
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, April 17, 2001	Enquiry:	Patsy Morris
Time:	1:00 p.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-9151
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	Toronto		

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.****DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS.****COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:****1. CITY OF TORONTO 2001 CAPITAL AND
OPERATING BUDGETS
(ALL WARDS).**

City Clerk.
(April 11, 2001)

Advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on April 2 and 6, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the reports, listed in Appendix 1, such reports having been incorporated in the recommendations from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the City of Toronto 2001 Recommended Capital and Operating Budgets; and that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (a) received the reports containing recommendations, listed in Appendix 2; and
- (b) received the reports and communications, listed in Appendix 3, copies of which are on file in the office of the City Clerk.

(NOTE: A COPY OF APPENDICES 2 AND 3 REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING COMMUNICATION, WAS FORWARDED TO ALL MEMBERS OF COUNCIL WITH THE AGENDA OF THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE; AND A COPY THEREOF IS ALSO ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK.

THE CONSOLIDATED REPORT FROM THE CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER AND TREASURER RESPECTING THE FOREGOING MATTER WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.)

1(a). 2001 OPERATING BUDGET – AMENDMENTS TO BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE’S RECOMMENDATIONS.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(April 10, 2001)

Reporting on various amendments to the Budget Advisory Committee’s Recommended 2001 Operating Budget; advising that the adoption of the adjustments in the report will reduce the Budget Advisory Committee 2001 Operating Budget net pressure from \$173.0 million to \$98 million; that the City’s property tax increase on only the residential property class imposed by Bill 140 is reduced from 18.0 percent to 10.2 percent; that because the City’s share of the residential property tax bill is approximately 2/3, this will mean a 6.8 percent increase on the total tax bill; and recommending that the adjustments contained in this report be adopted.

1(b). MAYOR’S REMARKS TO THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON APRIL 11, 2001, RESPECTING THE CITY OF TORONTO’S OPERATING BUDGET.

Advising, amongst other things, that the Province has agreed to a number of regulation changes which will reduce the pressure on the Operating Budget by \$75 million, including the following:

- (i) \$45 million through a CVA tax shift;
- (ii) \$6 million in PST relief for the purchase of TTC subway cars;
- (iii) another \$6 million by allowing the city to use the old CVA values for G.T.A. pooling;
- (iv) \$1.5 million in Technology Transition funding for Social Services;
- (v) a \$1 million reduction in the administration costs billed to Social Services;
- (vi) \$3.5 million in savings as a result of reduced debt-carrying costs; and

(vii) the City transferring \$12 million from Woodbine Race Track in game revenues.

1(c). CORPORATE ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES FOR 2001.

Report From the Chief Administrative Officer
addressed to the Budget Advisory Committee.
(April 6, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer provide an annual, co-ordinated work plan to implement the Environmental Plan initiatives in a phased manner, for consideration with the annual budget process, starting with the 2002 process;
- (2) funding in the amount of \$972,630 (net) be provided in various programs' 2001 operating budgets to proceed with the Environmental Plan Initiatives as outlined in Appendix II of this report; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**1(d). 2001 OPERATING BUDGET – COMMUNITY AND
NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES – SHELTER, HOUSING
AND SUPPORT DIVISION.**

Councillor Jack Layton, Chair
Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons.
(April 3, 2001)

Advising that on February 12, 2001, the Community Services Committee adopted a motion asking City Council to “direct the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to add 1,000 new beds to the emergency shelter system over the next year; and further to report thereon to the Budget Advisory Committee during the 2001 budget process on the implementation of adding such beds to the system, and requesting that the Budget Advisory Committee be urged to fund rapid emergency shelter expansion”; that the Budget Advisory Committee on March 20, 2001, did not approve the motion to add 1,000 new beds; and requesting the Policy and Finance Committee to reconsider the decision of the Budget Advisory Committee and instead support the motion adopted by the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee.

**1(e). WORKS AND EMERGENCY SERVICES
2001 OPERATING BUDGET –
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES.**

City Clerk

(March 28, 2001)

Advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on March 28, 2001, during further consideration of the 2001 Operating Budget submission for Transportation Services, adopted the following motion:

“Be it resolved that the Works Committee advise the Policy and Finance Committee at its next meeting that the Works Committee is very disappointed with the Budget Advisory Committee actions on the Transportation Services budget with regard to sidewalk snow clearing in North York being reinstated for the period November – December 2001 without foresight to the \$600,000 annualized costs, which is very discriminatory to the rest of the City;

Be it further resolved that the Policy and Finance Committee be made aware that the Works Committee, which is responsible for overseeing this department, rationally had staff renegotiate, without cost, a fair and equitable sidewalk program of improved snow clearing in front of schools, parks, libraries, and community centres which are areas of concern to the larger Toronto community; and

Be it further resolved that the Works Committee reconfirm its position and request the Policy and Finance Committee and Council to reverse the Budget Advisory Committee recommendation, to send a clear message to all Torontonians that the City of Toronto is amalgamated and wishes to treat all citizens in a fair and equitable manner.”

1(f). 2001 OPERATING - TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE.

City Clerk.

(February 20, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on February 19, 2001, requested that:

- (1) that the \$108,000.00 operating budget be reinstated into the 2001 City budget for final consideration by City Council;
- (2) that the Toronto Cycling Committee members appear concerning the cycling budget at the Joint Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on Friday,

February 23, 2001, and that the Toronto Cycling Committee also present deputation at further Committee meetings, where possible;

- (3) that the Urban Development Services Department list the cycling programs as a separate line item in all future budget submissions in order that the confusion resulting from the budget documents this year can be avoided; and
- (4) that the following members of the Toronto Cycling Committee be listed as deputants at the February 23, 2001 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee:
 - (a) Mr. Israel Chackowicz, CAN-BIKE Instructor;
 - (b) Mr. Crawford Murphy, representing Toronto Catholic District School Board;
 - (c) Mr. Ron Hart, representing North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee; and
 - (d) Mr. Martin Koob, representing Toronto Bicycling Network.

1(g). 2001-2005 CAPITAL BUDGET - COMMUNITY AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES – HOMES FOR THE AGED.

Councillor Anne Johnston, Eglinton-Lawrence
and Seniors' Advocate.
 (April 5, 2001)

Expressing deep concern regarding the Recommendation of the Budget Advisory Committee to “delay the proposed new Scarborough Home until 2002”; and requesting the Policy and Finance Committee to reconsider this decision.

**1(h). Mr. Peter Clutterbuck, Senior Program Manager
Community Social Planning Council of Toronto.
 (April 10, 2001)**

Requesting that the Policy and Finance Committee reconsider the construction of a new 178-bed long term care facility in Scarborough.

**1(i). Ms. Judy Darcy, National President
Canadian Union of Public Employees.
 (April 10, 2001)**

Expressing support for the construction of a new city-run home for the aged in Scarborough.

- 1(j).** Mr. Paul A.W. Gamble, DrPH, Chairman
Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged, Ryerson University.

(March 29, 2001)

Expressing deep concern that the Budget Advisory Committee did not support the addition of the proposed new Scarborough Home in the Homes for the Aged Division's capital budget request; and requesting that the Policy and Finance Committee reconsider this issue and approve the budget for the proposed new Scarborough Home, contingent upon the Ministry of Health and Long Term Care (MOHLTC) approval.

- 1(k).** Mr. Wayne Samuelson, President
Ontario Federation of Labour.
(April 5, 2001)

Expressing support for the City of Toronto's application to the Province for a Home for the Aged in Scarborough.

**1(l). 2001 CAPITAL BUDGET – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT,
CULTURE AND TOURISM – CLASSICAL CHINESE GARDEN.**

Dr. Ming Tat Cheun, President and Chairman
Chinese Cultural Centre of Greater Toronto addressed to
Councillor David Shiner, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee.
(March 29, 2001)

Requesting that Phase II of the Chinese Cultural Centre project be expedited.

- 1(m).** Mr. Stig Harvor.
(Undated)

Forwarding comments respecting the City of Toronto's budget situation.

**2. WATER AND WASTEWATER
2001-2005 CAPITAL PROGRAM.**

(NOTE: THE RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE FROM ITS MEETING HELD ON APRIL 11, 2001, RESPECTING THE WATER AND WASTEWATER 2001-2005 CAPITAL PROGRAM WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS IT IS AVAILABLE.)

**2(a) WATER AND WASTEWATER
2001-2005 CAPITAL PROGRAM.**

City Clerk
(March 28, 2001)

Advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on March 28, 2001, during consideration of the Water and Wastewater 2001-2005 Capital Program, referred the following motion to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration:

Moved by Councillor Balkissoon:

“That the City Auditor be requested to conduct a detailed review of all additions to and withdrawals from the Water and Wastewater reserve accounts since amalgamation;

That such review examine all documentation supporting additions to and withdrawals from the reserve accounts;

That the review also include an examination of the appropriate Council authority for all such transactions, including circumstances where the nature of the reserve may have been changed from a reserve fund to a reserve;

That the review also include consultations with Ernst & Young, the City’s external financial auditors, in order to determine the extent of the audit work conducted by them on reserve transactions; and

That the City Auditor also review the rationale and reasons for the fact that the City’s Water and Wastewater reserve accounts are not subject to a separate financial attest audit by the external City Auditors, Ernst & Young, as was the case at the pre-amalgamation municipalities.”

**3. 2001 ONTARIO REGULATION 75/01 REGARDING CONTENT
AND FORM OF STANDARDIZED PROPERTY TAX BILL.**

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(April 10, 2001)

Reporting on the implications of Ontario Regulation 75/01, filed on March 30, 2001, prescribing the form and content of Final Property Tax Bills starting in 2001; and recommending that:

- (1) if the Minister of Finance has not filed the amending regulation to Ontario Regulation 75/01 by the time that the Policy and Finance Committee deals with

this report, the Policy and Finance Committee request the Minister to immediately file a regulation amending Ontario Regulation 75/01 to address the issues of:

- (a) the placement of the payment stubs and account information on the tax bill; and
 - (b) the use of the same terms (i.e. “Final YYYY Taxes” and “YYYY Tax Cap Adjustment”) on different schedules to mean different things; and
- (2) if the amending regulation is not filed by April 17, 2001, the Policy and Finance Committee request the Minister of Finance to compensate the City for its loss of interest revenue due to the fact that the City is unable to issue its 2001 final tax bills on schedule pending possible amending regulations.

(NOTE: A COPY OF APPENDICES A, A(1), C, D AND D(1) REFERRED TO IN THE FOREGOING REPORT WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.)

4. 2001 TAX LEVY BY-LAWS.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(April 10, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to report directly to Council, at its meetings of April 25, 26, and 27, 2001, with respect to the tax levy by-law;
- (2) in the event that the Province has not filed the required regulations prescribing the education tax rates for 2001 at the time that Council considers this report:
 - (a) Council immediately request the Minister of Finance to regulate the education rates for 2001, no later than May 8, 2001; and
 - (b) Council schedule a special meeting to adopt a levy by-law levying the education rates for 2001 not later than May 10, 2001;
- (3) in the event that the Minister has not filed the required regulations prescribing the education tax rates for 2001 by May 9, 2001, or if the required regulations are filed by May 8, 2001, but Council is not able to accommodate a special meeting to adopt the levy by-law by May 10, 2001, the Province be requested to reimburse the City of Toronto for costs incurred with respect to the loss of interest earnings and a shortfall in the City’s cash flow resulting from the delay in the issuance of the City’s 2001 final property tax bills; and
- (4) Council be authorized to waive, on a one-time basis, its directive for a clear 30 days from the date of mailing of the tax bill to the first due date.

5. TORONTO PORT AUTHORITY – SURPLUS ACCOUNT.

Councillors Howard Moscoe and David Miller
(undated)

Submitting the following Notice of Motion:

“WHEREAS on June 16, 2000, in a report to the Audit Committee, the City Auditor identified a surplus account containing \$50 million in the accounts of the Toronto Port Authority; and

WHEREAS the *Toronto Harbour Commissioners’ Act* of 1911 requires that ‘surplus profits’ be returned to the City; and

WHEREAS the Auditor has recommended that City Finance, in consultation with Legal Services, determine the composition of the surplus account at the Toronto Port Authority with a ‘view to determining whether or not any of this surplus qualifies as *surplus profits*’ which should be returned to the City under this Act; and

WHEREAS the City is still awaiting this report;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that City Finance, in consultation with Legal Services, be directed to report to the next meeting of Council.

6. LOANS FROM THE BANK OF CANADA.

(DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 5, 2001, MEETING.)

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.

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

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

(DEFERRED FROM THE APRIL 5, 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.

7(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.

7(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.

**7(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.

7(d) City Clerk
(April 4, 2001)

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.