

Clause embodied in Report No. 7 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, which was before the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001.

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**Council Appointment to Toronto Track
and Field Centre Advisory Council
(Ward 8 York West)**

(City Council on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, deferred consideration of this Clause to the next regular meeting of City Council scheduled to be held on October 2, 2001.)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommends the adoption of the following report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to adding the following:

“the Economic Development and Parks Committee requests that the Striking Committee give consideration to appointing Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9 York Centre, as the Chair of the Toronto Track and Field Centre Advisory Council.”:

Purpose:

To request the appointment by the Striking Committee of one member of Toronto City Council to the Chair of the Toronto Track and Field Centre Advisory Council.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee and Council refer to the Striking Committee the appointment of one member of Toronto City Council as the Chair of the Toronto Track and Field Centre Advisory Council; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

An agreement signed in 1976 between the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and York University established the operation of a Track and Field Centre at York University. Advice on the operation of the facility was originally provided by the Operating and Programming Committee made up of five members. Three of these members were appointed by the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and two by York University as noted in section 1(i) of the 1976 Agreement. The original agreement is silent on whom shall represent Council's interest on the Committee. Section 9 of the original agreement states "If at any time during the currency of this agreement the parties hereto shall deem it necessary or expedient to make any alterations or additions to this agreement, they may do so by means of a written agreement between them which shall be supplementary hereto and form part hereof."

In 1999, a full business plan for the centre was developed and the Committee was re-structured as an Advisory Council with 12 members. All parties agreed that this business plan would constitute a sub-agreement as noted in Section 9. Since that time, Councillor Maria Augimeri has been the Chair of the Advisory Council, however, with the ward re-alignments in 2000, the facility now resides in Ward 8, York West which is Councillor Peter LiPreti's Ward. The Business Plan adopted by the Operating and Programming Committee states that the Track and Field Centre "shall have a Chair appointed by Toronto City Council, ideally this Chair would be the local Councillor for the Ward the centre is located in." Past practice, however, has had both the local Councillor from the Metropolitan Corporation appointed to serve as Chair and a Councillor other than the local Councillor appointed.

Comments:

There is one position as chair of the Advisory Council designated as a member of Toronto City Council and the appointment is required for the remainder of the term of this Council. Two Councillors have expressed interest in this appointment. The decision should be referred to the Striking Committee.

Conclusions:

It is recommended that the Economic Development and Parks Committee refer the appointment of a member of City Council to chair the Advisory Council of the Toronto Track and Field Centre at York University to the Striking Committee.

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