so that they can live their lives to the fullest.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with this matter:

- Dr. Robert Conn, President and CEO, Smartrisk Foundation; and
- Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Don Parkway.

Councillor Ashton appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Ashton moved that the communication (November 15, 1999) from Dr. Robert Conn, President and CEO, Smartrisk Foundation, be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with appropriate City officials and the Smartrisk Foundation, to coordinate a City response and report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Ashton's motion A. be amended by adding, "that the requested report include how Smartrisk may be incorporated in programs delivered by the City at the community level, including emergency services, parks and recreation programs and public health.

**(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Pitfield moved that Councillor Ashton's motion A. be further amended by adding, "that the requested report include Board of Education programs.

**(Carried)**

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(Chief Administrative Officer, c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Dr. Robert Conn, President and CEO, Smartrisk Foundation – February 18, 2000)

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

**2.2 Proposed Twinning of Peace Bridge  
Canada/United States Border Crossing (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising City Council of the proposed twinning of the Peace Bridge border crossing between Canada (Fort Erie, Ontario) and the United States (Buffalo, New York) and the City's interests in this matter; and recommending that:

- (1) Council advise the Federal and Provincial governments, through the Prime Minister and the Premier, respectively, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, the Greater Toronto Services Board, the Governor of New York and the Mayor of Buffalo, that the City of Toronto supports the proposed twinning of the Peace Bridge and urges all parties involved in effecting the implementation of the new bridge to work cooperatively to complete this project as early as possible; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Earl Rowe, General Manager, Corporate Services and Senior Canadian Representative, appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (February 1, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to:

- (1) renumbering Recommendation No. (2) as Recommendation No. (3); and

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(2) inserting the following Recommendation No. (2):

“(2) that the Province of Ontario be requested to include a review, with respect to the aforementioned proposal, of the road patterns between the Peace Bridge and the City of Toronto to ensure that the road infrastructure can accommodate the improvements to the Peace Bridge;”.

**(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)**

**2.3 Hanlan’s Point – Clothing Optional  
Beach Pilot Project (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 31, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an update on the Clothing Optional Beach Pilot Project at Hanlan’s Point on the Toronto Islands during 1999, and recommending that:

- (1) Council approve an extension to the pilot project for two operating seasons in 2000 and 2001;
- (2) further analysis and study on the issue of safety supervision and the provision of lifeguards on the clothing optional beach be conducted and a further report be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee by January 2001;
- (3) a program for providing improved directional signs and limited promotional materials be implemented for 2000;
- (4) the City Solicitor be requested to report on any by-law changes and outstanding legal issues to extend the pilot project; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Peter Simm, Resident, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Mr. David Drascic, Resident;
- Mr. Don Zale, Resident;
- Mr. Zak Khan, Resident;
- Mr. Dave Fleming, Hanlan’s Beach Naturists;
- Mr. Norman Gadsby, Resident;
- Ms. Frances Hutchinson, Resident;

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- Staff Inspector Edward Hegney, Unit Commander, Marine Unit, Toronto Police Service; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Downtown.

A. Councillor Cho moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be requested to submit a report directly to City Council for its meeting on February 29, 2000, on the legal issues surrounding the provision of lifeguard services at this location.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Feldman moved that Councillor Cho's motion A.(1) be amended by adding the words " with an opportunity for the City to opt out after the first year if any problems arise" to Recommendation No. (1), so that such Recommendation now reads:

- "(1) Council approve an extension to the pilot project for two operating seasons in 2000 and 2001, with an opportunity for the City to opt out after the first year if any problems arise;"

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Shaw moved that Councillor Cho's motion A.(1) be amended by adding the words "that life-saving equipment be installed and a risk management assessment be carried out in that regard", to Recommendation No. (3), so that such Recommendation now reads:

- "(3) a program for providing improved directional signs and limited promotion materials be implemented for 2000; and further that life-saving equipment be installed and a risk management assessment be carried out in that regard."

**(Carried)**

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D. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Chief of Police be requested to submit a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee providing statistics on any activities at this location, including charges that have been laid since 1997, and address other matters that were raised at today's meeting; and

**(Carried)**

- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to:

- (a) report back on the possibility of leasing space at Hanlan's Point to a group for the purpose of a clothing optional beach, including the possibility of having membership fees; and
- (b) provide statistics on the usage of Hanlan's Point over the next two years.

**(Lost)**

E. Councillor Tzekas moved that Councillor Cho's motion A.(1) be amended by adding, "that the clothing optional beach zone border be extended to the lifeguard station on the beach in order to address the issue of public safety noted by the deputants and Councillors at today's meeting."

**(Lost)**

(Chief of Police; City Solicitor, c. Mr. John Macintyre, Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department – February 18, 2000)

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

## **2.4 Park Improvements – Donation to Commemorate the Victims of the Irish Famine (Downtown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 31, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, outlining the conditions whereby the Irish Community in Toronto will donate and dedicate a waterfront park area to commemorate the victims of the Irish Famine, and recommending that:

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- (1) Council approval, in principle, be given to accept the donation by the Canadian Irish Community of park improvements and a legacy maintenance fund to commemorate the victims of the Irish Famine;
- (2) the final location of the waterfront park area, the proposed name of the park area and the detailed design and implementation schedule, including the results of the historical and heritage significance of the Irish Famine Victims who relocated to Toronto, be the subject of a further report to the Toronto Community Council; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Robert Kearns, The Committee for Ireland Park, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to the condition that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the proponents are able to work out the logistics of ensuring that the final location of the waterfront park area is satisfactory to the City and the Canadian Irish Community without interfering with the waterfront plan.

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

**2.5 Trans Canada Trail Proposed in the City of Toronto  
(Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the development of the Trans Canada Trail; identifying the City of Toronto's potential participation through the identification of a trail route through the City and the siting of one or more Trans Canada Trail pavilions at appropriate locations along that route; and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse, in principle, the concept of the Trans Canada Trail travelling through the City of Toronto;
- (2) Council endorse the registration of those sections of the existing Waterfront Trail route, from the western City boundary at the Etobicoke Creek to, and including, the Eastern Beaches, as part of the Trans Canada Trail (Attachment No. 1 - "Existing Waterfront Trail/Proposed Trans Canada Trail Route");
- (3) Councillors and communities be requested to assist in identifying other appropriate Trans Canada Trail routes within the City;

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- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to work with the Trans Canada Trail Foundation and the Ontario Trails Council to site one or more Trans Canada Trail pavilions along the proposed Trail route; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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

**2.6 2000 Budgets – Business Improvement Areas: Report No. 2**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report January 28, 2000 from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, forwarding the Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 220 of the Municipal Act, as amended; advising that Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIAs; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2000 expenditure requests of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2000 Budget Request (\$)
Danforth by the Valley	78,100.00
Forest Hill	25,031.00
Gerrard India Bazaar	100,000.00
Hillcrest Village	16,091.00
Little Italy	241,986.00
Pape Village	36,000.00
St. Lawrence Neighbourhood	70,000.00

- (2) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and



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

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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

**2.7 Appointments to Fort York Community  
Museum Management Board and the  
Pier Community Museum Management Board**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 1, 2000) from the City Clerk implementing Council's process for appointing Members of Council to the Fort York Community Museum Management Board and The Pier Community Museum Management Board; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee give consideration to Members' preferences outlined in Schedule 1, and recommend to City Council the appointment of Members of Council to:
- (i) the Fort York Community Museum Management Board; and
  - (ii) the Pier Community Museum Management Board;

for a term of office expiring November 30, 2000, and until their successors are appointed; and

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

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the appointment of Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski to the Fort York Community Museum Management Board for a term of office expiring November 30, 2000, and until his successor is appointed;
- (2) the appointment of Councillor Michael Prue to the Pier Community Museum Management Board for a term of office expiring November 30, 2000, and until his successor is appointed; and

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

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

**2.8 Appointments to the Boards of Management for  
Business Improvement Areas and Amendments to the  
(Former Toronto) Municipal Code Chapter 20  
Business Improvement Areas (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising that changes to membership of Boards of Management for Business Improvement Areas require Council approval and a by-law amendment; appending Attachment No. 1, Schedule A, the (former Toronto) Municipal Code, Chapter 20, detailing such amendments and Attachment No. 2 listing the names of nominees to be appointed to the Boards; and recommending that:

- (1) amendments be made to Schedule "A", Individual Boards of Management of the (former Toronto) Municipal Code Chapter 20, Business Improvement Areas, as set out in Attachment No. 1; these changes are specific to the Number of Members and Members Needed for Quorum and are highlighted by "Changes From and To";
- (2) Council appoint the nominees listed in Attachment No. 2 to the Boards of Management for Kennedy Road, Old Cabbagetown, Mimico-by-the-Lake, and Pape Village Business Improvement Areas;
- (3) the term of office to the Boards is to expire on November 30, 2000, or as soon thereafter as successors are appointed; each of the named nominees meets the requirements of Section 220 of the Municipal Act, as amended;
- (4) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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

**2.9 Appointments to the Leaside Memorial  
Community Gardens Board of Management**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 21, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the East York Community Council at its meeting held on January 18, 2000, recommended to the Economic Development and Parks Committee the appointment of Mr. Bob Dale and Mr. Bob Brent to the Leaside Gardens Board of Management.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the East York Community Council embodied in the report (January 21, 2000) from the City Clerk.

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

**2.10 Request for Formal Poll  
Formation of a Business Improvement Area  
St. Clair Avenue West Between  
Westmount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue (Davenport)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 26, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Community Council, at its meeting held on January 18, 2000, forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration a communication (December 2, 1999) from Councillor Betty Disero, Davenport, respecting the formation of a Business Improvement Area on St. Clair Avenue West, between Westmount Avenue and Glenholme Avenue, and recommending that City Council instruct staff to conduct a formal poll in the area identified for purposes of establishing such a Business Improvement Area.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council that:

- (1) a Business Improvement Area be designated on both sides of St. Clair Avenue West to include properties from Westmount Avenue to Glenholme Avenue as shown on Attachment 1;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out notices of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating St. Clair Avenue West from Westmount Avenue to Glenholme Avenue as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 220 of the Municipal Act, R.S.O. 1990 c.M.45, as amended;

- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare a legal description of the area as shown in Attachment 1 and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll, referred to in Recommendation No. (2), and upon receipt of the legal description prepared by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating a Business Improvement Area on both sides of St. Clair Avenue West from Westmount Avenue to Glenholme Avenue as shown on Attachment 1, in accordance with Section 220 of the Municipal Act; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**2.11 Introduction of a Provincial Visiting Player Tax to Fund Sports and Recreation Activities in Ontario**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 2, 2000) from Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, forwarding a motion, requesting that the City of Toronto join with the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carlton in endorsing, in principle, the introduction of a Provincial Visiting Player Tax to fund sports and recreation activities in Ontario and proposing the establishment of a professional sports task force.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; and
- Councillor Michael Walker, North Toronto

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the aforementioned motion by Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, be amended to read as follows:

“that the City of Toronto join with the Regional Municipality of Ottawa-Carleton and the Minister of Finance to review the feasibility of introducing a Provincial Visiting Player Tax for the three major leagues (National Hockey League, Major League Baseball, and National Basketball Association) to fund sports and recreation activities in Ontario, and proposing the establishment of a professional sports task force”.

**(Carried)**

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Councillor Ashton appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ashton moved that the aforementioned motion by Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for its meeting of April 17, 2000.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the requested report include consultation with athletes and organizations.

**(Carried)**

- D. Councillor Tzekas moved that the requested report also include the benefits that could flow to amateur sports in the City of Toronto.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, c. Councillor Jack Layton, Don River – February 18, 2000)

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

Councillor Jane Pitfield moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting privately to discuss the matter of the North York Performing Arts Centre Corporation Business Plan, having regard that the subject matter relates to personnel matters and solicitor-client privilege, in accordance with the Municipal Act, which was carried.

Members Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Brown  
Councillor Raymond Cho  
Councillor Mario Giansante  
Councillor George Mammoliti  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Councillor Sherene Shaw  
Councillor Mario Silva  
Councillor David Soknacki  
Councillor Mike Tzekas

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its **private meeting** at 5:50 p.m. and immediately reconvened in public session with the following Members in attendance:

Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Brown  
Councillor Raymond Cho  
Councillor Mario Giansante  
Councillor George Mammoliti  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Councillor Sherene Shaw  
Councillor Mario Silva  
Councillor David Soknacki  
Councillor Mike Tzekas

**2.12 North York Performing Arts Centre  
Corporation Business Plan (Ward 10 – North York Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it:

- (a) a joint confidential report (February 3, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending a business plan for the operation of the North York Centre for the Performing Arts (“Centre”) that maximizes the social, cultural and economic benefits to the City while minimizing, to the extent possible, the impact on the City’s budget; and
- (b) a confidential report (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the North York Performing Arts Centre Emergency Committee.

A. Councillor Soknacki moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) the adoption of the joint confidential report (February 3, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
  - (b) the adoption of the recommendations of the North York Performing Arts Centre Emergency Committee, as amended, embodied in the confidential report (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk;

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- (c) the adoption of the recommendation of the Economic Development and Parks Committee embodied in the confidential report (February 18, 2000) from the City Clerk; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to provide a confidential report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee with regard to the requests made at today's meeting.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Giansante moved that the requested confidential report be submitted to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for its meeting of June 19, 2000.

**(Carried)**

(City Council, c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, City Solicitor, North York Arts Centre Emergency Committee – February 18, 2000)

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

**2.13 Parks and Recreation Division – Food Service Review  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 27, 2000) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing a summary of the recommendations resulting from the review of food services carried out for the Parks and Recreation Division; requesting approval for staff to implement those recommendations; and recommending that:

- (1) the Foodservice Review and Master Plan prepared for the Toronto Parks and Recreation Division by FHG International be received;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to implement a consolidated approach to food service operations across the Parks and Recreation Division;
- (3) the Parks and Recreation Division move to food service operation by private operators utilizing branded concepts, as opportunities to tender existing contracts arise, as recommended in the Master Plan;
- (4) existing food service operations provided by community groups and for fund raising purposes be retained; and

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

Mr. Dennis Casey, 1st Vice President, Local 79, Canadian Union of Public Employees, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

- A. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Ashton appointed Councillor Feldman Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Ashton moved that Councillor Pitfield's motion A. be amended by amending Recommendation No. (3) to provide that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on proposals to tender prior to issuance of same.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Asthon resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shaw moved that Recommendation No. (3) be referred back to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for a further report.

**(Lost)**

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

**2.14 Toronto Arts Council Report -  
City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants  
for the Period January to October 1999**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (December 1999) from Ms. Kim Tomczak, President, Toronto Arts Council, forwarding a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants for the first nine months in 1999 (January 1 to October 31) describing the economic impact of the City's financial investment in the arts community and the impressive array of new work, creativity and community animation which resulted.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned communication, for information.

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



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Councillor Feldman moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee meet privately to discuss the matter of the Woodbine Racetrack, having regard that the subject matter relates to the receiving of advice under solicitor-client privilege, in accordance with the Municipal Act, which was carried.

Members Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair  
Councillor Elizabeth Brown  
Councillor Raymond Cho  
Councillor Mario Giansante  
Councillor George Mammoliti  
Councillor Jane Pitfield  
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Councillor Mario Silva  
Councillor David Soknacki  
Councillor Mike Tzekas

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Councillor Jane Pitfield  
Councillor Sherene Shaw  
Councillor Mario Silva  
Councillor David Soknacki  
Councillor Mike Tzekas

**2.15 Woodbine Racetrack Lands (Rexdale Thistletown)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk, referring a motion, from Councillor Joanne Flint, North York Centre South, respecting Woodbine Racetrack and forwarding the following confidential reports for consideration:

- (a) (January 14, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the General Manager, Toronto Ambulance;
- (b) (January 21, 2000) from the Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services; and

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- (c) (February 1, 2000) from the Acting Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the City Solicitor.

On motion by Councillor Brown, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned motion and the confidential reports, to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (2) requested that the aforementioned report be forwarded to the Etobicoke Community Council for its information and comments; and
- (3) requested that the local Councillors be included in all discussions and consultations.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, c. Councillor Joanne Flint, North York Centre South – February 18, 2000)

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

**2.16 Twinning Relationship between Toronto and Sao Paulo**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (February 14, 2000) from Councillor Mario Silva, Trinity Niagara, requesting the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back to a future meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the feasibility of entering into a Twinning Relationship with Sao Paulo, Brazil.

Councillor Ashton, appointed Councillor Pitfield Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Ashton the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, c. Councillor Mario Silva, Trinity Niagara – February 18, 2000)

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

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The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:55 p.m.

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Chair