
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE**AGENDA**

Date of Meeting:	Thursday, May 17, 2001	Enquiry:	Patsy Morris
Time:	9:30 a.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.**

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

- 1. BUILDING THE NEW CITY OF TORONTO – FINAL THREE
YEAR STATUS REPORT ON AMALGAMATION,
JANUARY, 1998 – DECEMBER 2000.**

Chief Administrative Officer.
(May 9, 2001)

Presenting the Final Three Year Status Report on Amalgamation – January 1998 to December 2000; advising that much of the information in the financial issues section of the report has been reported previously to the Budget Advisory Committee on March 19, 2001 and April 6, 2001, through reports on the savings and costs from amalgamation; and recommending that this report be received as information.

**(NOTE: A COPY OF THE REPORT, ENTITLED “BUILDING THE NEW
CITY OF TORONTO – FINAL THREE YEAR STATUS REPORT
ON AMALGAMATION – JANUARY 1998 TO DECEMBER 2000”,
WAS FORWARDED TO MEMBERS OF COUNCIL AND SELECT**

OFFICIALS ONLY AND A COPY THEREOF IS ON FILE IN THE OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK AND POSTED ON THE CITY'S WEB SITE.)

2. DECEMBER 31, 2000, OPERATING BUDGET VARIANCE REPORT.

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.
(May 3, 2001)

Providing a summary of the gross and net expenditure position of the City of Toronto for the twelve months of operation ended December 31, 2000; advising that the expenditure and revenue variance statements are subject to final audit of the accounts and other post-closing adjustments; that the 2000 operating variance report indicates that the overall expenditure level for the City of Toronto was within the approved budget for City Departments, Special Purpose Bodies and Corporate Accounts; that the City's preliminary operating surplus prior to the annual audit is \$11.2 million or 0.4 percent of the 2000 net tax supported budget; and recommending that:

- (1) the operating variance report for the year ending December 31, 2000 be received for information; and
- (2) the technical adjustments to the 2000 Operating Budget as outlined in Appendix E, be approved.

3. EXECUTION OF THE 2002 – 2006 HOST COMMUNITY AGREEMENT WITH THE INTERNATIONAL COUNCIL FOR LOCAL ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES (ICLEI).

Chief Administrative Officer.
(May 3, 2001)

Recommending that:

- (1) Council authorize the execution of the proposed host community agreement generally in accordance with the terms and conditions outlined in this report and as finalized to the satisfaction of the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer inform City Council annually about the joint City-ICLEI work plan;
- (3) in 2001, the Treasurer establish an ICLEI account in the non-program corporate accounts to finance 2001 ICLEI related expenditures through the realignment of existing budgets;

- (4) City Council approve funding for ICLEI in the non-program corporate account in the amount not exceeding \$500,000, starting in 2002; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. AMENDMENT TO WAYFINDING SIGNAGE AGREEMENT – EXHIBITION PLACE.

General Manager and CEO
Exhibition Place.
(April 1, 2001)

Seeking approval of amendments to the proposed agreement between the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place and Eller Canada with respect to the Wayfinding Signage at Exhibition Place; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve the amendments to the proposed agreement with Eller Canada as outlined in this report; and
- (2) the appropriate Exhibition Place and City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. LEGALITY OF TASK FORCES MEETING IN PRIVATE.

City Solicitor.
(May 3, 2001)

Reporting, as requested by the Policy and Finance Committee, on the legality of task forces meeting in private; advising that the Mayor's Single City Savings Task Force was not established by Council, but rather was established by the Mayor in May, 1999 for the purposes of providing advice to him on additional possible savings from amalgamation; that the Task Force consisted of six members of City Council appointed by the Mayor; that meetings of the Task Force and other advisory task forces created by the Mayor are not subject to the requirements of section 55 of the Act and are therefore not required to be open to the public; that any costs associated with the meetings were paid for by the CAO's office and given these facts surrounding the meetings of the Task Force, it is unlikely that a court would consider the Task Force's meetings to be formal meetings to which the statutory requirements for open meetings apply; and recommending that this report be received for information.

6. GENERAL AGREEMENT ON TRADE IN SERVICES (GATS).

City Clerk.

(May 10, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its regular meeting on April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Miller

“**WHEREAS** the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Seattle to initiate ‘The Millennium Round’ brought public attention to the importance of trade issues to the quality of life people experience in their local community; and

WHEREAS, while the meetings did not reach an agreement on an agenda for the next round of WTO trade talks, discussions on the General Agreement on Trade in Services (GATS) will still take place over the next three years as part of the ‘built-in agenda’ agreed upon at the founding of the WTO in 1995; and

WHEREAS discussions on this agreement may result in the inclusion of several of the features of the now defunct Multilateral Agreement on Investment (MAI), including those opposed by Toronto City Council in previous resolutions; and

WHEREAS, the proposed changes to the GATS are of concern to local governments, as they could affect existing jurisdiction and authorities; and

WHEREAS the GATS contains a clause on Domestic Regulation that would, as currently envisioned, subject all new Toronto regulatory and licensing initiatives to a rigorous WTO screening process. This screening process would impose a greatly increased administrative burden on Toronto; prevent Toronto from setting limits on the number of ‘service providers’ (for example, taxis, casinos, big box stores, park vendors) and severely constrain Toronto’s authority to protect its environment; and

WHEREAS the federal government has neither alerted nor consulted local governments regarding these issues, and as a result, citizens and taxpayers of Canadian municipalities have had little access to information and have also had limited access to informed debates on the proposed changes to the GATS;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto urge the Prime Minister of Canada to exclude municipal jurisdiction from the GATS negotiations, until such time as full and public consultations with municipalities can take place;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto raise the issue of the GATS and its implications for municipal governance at the May 25, 2001 meeting of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, by moving or supporting a resolution to exclude municipal jurisdiction from GATS negotiations until such time as full and public consultations take place;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federation of Canadian Municipalities be requested to dedicate staff to monitoring WTO discussions and alert Canadian municipalities of any encroachment on their jurisdictions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto Council state its support for the Union of British Columbia Municipalities motion on GATS (copy attached);

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion be:

- (1) circulated to Members of Parliament representing areas within the City of Toronto, with the request that they endorse the City's action;
- (2) forwarded to all Ontario municipalities for their support;
- (3) made available to the public;
- (4) forwarded to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Executive for endorsement;
- (5) forwarded to the Toronto-area consulates of WTO member countries; and
- (6) forwarded to the Union of British Columbia Municipalities Executive for their information.”

7. ESTABLISHMENT OF AN INTERGOVERNMENTAL OFFICE.

City Clerk.

(May 10, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its regular meeting on April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Mihevc

Seconded by: Councillor Pitfield

“WHEREAS the City of Toronto clearly requires improved inter-governmental relations with the two senior levels of government over the current term of Council, in order to properly address the City’s \$305 million budgetary shortfall; and

WHEREAS many municipal jurisdictions in North America, such as Montreal and New York, understand the importance of having inter-governmental relations offices that vigorously promote their respective City’s interest with senior levels of government; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is facing a serious budgetary shortfall, due in part to senior levels divesting themselves of responsibility for public transit, social housing and other soft services, without the allocation of sufficient funding to administer such services; and

WHEREAS in the case of the City of Toronto, there may be opportunities to leverage additional financial resources and legislative powers beneficial to the City through better relations; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto needs an institutional guide to effectively steer communication between the City and the two senior levels of government; and

WHEREAS the Chief Administrator’s Office, which currently is charged with inter-governmental relations, is in need of additional support and stature to effectively advocate on the City’s behalf;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to prepare a report, as part of the Chief Administrative Officer’s review of the Administrative and Council Committee structure, on the following proposals, and that such report be presented at the earliest date possible, for Council’s consideration:

- (1) that an inter-governmental office be created, that would effectively guide relationships between the City's agencies, boards and commissions and departments with their respective agencies and ministries at the provincial and federal levels; and
- (2) that a political steering committee be formed, comprised of Members of Council, to act as a reference group for the inter-governmental office."

8. RESIGNATION FROM THE SUSTAINABILITY ROUNDTABLE.

Councillor Lindsay Luby, Etobicoke Centre.
(April 27, 2001)

Submitting her resignation from the Sustainability Roundtable due to timetable conflicts; and requesting that another member of the Policy and Finance Committee be appointed to replace her.

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.

9. COLISEUM PROJECT – MODIFICATIONS TO THE OFFER TO LEASE.

General Manager and CEO
Exhibition Place.
(May 3, 2001)

Submitting a confidential report respecting the "Coliseum Project – Modifications to the Offer to Lease", such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

IN CAMERA.

10. REVIEW OF OPTIONS FOR CITY'S INVESTMENT IN ENWAVE.

Chief Administrative Officer.
(May 7, 2001)

Submitting a confidential report respecting a "Review of Options for City's Investment in Enwave", such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the Municipal Act.