

Clause embodied in Report No. 10 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001.

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### **World Youth Day Conference and Papal Visit in 2002 (All Wards)**

*(City Council on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001, adopted this Clause, without amendment.)*

**The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommends the adoption of the report (October 4, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee reports, for the information of Council, having requested the World Youth Day 2002 staff, working with the Toronto Transit Commission, to engage in further consultations with the Churches, the Provincial and the Federal Governments, to resolve the transit issues and report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

**The Economic Development and Parks Committee submits the following report (October 4, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:**

Purpose:

This report provides information to Council on the status of hosting the World Youth Day Conference and Papal visit in 2002 and recommends a number of measures to facilitate the successful execution of the event.

Financial Implications and Impact Statement:

The City Secretariat has received preliminary information from City departments, agencies, boards and commissions on the financial impact of World Youth Day on their respective 2002 operating budgets. Based on the planning assumptions currently available from the World Youth Day Council, the consolidated net estimate of additional funds to be requested is approximated to be \$7.3 million.

This does not include a preliminary estimate of \$9 million for TTC costs. The recovery of these costs associated with the delivery of extended TTC service will be the subject of an agreement between the TTC and the World Youth Day Council.

This budget information will be subject to further analysis by the Finance Department, and specific details will be provided in the 2002 Capital and Operating budget submissions from each department.

The Acting Chief Financial Officer and Acting Treasurer have reviewed this report and concur with the financial impact statement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Mayor notify, by letter, all City of Toronto residents and businesses of World Youth Day (WYD) 2002, and its potential impacts on transit, transportation routes, and the availability of City facilities and parks between July 21 to July 29, 2002; and that the letter encourage potential volunteers and accommodation hosts to contact the World Youth Day Council;
- (2) Council approve a moratorium on the issuance of road closure permits, from July 21 to July 28, 2002, for activities that may conflict with the pilgrimage routes, walkways, and other locations required for WYD 2002, subject to prior consultations with producers of large-scale annual events normally occurring at this time;
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to seek alternative dates and locations where possible, for community groups and City run programs that will be impacted by World Youth Day 2002 activity;
- (4) authority be granted to provide temporary office space to the WYD 2002 National Office Operations staff, at 951 Wilson Avenue from September 1, 2001 until August 31, 2002, and that the rental income for the period be waived;
- (5) all City operating departments, agencies, boards and commissions be directed to review their respective 2002 capital projects and schedules to ensure there are no potential conflicts with WYD 2002 activity;
- (6) Council direct the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to prepare a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the City of Toronto and the World Youth Day Council, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, which outlines terms and conditions under which services will be provided to WYD 2002, as well as the roles and responsibilities of each party; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Background:

At its meeting of November 25, 1998, Council endorsed the efforts of the Canadian Conference of Catholic Bishops (CCCCB) to submit a proposal to the Vatican to hold the 2002 World Youth Day (WYD) Conference in Toronto. Council further directed the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to provide support to the representatives of the CCCC and the Archdiocese of Toronto in their efforts to host this international event in Toronto.

In August 2000, the Mayor led a delegation to the World Youth Day in Rome to observe the planning and execution of the event and to participate in the announcement by Pope John Paul II that Toronto would be the host city of World Youth Day 2002.

At its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 10, 11 and 12, 2000, Council adopted Clause No. 38 of Report No. 12 of The Policy and Finance Committee, as amended, recommending a series of measures to assist with the planning and implementation of World Youth Day 2002. These measures included:

- (i) approving an interest-free loan in the amount of \$1.0 million to the World Youth Day Council to assist with the up-front planning costs of the event;
- (ii) establishing a City World Youth Day Secretariat to help co-ordinate and facilitate City services for the event;
- (iii) establishing a Council Reference Group comprised of City Councillors to act as a sounding board and provide advice to the City World Youth Day Secretariat;
- (iv) establishing a Public Safety and Security Planning Group comprised of representatives from Toronto Police Services, Ambulance Services, Fire Services and Transportation Services;
- (v) contributing \$53,500.00 towards the cost of the World Youth Day Operations Plan that was co-funded by the federal and provincial governments; and
- (vi) directing all City departments, agencies, boards and commissions to provide full co-operation and in-kind support to World Youth Day, the details of which would be provided as planning progressed in 2001.

At its meeting of April 23, 24, 25, 26, 27 and 30, May 1 and 2, 2001, Council adopted Clause No. 11 of Report No. 4 of The Policy and Finance Committee recommending that banner locations on utility poles and on bridges that were used by the TO-Bid Committee be made available to World Youth Day and that the permit fees for these locations be waived.

Comments:

World Youth Day:

Pope John Paul II established World Youth Day in 1984. It is a bi-annual event organized by the Catholic Church and attended by young people aged 16 to 35 from around the world. Previous events have been held in Rome, Paris, Manila and Denver.

Toronto World Youth Day will include a Papal visit and will be held from July 22 to July 28, 2002. The event is expected to attract up to 750,000 pilgrims for the week-long program, and up to 1 million people for the closing mass with Pope John Paul II on the final day. Exhibition Place and the Downsview Lands are the principal sites for the event, with as many as thirty-five urban satellite sites utilized over the seven-day period. The Canadian Conference of

Catholic Bishops has formed the World Youth Day Council, under the leadership of Father Thomas Rosica, to produce this event. The preliminary schedule for the conference is set out in Attachment No. 1 to this report.

WYD 2002 is the largest and most complex event ever hosted by the City of Toronto, and is a mammoth organizational and logistical challenge for the World Youth Day Council. Housing, feeding, and transporting several hundred thousand people over a seven-day period cannot be safely achieved or executed without the City's direct involvement.

#### Economic Impact:

As the largest event ever held in Canada, World Youth Day 2002 will allow the City to enhance its international profile and prominence, as it plays host to young people from around the globe and upward of 3,000 international media representatives.

Tourism Toronto and the Provincial Ministry of Tourism have each recently completed their own Economic Impact analysis of World Youth Day. While both organizations use different models, the findings clearly demonstrate significant benefits for Toronto. Based on a mid-range estimate of 600,000 registered pilgrims, the hosting of World Youth Day 2002 will generate between \$170 and \$186 million of net incremental spending in Toronto and Peel Region. This incremental spending will generate the equivalent of 3,000 to 4,500 jobs for one year.

#### Social Benefits:

Communities participating in WYD 2002 stand to benefit from the experience of working together in hosting pilgrims from around the globe. Although the central focus is the parish church, extensive efforts are underway to involve all religious denominations, service clubs and local organizations in some aspect of the WYD event. This is a unique feature of Toronto's WYD, and response to date within several communities has exceeded preliminary expectations.

Social Service projects will also be an integral component of the Toronto WYD experience. A variety of activities of benefit to the community concerned, and to WYD participants, will be offered across the City. Service projects under consideration include neighbourhood and environmental clean-ups; direct assistance to front line organizations such as daily food banks, senior citizen homes and children's service organizations; and at least one house building location in conjunction with Habitat for Humanity.

City Councillors will be canvassed by the City Secretariat to help formulate a list of projects that would be of benefit to local communities. This list will be submitted to the WYD Council for consideration.

#### World Youth Day 2002 Council Reference Group:

Members of City Council were appointed to the World Youth Day 2002 Council Reference Group (CRG) at the February 15, 2001 meeting of City Council. Its mandate is to serve as a sounding board, and to provide guidance and advice to the City World Youth Day Secretariat. The CRG will also play an important role in promoting Council's interests, and acting as Council's Ambassador for this event.

The members nominated Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21 St. Paul's, as the Chair and Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9 York Centre, as the Vice-Chair. Two half-day meetings have been held to date, at which CRG members have provided valuable information and direction to the staff. The membership of the Council Reference Group and Terms of Reference are included as Attachment No. 2.

#### City World Youth Day Secretariat:

The City World Youth Day Secretariat was formed at the direction of City Council. The predominant role of the Secretariat is to:

- (a) liaise with the WYD Council and National Office on all aspects of planning for WYD 2002;
- (b) facilitate a co-ordinated approach to delivery of services from all levels of government;
- (c) ensure that support to WYD from the City's operational departments is well co-ordinated, cost-effective and of the highest standard; and
- (d) act as a central information source on the City's support to World Youth Day.

The WYD Secretariat was involved in the preparation of the WYD Operational Plan, which currently guides the structure, priorities and time lines of the organizing committees. The Secretariat staff are integral members of all sub-committees, offering a broad range of planning support and special event expertise.

#### City Leads Team:

Initiated by the City Secretariat, this group is composed of lead staff from each City department involved in executing the World Youth Day 2002 Operational Plan. A fundamental goal of the City Leads planning team is to ensure co-ordinated delivery of City services to WYD, while minimizing the impact of WYD 2002 on the delivery of essential services to businesses and residents. Team members are actively involved in those sub-committees and work groups that require operational support, and which potentially impact on the City's capacity for service delivery.

#### Status of World Youth Day Planning Activity:

The WYD 2002 organizational structure acknowledges the need for continuity of information and decision making, while recognizing the efficiency of smaller working level committees.

Critical to the planning and decision making process for all sub-committees is knowing how many pilgrims to expect, their points of origin, and how they are travelling to and from Toronto. The answers to these questions can only be determined through the registration process, which is the responsibility of the World Youth Day Council. The operational plans of each group will require constant monitoring and updating, until registration is officially closed and confirmation of attendance figures provided. The registration system has undergone several revisions and is

expected to be available in early October. Notwithstanding, there has been a tremendous amount of work accomplished to date. An update on each of the planning committees is provided in Attachment No. 3 of this report.

#### Roles and Responsibilities of City Departments and ABC's:

Executing the detailed plans of the WYD 2002 planning committees, in a manner that will minimize disruption to the City infrastructure will be a challenge. City staff will play an important role in making the event a success on all fronts.

#### Toronto Police Services (TPS):

TPS have the lead role in all facets of safety and security, including the co-ordination of intelligence matters, and the management of traffic congestion, road closures, parking issues, site security, pedestrian safety and public order. Toronto Police play a key role in chairing the Joint Task Force, which includes all Federal, Provincial and Regional jurisdictions of Policing; Customs and Immigration; and Toronto Fire, Transportation and Emergency Medical Services. TPS is responsible for ensuring that officers from all jurisdictions involved in WYD receive an orientation and training on all aspects of the Public Safety and Security plan. Every available officer will be assigned to WYD, including the auxiliary. Agreements are in place authorizing additional policing support from Peel Region, and the Province.

#### Transportation and the TTC:

Toronto Transportation Services is responsible for safely moving thousands of pilgrims around the City. This involves the creation of a master plan to address arrivals and departures, daily movement of pilgrims from accommodation locations to Exhibition Place, and the co-ordination of transit requirements and road closures to facilitate the Way of the Cross and the pilgrimage to the Downsview lands. Transportation services are also assisting WYD to co-ordinate the use of privately owned coaches and school buses through agreements with the respective associations. Through the co-operation of other GTA transit authorities, WYD Council is planning to negotiate a GTA transit pass for all registered WYD participants.

The TTC is planning to run 20 hours of rush hour service on most days, as a means of minimizing disruption to daily customers. Extensive volunteer support from within the Commission will be provided to ensure the safety of all passengers, and to provide information to pilgrims at each station stop. TTC has also donated ten buses to WYD for promotional wrapping purposes. It is anticipated that the TTC's costs of providing additional service to accommodate WYD needs, will be fully recovered from the World Youth Day Council.

The process of implementing the Transportation plan will include prior consultation with the communities and local Councillors that are most affected by road closures, traffic diversion plans, and pilgrim walkways. Critical to successful execution of the plan is unencumbered access to transportation routes. Accordingly, staff are recommending that all City operating departments, agencies, boards and commissions be directed to review their respective capital projects and schedules to ensure there are no potential conflicts with WYD 2002 activity.

### Public Health, Fire and Emergency Medical Services:

Providing Health and Emergency Medical Services (EMS) for an additional 750,000 visitors will require extensive co-operation and co-ordination of all the stakeholders to ensure access to critical care units, adequate emergency facilities and considerably more vehicles, equipment and supplies than under normal conditions. EMS is involved in the design of Health Care services, as well as in the provision of medical assistance at each of the sites. EMS will also work with Toronto Police and Transportation Services, and the Toronto Emergency Planning Committee to develop an Emergency Response Plan.

Public Health's role is to provide direction and assist in the co-ordination of all WYD activities that pertain to public health, including accommodation, meal preparation and distribution, site sanitation, and emergency response to outbreaks of communicable disease. Public Health will work closely with the municipal Standards and Licensing department, to ensure food vendors meet City requirements. Up to 40 public health inspectors will visit all program sites each day to ensure standards are maintained in all areas.

Fire Services are involved in various planning committees and are preparing their service delivery plan in accordance with the needs expressed by each group. It is anticipated that further involvement is forthcoming once accommodation sites are identified.

Given the magnitude of WYD and the demand on services for policing, public health, EMS, TTC and Transportation Services, it is recommended that, subject to consultations with producers of large-scale annual events normally run during the period of WYD, there be a moratorium on the issuance of road closure permits for activities which may conflict with locations required for WYD.

### Solid Waste:

Solid waste management will require additional labour and vehicles throughout World Youth Day period, and will open an additional processing site to handle the increased amount of daily refuse. The department will maximize diversion, and recycling, using a color-coded collection system at all locations. Considerable volunteer assistance is required and support for the program by the participants is essential. Co-ordination with Exhibition Place and outside food vendors is anticipated, and will be initiated by the City lead.

### Parks and Recreation:

Parks and Recreation staff will be responsible for adjusting permits for several locations to accommodate the WYD afternoon and evening program, which includes an entertainment component as well as the provision of two hot meals per day. Extensive set-up may be required, depending on the sites selected for these activities. Park's staff will be required to provide daily cleanup services, while restoration of the parks and green spaces is anticipated following the event.

#### Real Estate and Facilities:

Corporate Real Estate has compiled an extensive inventory of every facility owned and operated by the City, and will recommend sites suitable for WYD activities that may include accommodation, storage, parking, and delegation meeting locations. Agreements were facilitated by the staff to provide office space for the TPS, and members of the Public Safety and Security team at 951 Wilson Avenue. On the recommendation of TPS, additional space was provided to WYD Operations staff. As this arrangement provides operational efficiencies for both groups, staff are recommending that Council authorize the provision of space at 951 Wilson Avenue to the WYD operations staff, from July 2001 to August 31, 2002, and that the rental income for the period be waived. World Youth Day Council will be responsible for utilities, insurance and maintenance fees. The potential loss of revenue if the space was leased is estimated at \$30,000.00 for the period.

#### Urban Development Services:

Building Services has provided leadership in the development of a building assessment template and a set of fire safety guidelines that will help determine which schools and other facilities will be approved by Building and Fire Services officials, as temporary accommodation sites. This additional safety measure was undertaken to ensure that each site meets the provincial Building and Fire Code standards, for the duration of WYD. The use of the template by the School Boards and the other facilities will achieve the same outcome as if a building permit was issued, consequently in lieu of building permits, the template will be applied for the period of WYD.

#### Exhibition Place:

A planning team from Exhibition Place has been working closely with the WYD Operations team to establish the site plan and related services. The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place has waived all rental fees, and additional labour needs for site set-up and take down will be provided at cost. Staff at Exhibition Place have provided meeting room space, and facilitated community information sessions for WYD.

#### Communications:

Communications will play a critical role in preparing the City for WYD, and in managing the day to day issues that will arise. A three-phase strategy is in place and the first of several community information meetings are underway. The plan is to provide residents and businesses with accurate and timely information on the event, particularly in the communities adjacent to the main program areas and walkways. Several key messages will be carried forward to promote the City, and its citizens as a tourism destination for 2002.

As planning progresses, it is anticipated that other City departments and services will be involved.

### Memorandum of Understanding (MOU):

The City of Toronto's involvement and contributions of manpower, equipment, and facilities are essential to the successful implementation of the World Youth Day Operational Plan. Given that the World Youth Day Council has overall responsibility for key issues such as programming, volunteers, event production, delegate registration and a host of other matters, it is essential that both party's roles and responsibilities are clearly documented. It is recommended that the City of Toronto and the World Youth Day Council establish a Memorandum of Understanding, satisfactory to the City Solicitor, that clearly outlines terms and conditions under which City service will be provided to WYD 2002, as well as the roles and responsibilities of each party. This document will be prepared with the input of the City departments, agencies, boards and commissions involved in World Youth Day 2002.

### Legacy Project:

Given the significance of World Youth Day 2002 and the anticipated social and economic benefits to the City of Toronto, the feasibility of creating a structural landmark as a legacy to the event has been explored. The criteria was that the structure be thematically linked to WYD 2002, yet appeal to all faiths; be highly visible; make use of durable, natural materials; and require low maintenance.

The proposal to build an "Inukshuk" as a legacy project was considered and endorsed by members of the Council Reference Group. Constructed from rock slabs, which thematically and structurally are all of equal importance, the "Inukshuk" is a legendary guide, pointing the way to safe passage on both land and water. The Inukshuk is also an eternal symbol of the importance of friendship, and reminds us of our dependence on one another.

A preliminary investigation of potential sites revealed that Battery Park (Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina) south of Exhibition Place, is an appropriate place for such a project. It is visible from the Lake, the Martin Goodman Trail and Lakeshore Boulevard and it is currently under restoration as a result of the storm water run-off project. The existing landscaping plan can readily accommodate the proposed structure and support system.

The next steps to be taken include the installation of a load bearing foundation and mound before the onset of winter, and immediate consultation with appropriate suppliers, and partners to finalize the design and commitment to materials. This project has been included for consideration in the pre-approved 2002 Capital Budget submission.

### World Youth Day Fund-raising and Sponsorship Efforts:

The World Youth Day event budget is estimated to be over \$200 million. The registration fee is set at a very affordable rate by the Vatican to encourage the greatest participation of youth from all economic backgrounds. The fee of \$240.00 will only cover part of the costs of providing sleeping accommodation, three meals a day, a GTA wide transit pass, health insurance, and the pilgrim pack.

The major sources of revenue to the organizers will be registration fees, national collections, fund-raising, sponsorship and contributions from the three levels of government. Among the confirmed sponsors are: Delta Chelsea Hotel, Pizza Pizza, Hydro One, Alitalia, St. Joseph Printing, Reggio Parmegano and the Royal Bank of Canada.

Two national collections will be held in parishes across Canada and the parishes will further contribute with hosting the pilgrims prior to their arrival in Toronto.

#### Involvement of Federal and Provincial Governments:

The Government of Canada and the Provincial Government have each established their own offices to co-ordinate their support for World Youth Day 2002. The Federal government has provided World Youth Day with a \$1 million grant to support the event. Parc Downsview Park will be provided to the organizers at no cost for the overnight vigil and Papal Mass site. Entry visa fees have been waived for delegates and additional resources will be made available from the Customs and Revenue Agency and the Department of Citizenship and Immigration for the orderly processing of visitors and goods; additional staffing and services are estimated at \$5 million. The Department of National Defense (DND) will be providing staff secondments, and armouries for accommodation sites. DND is studying a request from World Youth Day to provide airlift services for pilgrims arriving from remote areas.

The safety and security efforts pertaining directly to the visit of the Pope will be the lead responsibility of the federal government. The Church organizers have requested CBC to be the host broadcaster. Preliminary estimates for these services are between \$2 to \$3 million.

The provincial government provided a \$1 million grant to the World Youth Day organizers and office equipment and furnishings for the World Youth Day Offices at 415 Yonge Street.

Other areas of support under consideration include costs associated with the provision of services of the Ontario Provincial Police, emergency health, highway management, parks and the use of provincial agencies and facilities for WYD programming (e.g., Ontario Place and the Royal Ontario Museum).

#### Conclusions:

This report provides Council with the most current update on the planning activities for World Youth Day 2002, and seeks Council's authority to proceed with actions that will facilitate the City's role as host community. It is a project that relies on the expertise and involvement of all City departments and several of the special purpose bodies. The details of the costs associated for the delivery of services will be subject to the 2002 budget submissions.

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Attachment No. 1  
Preliminary WYD Conference Schedule

Saturday July 20 to Monday July 22	Pilgrims travel to Toronto, from other parts of Canada and from their home countries.
Tuesday July 23	Opening Mass of Welcome at Exhibition Place, from late afternoon to early evening.
Wednesday July 24 to Friday July 26	Daily program of events, at Exhibition Place and satellite locations across the GTA, consisting of plenary sessions with the Bishops in the mornings, social service projects in the afternoon and entertainment in the late afternoon and evenings.
Friday July 26	The Way of the Cross procession up University Avenue, starting early evening at Nathan Phillips Square, and concluding in front of the Royal Ontario Museum at approximately 10:00 p.m.
Saturday July 27	Pilgrimage walk begins to the Downsview Lands, site of the overnight vigil and the Papal Mass. Pilgrims spend the night, with the Pope attending for a portion of the evening.
Sunday July 28	Papal mass begins in the early morning, and concludes at noon. Pilgrims begin to leave the site following the mass, and continue until late evening.

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Attachment No. 2  
Council Reference Group Membership and Terms of Reference

Councillor Maria Augimeri	Ward 9 York Centre
Councillor Raymond Cho	Ward 42 Scarborough-Rouge River
Councillor Betty Disero	Ward 17 Davenport
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park
Councillor Peter Li Preti	Ward 8 York West
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	Ward 4 Etobicoke Centre
Councillor Joe Mihevc	Ward 21 St. Paul's
Councillor Peter Milczyn	Ward 5 Etobicoke-Lakeshore
Councillor Frances Nunziata	Ward 11 York South-Weston
Councillor Joe Pantalone	Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina
Councillor Michael Prue	Ward 31 Beaches-East York
Councillor Sherene Shaw	Ward 39 Scarborough-Agincourt
Councillor Mario Silva	Ward 18 Davenport

## Terms of Reference

### Mandate:

The CRG will serve as a sounding board to the Secretariat, and will provide advice pertaining to the City's role in supporting WYD 2002.

The CRG will also play an important role in promoting Council's interest, and in seeking the necessary resources to successfully support the event. The role of the CRG will include:

- (1) acting as WYD Ambassadors to residents, businesses and the community at large;
- (2) speaking on behalf of the City WYD Secretariat, and WYD 2002 at City Council;
- (3) facilitating access to and co-ordination of City resources;
- (4) liaising with senior levels of government; and
- (5) providing support to the planning process of the Secretariat.

### Membership:

City of Toronto Council has appointed 13 representatives to the Reference Group, with the Chair to be selected from within the membership.

### Meetings:

Quarterly, or at the call of the Chair.

### Reporting:

The CRG will report as required, in conjunction with the regular WYD Secretariat updates to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

### Term:

The CRG role will terminate in the fall of 2002 with the submission of the final report.

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## Attachment No. 3 Planning Group Updates

### Accommodation Sub-Committee:

Based on a projection of 600,000 pilgrims requiring accommodation for the WYD event, a number of housing options will be provided. There are four active work groups within this sub-committee, which includes City representation from the Secretariat, Fire Services, Urban Development Services, Public Health, Communications and Community and Neighbourhood Services.

(1) Paid accommodation:

Tourism Toronto has established a WYD Housing Bureau to handle reservations for hotels and other commercial facilities within the GTA. Confirmation of registration with World Youth Day 2002 is required to activate this service, which will be on a "first come" basis. WYD has pre-booked 9,000 rooms in anticipation of the demand.

(2) Campgrounds and tenting sites:

In response to numerous requests for camping facilities, arrangements are underway to provide a list of public and privately owned facilities within reasonable distance from the City. Participants are expected to make their own plans with respect to booking the site. The total number of sites will be limited, due to normal demand at this time of year.

(3) Pilgrim hosting program:

An extensive promotion and recruitment campaign to attract host families is now underway within the Archdiocese of Toronto. To date over 60 percent of the 225 parishes have responded favourably to the campaign, and expectations are that well over 80 percent will participate. Host families will take on a minimum of two pilgrims. An estimated 250,000 pilgrims will be housed in this fashion.

(4) Schools:

Considerable work was undertaken by the Ontario Fire Marshal's office, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing, and Toronto Fire and Urban Development Services to reach agreement on a process and a template to determine the suitability and safety of schools as WYD accommodation sites. A proposal from the WYD National Office requesting the use of schools as temporary accommodation facilities was subsequently sent to all the public and separate school boards within the GTA, as well as those in the surrounding municipalities. WYD National Office is projecting that up to 250,000 pilgrims could be housed in this fashion.

Facilities and Real Estate Work Group:

An offshoot of the Accommodation Sub-Committee is a small team of City staff representing Corporate Real Estate, Parks and Recreation, the Policy and Development Branch of EDCT, and the City Secretariat. Their role is to compile an inventory of City-owned facilities, and to recommend sites that may be appropriate for temporary accommodation, storage, delegation meeting areas, and overnight parking spaces. The group is also identifying a number of park locations suitable for the afternoon and evening program proposed by the WYD National Office, which may include a lunch and dinner for up to 25,000 pilgrims.

The use of large parks and community recreation centres to support the day programs, and Pilgrimage, may require alteration of City of Toronto summer program schedules, as well as the cancellation of permits historically provided for that period. Rather than disrupt community life, it is recommended that where possible, alternative locations be found for those programs impacted by WYD 2002 activity.

#### Communications:

The communication strategies produced to date are largely focussed on three groups, including the pilgrims and members of the Catholic Church network; Toronto residents, interest groups and businesses; and the various layers of the media.

A communication reference group, involving a broad range of external partners, was initiated by the City of Toronto Communications Lead to ensure co-ordination of effort, accuracy of information, and consistency of format at each level. This group meets on a regular basis to share updates and provide guidance to the WYD Communications Director.

Community meetings with local councils, BIA's, ratepayer groups and interested citizens are an integral part of the City's communication plan. Preliminary information sessions have taken place in communities around Exhibition Place, and in the Downsview area, with follow up meetings planned for the spring of 2002.

WYD 2002 is now on the City of Toronto's web site with direct links to the National Office. The Secretariat has also established its own site and will be providing updated information on the event, the role undertaken by the City, and the impact on City services, transit, and transportation routes.

In view of the City-wide impact of this event, it is critical that information be communicated to residents and businesses as soon as possible. To launch this initiative, staff recommend a letter be sent under the Mayor's signature, to all residents and businesses informing them of World Youth Day 2002.

#### Health Services:

The Health Sub-Committee is addressing the medical and health related needs of pilgrims, volunteers, and operational staff. Of particular importance, is the ability to quickly identify, isolate and resolve threatening conditions that could potentially impact on participants as well as citizens of Toronto. Tracking methodologies and systems are under review to ensure effective management of this situation.

The planning to date has concentrated on three types of coverage which include:

- (1) Provision of an appropriate level of medical services at each program site, including the Downsview Lands and Exhibition Place, along the Pilgrimage Walkways, and all satellite locations. As the intention is to treat people on site as much as possible, a high level of care will be ensured by highly qualified teams of medical specialists, physicians and first aid practitioners, working out of field hospitals, and fully equipped mobile units.
- (2) Co-ordination of all activities related to health promotion and disease prevention, including daily site inspections and where necessary, enforcement of by-laws pertaining to food services, potable water conditions, sanitation facilities, and solid waste collection procedures.

- (3) Emergency medical measures and procedures including those requiring the co-ordination of multiple service units. This area will be jointly planned with the Public Safety and Security Sub-Committee and the Toronto Emergency Planning Committee, to ensure a co-ordinated response to all potential emergency situations.

Toronto Public Health, Corporate Communications and Emergency Medical Services are key members of the Health Committee, and are devoting considerable time and resources in planning for a high quality service. Health Canada and the provincial Ministry of Health are also represented on the Committee, along with the Ontario Nurses Association, St. John Ambulance, and St. Michael's Hospital.

#### Sites and Venues:

Exhibition Place and the Downsview Lands planning teams are well underway to finalizing detailed site plans and production schedules. Organization of other essential services such as health and medical care, food services, and security will be handled by site specific work groups whose membership represent the larger sub-committees. Preparation of the satellite sites will be handled in a similar fashion. City leads from Transportation, Solid Waste Management, Public Health, Parks and Recreation and Police, Fire and Emergency Medical Services are all engaged in the site planning and preparation process.

#### Transportation:

The Transportation team is responsible for developing and executing a master plan to address all inter and intra City transportation requirements, traffic management, and parking issues related to motor coaches, school buses, and private vehicles.

The transportation work groups have been meeting since May 2001, and are focussed on three areas, including arrivals and departures; movement to and from venues; and transportation management and operations.

Committee leadership is shared by WYD and Toronto Transportation Services, and the membership includes TTC, Toronto Police Services, Go Transit, Ministry of Transportation, Motor Coach and School Bus Associations, Customs and Immigration, and the Greater Toronto Airport Authority.

#### Other Committees:

- (1) The Program Sub-Committees' responsibilities include all ceremonies, religious teachings, the youth festivals, social service projects, the Way of the Cross, and the Pilgrimage, Vigil and Papal Mass. Driven primarily by WYD staff, the City WYD Secretariat has assisted with the co-ordination of technical services from the City, for events at Nathan Phillips Square and Exhibition Place.
- (2) The Volunteer Sub-Committee is anticipating a need for 25,000 volunteers. Extensive support is anticipated from existing networks within the Catholic Church, and within the school system. The TO-Bid Office and Parks and Recreation have provided support for events this summer, and offers from City staff to help out have been received by the Secretariat. Co-ordination and training support is anticipated from the City Secretariat in the new year.

In support of the WYD goal to open the event to Toronto's youth population, the Secretariat has facilitated communication linkages between the National Office, and key youth agencies, including the Toronto Youth Cabinet, the Youth Safety Sub-Committee, and the Coalition for Youth Empowerment.

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

- Father Thomas Rosica, CSB, National Director, World Youth Day 2002;
- Mr. Richard Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Councillor Joe Pantalone, Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina; and
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21 St. Paul's.