
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, April 5, 2001	Enquiry:	Patsy Morris
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-9151
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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

**1. OVERVIEW OF THE 2001 PROVINCIAL RE-ASSESSMENT -
IMPACTS AND TAX POLICY OPTIONS REPORTS.**

(DEPUTATION ITEM)

(DEFERRED AT THE LAST MEETING)

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 5, 2001)

Providing an overview of the 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options Reports respecting:

- (a) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options – Residential Property Class;
- (b) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options – Multi-Residential Property Class;

- (c) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options – Commercial and Industrial Property Classes; and
- (d) Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons; and

recommending that this report be received for information.

**1(a). PRELIMINARY 2001 PROVINCIAL RE-ASSESSMENT
IMPACTS AND TAX POLICY OPTIONS
RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLASS.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 5, 2001)

Recommending that, for the residential property class, Council adopt:

- (1) a five-year phase-in program to phase-in CVA related tax increases and decreases;
- (2) a threshold of \$200.00 apply to CVA related tax increases, over the five-year term of the phase-in program (2001-2005);
- (3) the threshold for CVA related tax decreases be set at \$110.00 to fund the revenues foregone from the phasing-in of increases, as provided for in recommendation (2) above; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**1(b). PRELIMINARY 2001 PROVINCIAL RE-ASSESSMENT
IMPACTS AND TAX POLICY OPTIONS
MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLASS.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 5, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial, industrial and multi-residential tax classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;
- (2) the limit on tax increases be financed entirely within the Multi-residential tax class, by withholding a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be

payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;

- (3) the optional New Multi-residential tax class that allows a reduced tax rate to apply to newly-constructed multi-residential properties for a limited period of time following construction be adopted for the 2001 taxation year; and
- (4) the applicable tax rate for the New Multi-residential tax class be set at a tax rate equivalent to the 2001 residential tax rate; and
- (5) the appropriate City staff be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**1(c). “NEW MULTI-RESIDENTIAL” PROPERTY CLASS:
8-YEAR APPLICABILITY PERIOD.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(April 5, 2001)

Responding to the Policy and Finance Committee’s request to clarify the reasons the Province has chosen an eight-year limit during which a reduced tax rate may apply to properties within the “New Multi-Residential” tax class; advising that Provincial officials report that the issue of the term of the applicability of the new multi-residential tax class is under active consideration; that while a move to a permanent rate reduction is not likely, for a number of reasons, it has been suggested that a longer period of applicability for a lower tax rate, perhaps corresponding to a developer’s 20- or 25-year mortgage term, may provide for increased stimulus to the construction of rental housing; that it is likely that a decision concerning the period of applicability for the new multi-residential tax class will be reflected in provincial regulations for tax policy for 2001 and subsequent years; that to date, no regulations have been released for 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information.

**1(d). PRELIMINARY 2001 PROVINCIAL RE-ASSESSMENT
IMPACTS AND TAX POLICY OPTIONS
COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY CLASSES.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 5, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial and industrial property classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;

- (2) the limits on tax increases for the commercial and industrial property classes be financed entirely within the respective property class, by clawing back a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;
- (3) the clawback rate on tax decreases be set at a rate sufficient to ensure revenue-neutrality in 2001, and adjusted if necessary in 2002, having regard for anticipated losses arising through appeals and assessment changes; such rate to be calculated at the time that the final tax rates are determined;
- (4) no other tax policy tools be adopted for the commercial and industrial property classes at this time;
- (5) the 2000 budget be restated to include a non-program line item "Commercial and Industrial Vacancy Rebates", based on the revised treatment of commercial and industrial vacancies pursuant to Bill 140, and that a provision for vacancy rebates of \$17.0 million (City share) be included in the 2001 Operating Budget;
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**1(e). PROPERTY TAX RELIEF FOR LOW-INCOME SENIORS
AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 5, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) the property tax deferral program for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons, as outlined in this report and summarized in Appendix 1, be adopted;
- (2) the Minister of Finance be requested to make a regulation in respect of low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons allowing for the deferral of tax increases in any year, including a year in which there is no general re-assessment; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

1(f). CANCELLATION OF TAXES RELATED TO CURRENT VALUE ASSESSMENT (CVA) – LOW-INCOME SENIORS AND LOW-INCOME DISABLED PERSONS.

City Clerk.

(March 14, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

“WHEREAS the second round of re-assessment under the Provincial Government’s Current Value Assessment (CVA) system has again resulted in significant tax shifts within the residential property class and substantial assessment-related tax changes for a large number of individual homeowners; and

WHEREAS Current Value Assessment has caused substantial property tax increases in a relatively short period of time for many homeowners, particularly in the old City of Toronto, the former Borough of East York and in neighbourhoods throughout the entire City; and

WHEREAS these tax increases do not relate to the cost of servicing the individual property, increased municipal services or municipal budgetary shortfalls, but are based solely on the wildly fluctuating Toronto real estate market; and

WHEREAS CVA is, in essence, a tax on an unrealized capital gain making taxpayers that have lived for many years in the same home and those on a fixed income extremely vulnerable to re-assessment and tax shifts; and

WHEREAS both the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario have recognized low and moderate income Senior and Disabled Homeowners as taxpayers who would be particularly vulnerable to the negative impacts of reassessment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has mandated that municipalities provide tax relief for low income seniors and disabled homeowners; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto established a program in 1998 whereby eligible low and moderate income Seniors and Disabled Persons could defer between 25 percent – 100 percent of their assessment-related tax

increase annually, with no interest penalties. The deferred taxes would be registered as a lien to be paid back upon sale of the property or the death of the homeowner; and

WHEREAS the majority of those taxpayers eligible for the deferral program quite rightly reject the suggestion that after years of working and saving to afford a home and pay off a mortgage they should consider going through it all over again in order to pay an unfair tax increase; and

WHEREAS the program currently in place has been largely ignored by eligible taxpayers with a scant 3 percent participation rate indicating that the program is unpopular, cost ineffective and in need of drastic alterations if it is to accomplish its intended goal – that is to allow low to moderate income seniors and disabled persons to remain in their homes and in their communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to prepare a report outlining the financial impacts associated with cancellation of CVA-related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners, using the same eligibility criteria as what is currently in place under the City of Toronto’s Senior and Disabled Tax Deferral Program; and
- (2) the Government of Ontario, as the architects of the Current Value Assessment system and thus bearing responsibility for assessment-related tax changes (increases and decreases), be requested to fund all or part (i.e., the education portion) of the cost of any potential program to cancel assessment related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners.”

1(g). Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(March 16, 2001)

Responding to a motion respecting the cancellation of CVA-related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners; advising that a program to cancel CVA-related tax increases based on same eligibility criteria as is currently in place under the City of Toronto’s Senior and Disabled Tax Deferral Program is estimated to result in the annual cancellation of approximately \$16.2 million in CVA-related tax increases for an estimated 51,000 participating households, with the City share of the cancellation being approximately \$10.7 million and the school board share being approximately \$6.5 million; that if such a cancellation program is adopted, a budget provision will be required and funded through a tax levy increase; that if the program is expanded to be inclusive of any tax increases, not just CVA-related tax increases, the City’s new funding requirement would increase to \$14.0 million per annum; that there is no provision in the

2001 Operating Budget, and therefore, adoption of such a program would add to the City's \$305 million budget pressure; and recommending that this report be received for information.

1(h). RESPONSE TO SUBMISSION FROM COMMITTEE FOR FAIR CITY TAXES RE: FINANCE AND TAXATION ISSUES.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(April 5, 2001)

Responding to recommendations embodied in a communication dated February 6, 2001 from Mr. John Sewell, representative of the Committee for Fair City Taxes, to the Policy and Finance Committee concerning finance and taxation issues in Toronto; advising that Committee for Fair City Taxes has proposed recommendations in four areas concerning finances and taxation in Toronto; that in all cases, the Committee for Fair City Taxes' recommendations are consistent with positions already approved by Council, or with Council's stated objectives concerning the 2001 budget and the need for a new relationship with the federal and provincial levels of government; and recommending that this report be received for information.

2. REQUEST TO FEDERAL GOVERNMENT TO ESTABLISH A MINISTRY OF URBAN AFFAIRS.

City Clerk.
(March 14, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and the Chief Administrative Officer was requested to review such Motion, in consultation with the City of Toronto's Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board representatives, and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Cho

Seconded by: Councillor Berardinetti

"WHEREAS the City of Toronto has many reasons to have ongoing relations with the Federal Government on a variety of issues; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto and other large urban centres in Canada are impacted by many of the decisions of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS there is no available structure to approach the Federal Government on urban issues; and

WHEREAS it is essential that the Federal Government, and the City of Toronto and other Urban Centres work together co-operatively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS our cities continue to grow through the movement of people from rural areas to urban centres and external immigration; and

WHEREAS major urban centres throughout the world are in competition with each other; and

WHEREAS the needs of municipal governments have grown extensively over the years and will continue to grow in areas of social housing, children's services, homelessness, taxation, transportation, and other vital services; and

WHEREAS there previously existed a Federal Ministry of Urban Affairs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto request the Federal Government to establish a Ministry of Urban Affairs to develop and implement a national urban agenda;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal government appoint a Minister of Urban Affairs that will be responsible for working with municipal representatives in the development of the urban agenda and its implementation.”

2(a). Chief Administrative Officer.
(March 22, 2001)

Commenting on a Notice of Motion relating to the federal government's role in urban affairs that was considered at the City Council meeting on March 6 to 8, 2001; reviewing the motion in the context of existing Council positions and recent discussions at meetings of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the FCM's Big City Mayors' caucus; and recommending that:

- (1) the Notice of Motion by Councillor Cho and seconded by Councillor Berardinetti, respecting the establishment of a Minister and Ministry of Urban Affairs within the federal government, be received;
- (2) the City of Toronto request the federal government to establish a Cabinet Committee on Urban Affairs in order to ensure that all ministers with responsibility for key urban issues focus on a national urban agenda;
- (3) the City of Toronto support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its Big City Mayors' caucus in their efforts to lobby the federal government to establish a Cabinet Committee on Urban Affairs;

- (4) the Mayor invite the Federal Liberal Toronto Caucus to meet with the members of Toronto City Council to engage in a dialogue on key urban issues and the federal agenda;
- (5) copies of this report be sent to the Prime Minister, the federal minister with responsibility for the Greater Toronto Area, the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Big City Mayors' caucus; and
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3. DEVELOPMENT OF A CITY OF TORONTO DECLARATION AND PLAN OF ACTION REGARDING THE ELIMINATION OF RACISM IN RELATION TO THE UNITED NATIONS-WORLD CONFERENCE AGAINST RACISM, RACIAL DISCRIMINATION, XENOPHOBIA AND RELATED INTOLERANCE (UN-WCAR).

Chief Administrative Officer.
(March 21, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) City Council's Diversity Advocate be requested to include this report at the bi-annual consultation scheduled for June, 2001 with members of the Community Advisory Committees on: Aboriginal Affairs, Disability Issues, Lesbian, Gay, and Bi-Sexual and Transgender Issues, Race and Ethnic Relations, and Status of Women and request that the committees provide input to the development of the City's Declaration and Plan of Action regarding the elimination of racism and other related intolerance;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Board of Directors, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and its Standing Committee on Race Relations with the recommendation that FCM request the Government of Canada to include representatives from the municipal sector in the Canadian delegation to the United Nations World Conference Against Racism;
- (3) in keeping with the City of Toronto's on-going leadership role in the elimination of racism and related intolerance, the following recommendations be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Secretary of State (Multiculturalism) (Status of Women), and the Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) requesting that the Government of Canada:
 - (a) establish a domestic plan of action for the elimination of racism that responds to the critical issues identified by Non-Governmental

Organizations (NGO's) during the national consultative process leading up to UN-WCAR;

- (b) include a commitment in the domestic plan of action to amend the Multiculturalism Act and other appropriate legislation with the objective of establishing statutory obligations towards the elimination of racism;
 - (c) establish within the domestic plan of action performance management indicators and mechanisms for compliance and reporting on the progress being made towards the elimination of racism and other forms of intolerance;
 - (d) establish a national urban policy to address social exclusion, racial inequalities and all forms of intolerance and to hold annual inter-governmental meetings with all orders of government, including municipalities, on the progress being made towards the elimination of racism;
 - (e) establish mechanisms to support a range of intergovernmental as well as public/private partnerships and public/voluntary sector partnerships in pursuit of the achievement of equity; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. ESTABLISHMENT OF A TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD - TORONTO CITY COUNCIL LIAISON COMMITTEE.

City Clerk.

(March 14, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Prue

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

WHEREAS City Council, at its regular and special meetings held on October 3, 4, and 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, 2000, by its adoption of Motion J(7), as amended, endorsed a Toronto District School Board resolution establishing a joint working group of Council and the Toronto District and Toronto Catholic School Boards; and

“WHEREAS the Toronto District School Board, at its meeting held on December 6, 2000, adopted a resolution to establish a joint Toronto

District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee to amongst others things, focus on solving the problems related to the community use of schools in our City; and

WHEREAS there is urgency to this Motion, in that further delays in the appointment of Council Members to the Committee deprives the City of opportunities, through joint efforts, to save funds and alleviate significant hardships to citizens and community groups that exist because of new charges for community use of schools; and

WHEREAS there are no financial impacts associated with this Motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council agree to participate in a Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee by appointing up to six interested Members; and the following interested Members of Council be appointed to such Committee:

R. Cho
F. Di Giorgio
S. Hall
P. McConnell
M. Prue.”

5. SCHOOL ADVISORY COMMITTEE – MANDATE AND MEMBERSHIP.

City Clerk.
(March 14, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Di Giorgio

“**WHEREAS** Council, at its meeting held on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2001, by its adoption of Clause No. 14 of Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, established the School Advisory Committee, being a combination of two former committees on schools issues, and referred the composition and terms of reference to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS there are now pressing matters requiring the City both to work on its strategy and to work jointly with the School Board to resolve issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS there are no financial impacts associated with this Motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with §27-49 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Clause No. 14 of Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed 'Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees, and Task Forces Established by Council since January, 1998', be reopened for further consideration, only insofar as it pertains to the Terms of Reference, composition and membership of the School Advisory Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the School Advisory Committee be struck immediately, the composition being interested Members of Council, such Members being requested to indicate their interest in appointment to such Committee so that they may be appointed at the meeting of Council being held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should Council establish the joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee, which Committee is the subject of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Prue, seconded by Councillor Hall, the six Members appointed to the joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee also be appointed to the School Advisory Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the School Advisory Committee be as follows:

- (1) To provide a forum for information-sharing for City Councillors, Trustees and interested members of the public;
- (2) To identify City priorities and interests with respect to educational programs and facilities, for Council's approval;
- (3) To monitor school-related issues as they pertain to City priorities and interests, and make recommendations to Council, as appropriate;
- (4) To explore and report on matters relating to service level changes and their impact on community services; and
- (5) To provide a forum for addressing other issues of mutual concern and mutual benefit to the City and the school boards."

6. LOANS FROM THE BANK OF CANADA.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(February 14, 2001)

Providing information regarding the availability of loans to municipalities from the Bank of Canada; advising that given that loans from the Bank of Canada are not interest-free and not available directly to municipalities under the Bank Act, the lowest cost of funds and most flexible terms can be achieved in competitive capital markets without resorting to federal loans or programs that could have higher interest rates and restrict the City's future financing program; that the City continues to have a strong credit rating and enjoys excellent access to domestic and global capital markets; that as new opportunities for financing capital projects arise, staff will continue to evaluate their applicability for improving the City's current and future financial position; and recommending that this report be received for information.

7. REBATE OF PROPERTY TAXES FOR THE NORTH YORK VETERANS SOCIAL CLUB (6321 YONGE STREET) AND THE OAK RIDGE VETERANS CLUB (66 BYNG AVENUE).

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(March 20, 2001)

Recommending that City Council amend By-law No. 726-1999, so as to add the North York Veterans Social Club (6321 Yonge Street) and the Oak Ridge Veterans Club (66 Byng Avenue) to those organizations eligible to be considered for a 100 percent rebate of property taxes payable in 1999, 2000, and 2001.

8. INTEGRATED MODEL FOR COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION IN THE TORONTO BOARD OF HEALTH.

Secretary, Board of Health.
(February 21, 2001)

Advising that the Board of Health on February 19, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (February 14, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones and Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, regarding an integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health including Community Health Boards, Community Roundtables, task forces and town hall meetings;

- (2) the Board of Health approve the recommended mandate, membership and structure of the Community Health Boards;
- (3) the Board of Health approve the implementation plan to establish six Community Health Boards to conform with the six Community Council areas;
- (4) the Board of Health approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Health Boards; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**9. PARKING ENFORCEMENT UNIT: SEMI-ANNUAL REPORT
ON ABSENTEEISM FOR THE PERIOD JULY TO DECEMBER 2000.**

Mr. Norman Gardner, Chairman
Toronto Police Services Board.
(March 13, 2001)

Providing information regarding the level of absenteeism at the Parking Enforcement Unit during the period July through December 2000; and recommending that this report be received.

**10. TORONTO POLICE SERVICES BOARD – ANNUAL REPORT
AND BOARD MEETINGS VENUE.**

Mr. Norman Gardner, Chairman
Toronto Police Services Board.
(January 24, 2001)

Responding to requests adopted by City Council at its meeting held on December 5, 6 and 7, 2000, respecting the submission of annual reports to Council for comment, through the Policy and Finance Committee, and board meeting venues; advising that the 2001 Annual Report of the Toronto Police Services Board will be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee mid-way through 2001; that Toronto Police Services Board on December 9, 1999, considered the matter of its meetings venues at which time it decided to continue to hold its regularly scheduled Board meetings at police headquarters; that he has reviewed this decision, noting that there have been no changes to the Board's meeting practices that would warrant the Board reconsidering its decision; and that the Board is committed to making its meetings as accessible as possible to members of the public, Council and members of the police service.

11. UPDATE ON PROVINCIAL OFFENCES COURTS TRANSFER.

Councillor David Miller, Chair, Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force.
(March 20, 2001)

Advising that on March 20, 2001, the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force considered a report from the Chief Administrative Officer headed “Update on Provincial Offences Courts Transfer” in response to a request from the Administration Committee; and that the Task Force recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) that the report March 13, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information; and
- (2) that Council reaffirm the conditions set out in the original letter of intent dated April 20, 2000, and instruct staff to continue to negotiate on that basis.

12. COMMENTS ON THE MINISTRY OF THE ATTORNEY GENERAL’S REVIEW OF THE JUSTICE OF THE PEACE SYSTEM.

Councillor David Miller, Chair, Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force.
(March 20, 2001)

Advising that on March 20, 2001, the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force considered a report from the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor headed “Ministry of the Attorney General Review of the Justice of the Peace System” recommending that the City forward a copy of the report to the Ministry of the Attorney General so its contents may be considered in the review of the Justices of the Peace system being undertaken by the Ministry; and that the Task Force recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) that the report (March 19, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and City Solicitor be adopted; and
- (2) the following additional recommendations be forwarded to the Ministry:
 - (a) that the Province be requested to create a separate municipal court system for Toronto with Justices of the Peace, or other judicial officers, appointed and dedicated exclusively to perform judicial functions in relation to proceedings under the *Provincial Offences Act*;
 - (b) that the Province be requested to amend legislation to facilitate guilty pleas being accepted at multiple court locations using electronic versions of certificates of offence and informations and video conferencing technologies;

- (c) that, in any event, following a transfer to Toronto, the Province commit to a mechanism that ensures that the number of Justices of the Peace the City of Toronto deems to be required are appointed in a timely fashion.

13. DAWES ROAD NEIGHBOURHOOD BRANCH LIBRARY – TEN YEAR CAPITAL NEEDS (BEACHES–EAST YORK - WARD 31)

City Librarian.
(April 5, 2001)

Reporting, as requested by Council on January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2001, on consultation with the Architects, Engineers and Condominium Management respecting the ten-year Capital needs at the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Library project; advising that the information provided in the letters from the Architects, Engineers and the Condominium Corporation's property management firm confirm that the ten-year Capital needs for the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Library and condominium complex are covered by the Library's 2000 Capital funding, the annual maintenance budget and the multi-branch Capital funding; that the best efforts have been made over the past two years to identify and remedy the maintenance and structural problems at the Dawes Road Library and condominium complex; and recommending that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report for information.

14. PROPOSED EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT CHARGES BY THE TORONTO DISTRICT SEPARATE SCHOOL BOARD.

City Clerk.
(March 29, 2001)

Advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on March 26, 2001, submitted recommendations to Council respecting the "Proposed Education Development Charges by the Toronto District Separate School Board" and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the City Solicitor, to report to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee of April 5, 2001, on any administrative and systems costs associated with the implementation of Education Development Charges by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), and of potential mechanisms for the City to recover such costs from the TCDSB.

15. WORKPLACE SAFETY AND INSURANCE BOARD – ADMINISTRATION RATE INCREASE.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(March 22, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) City officials continue to work with both AMO, the Schedule 2 Employers' Group, and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to find ways to reduce WSIB administration costs;
- (2) in the event that administration cost reductions are not found, then the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board be requested to finance an independent value-for-money audit for the Schedule 2 Industry Sector;
- (3) the audit include the full participation of the Schedule 2 community in the development of the terms of reference for this audit; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

IN CAMERA In accordance with the Municipal Act, a motion is required for the Committee to meet privately and the reason must be stated.

IN CAMERA

16. PURCHASE OF REAR RAVINE LANDS LOCATED IN KIMBARK/COLDSTREAM RAVINE – 33 KIMBARK BOULEVARD (WARD 16 – EGLINTON-LAWRENCE).

(DEFERRED FROM THE JANUARY 18, 2001, MEETING.)

City Clerk.
(January 9, 2001)

Forwarding confidential recommendations from the Administration Committee meeting held on January 9, 2001, respecting the "Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine – 33 Kimbark Boulevard (Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence)", such communication to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property.

16(a) Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(January 17, 2001)

Confidential report respecting the “Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine – 33 Kimbark Boulevard (Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence)”, such communication to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property.

16(b). Commissioner of Urban Development Services.
(January 25, 2001)

Confidential report respecting the purchase of property located at the rear ravine lands in the Kimbark/Coldstream area, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property.

16(c). Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
Commissioner of Corporate Services.
(March 19, 2001)

Confidential report respecting the purchase of property located at the rear ravine lands in the Kimbark/Coldstream area, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property.

**19. GOVERNANCE STRUCTURE AND FUNDING
TO IMPLEMENT THE TORONTO
WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION INITIATIVE.**

Chief Administrative Officer.
(April 2, 2001)

Attaching a report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer seeking Council approval of the creation of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation and necessary funding to undertake the four initial projects that will kickstart this initiative, wherein it is recommended that:

**25. FINAL REPORT OF THE MAYOR’S AGENCIES, BOARDS
AND COMMISSIONS (ABCs) REDUCTION TASK FORCE.**

Chief Administrative Officer.
(April 3, 2001)

Forwarding the final report of the Mayor’s ABC Reduction Task Force; and recommending that the final report of the Mayor’s ABC Reduction Task Force (attached) be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and that he be requested to report back on:

- (a) current activities underway relating to recommendations of the report;

- (b) an overall implementation strategy based on the recommendations of the report to include appropriate consultation with the ABC's included in the Task Force review; and
- (c) any potential issues, implications or impacts arising from the recommendations of the report.