

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, February 20, 2001

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Tuesday, February 20, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:15 p.m.

Attendance

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	3:15 p.m. – 3:16 p.m.	3:20 p.m. – 5:27 p.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X	X
Councillor Paul Sutherland, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X	X
Councillor David Soknacki		X

4.1 Capital Expenditure Targets and Capital Finances

The Budget Advisory Committee received a presentation by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding Capital Expenditure Targets and Capital Finances.

A. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on:

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- (a) the original savings estimated by the KPMG Metro report; and
 - (b) original saving targets set in 1998 for each program, adjustments, if any, made to those targets since then, the amount of savings already realized, the balance of the savings yet to be realized, and the reasons why the City did not make the said targets; and
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to:
- (b) meet with the Chair and Councillor Pitfield to discuss the feasibility of providing an electronic Excel file format, including the following data in a columnar table form at the program and cost element level:
 - (i) name of program;
 - (ii) year 2000 budget as originally approved in April 2000;
 - (iii) all adjustments made to the 2000 budget during the year 2000, i.e., salary adjustments, transfers between programs, etc.;
 - (iv) other base budget adjustments made during year 2000;
 - (v) year 2000 actual expenditures and revenues;
 - (vi) impact on the year 2001 budget resulting from routing of capital expenditures through the operating budget;
 - (vii) impact of the year 2001 budget resulting from other adjustments such as grossing of budgets, disentanglement of programs, transfer of services between programs, technical adjustments, etc.;

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- (viii) other changes in 2001 budget resulting from inflation or changes in service levels or new services; and
- (ix) year 2001 resulting budget.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to:
 - (a) provide a complete overview of all Information Technology expenditures in the Capital and Operating Budgets for all Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, including consideration of the following requests:
 - (i) ranking all, including agencies, boards, commissions and departments, capital budget and major operating submissions on information technology in order of the corporate priorities using:
 - (i) clear service standards;
 - (ii) a goal to achieve equity of excellence; and
 - (iii) a goal to maximize productivity in the workforce;
 - (ii) providing a rationale of increasing the Information Technology capital budget envelope to \$24.14 million from a \$2.5 million spending average between 1998 and 2000; and

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- (iii) consolidating and transferring other information technology expenditures, such as \$18.6 million and \$8.1 million in the Non-Program area, into the Information Technology capital budget request and providing a breakdown of these expenditures prior to the meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee scheduled to be held on March 1, 2001; and
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (a) providing the average actual expenditure over the last three, five or ten years, prior to the meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee scheduled to be held on March 1, 2001; and
 - (b) on the future capital budget forecast on debt, tax impact and operating budget impact using the average actual expenditure percentage as a base.

(Carried)
- C. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee providing an itemized list, including costs, for the harmonizing of services for Works and Emergency Services in the Operating Budget in 2001 and 2002, such list to include what would prevent the freezing of such services, and report thereon to the meeting of the Budget Advisory Committee scheduled to be held on February 28, 2001.

(Carried)
- D. Councillor Shiner moved that:
 - (1) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to review the \$1.2 billion 2001 list of both state of good repair and new capital projects, prioritize same on a corporate basis and indicate potential deferral of \$150 million from both categories; and

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- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee providing a cost analysis per unit per year of the MTHA, MTHCL and Cityhome housing units for repairs and maintenance, management costs and fees per annum and building salaries and administration.

(Carried)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:27 p.m.

Chair