

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 5

Friday, February 23, 2001

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, February 23, 2001, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:45 a.m. to 10:43 a.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X
Councillor Paul Sutherland, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Olivia Chow	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	R
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor David Soknacki	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Pam McConnell
Councillor Anne Johnston	Councillor David Miller

5.1 Toronto Transit Commission 2001 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2001 Operating Budget for the Toronto Transit Commission.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (February 16, 2001) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising of the action taken by the Toronto Transit Commission at its special meeting held on February 16, 2001 and forwarding a copy of the report, entitled "2001 TTC Operating Budget".

Mr. Rick Ducharme, Chief General Manager, and Mr. Vince Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, gave an overview presentation and answered Members questions in connection with the foregoing matter.

A. Councillor Chow moved that:

- (1) the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting of March 1, 2001:
 - (a) providing a chart indicating a five year, year by year, projection of the City's investment to obtain maximum ridership;
 - (b) providing a chart indicating the last five year projection of what the City should have invested that would have generated maximum ridership;
 - (c) on cost savings to mothball the Scarborough RT and the impact on ridership;
 - (d) on cost savings, both Capital and Operating, to completing and mothballing the Sheppard subway; and
- (2) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on reconciling the City and Toronto Transit Commission subsidy numbers and that Table 2 be adjusted accordingly.

(Carried)

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- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the feasibility of a reduced rate on 'Carless Sunday', contemplated to take place in July 2001. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee providing cost comparisons that have been made with other cities that have services for the handicapped. **(Carried)**
- D. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to report to the Budget Advisory Committee on the financial impact of short, medium and long term capital needs of the Toronto Transit Commission being provided based on the price scenarios presented today, i.e., 185-190 average cost price which would be a 15 to 20 percent increase, the impact on the capital budget if that was implemented. **(Carried)**

(Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commissioner; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – February 23, 2001)

5.2 Response to the Notice of Motion to Submit an Application for a New Home for the Aged (Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest)

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a report (February 15, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on February 15, 2001, referred the following communications to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration at its meeting scheduled to be held on February 23, 2001, and report thereon directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 6, 2001:

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- (1) (February 12, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on February 12, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the application for the construction and ongoing operation of a new 178-bed long term care facility to be located on the City-owned property located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues, wherein it is recommended that:
 - (a) City Council formally reconfirm its support for the application for the construction and ongoing operation of a new 178-bed long term care facility to be located on the City-owned property located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues, and communicate this support to the MOHLTC as required by the application process, by the March 15, 2001 deadline;
 - (b) City Council recognize that the Capital Budget for the project is projected at \$24.0 M (with \$13.35 M in MOHLTC funding towards the cost of construction), and would result in a required cashflow for the period 2002 to 2004;
 - (c) City Council recognize that the Operating Budget for the project is projected at \$7.77 M annually (with a \$1.07 M net cost to support the operation of the new Home), that would become operational in the year 2004;
 - (d) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for their deliberations and decisions in considering multi-year priorities of all of the projects for the City;
 - (e) contingent upon MOHLTC approval of the City's application, and in consideration of the very significant time constraints associated with the MOHLTC approval process, staff be directed to report directly to City Council regarding the next steps required;
 - (f) contingent upon MOHLTC approval of the City's proposal:
 - (i) City Council support the notion of a Community Facilities Official Plan designation on the triangular parcel of land located at the northwest corner of St. Clair and Midland Avenues; and
 - (ii) staff be directed to submit the additional planning applications (i.e., Zoning By-law Amendment and Site Plan Control approval) required to support this Official Plan designation and to develop this land with a long term care facility; and

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- (g) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (2) (February 7, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79, urging the Community Services Committee to confirm its support for the application to build and operate a new Home for the Aged.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (February 16, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged at its meeting held on February 16, 2001, recommended that:

- (1) the report (February 2, 2001) from the General Manager, Homes for the Aged, be received for information; and
- (2) a letter be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its meeting on February 23, 2001, advising that the Advisory Committee on Homes for the Aged is in support of the application for additional long term care beds in response to the needs indicated in the report (January 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services.

A. Councillor Soknacki moved that:

- (1) the foregoing matter be referred to the Community Services Committee for its meeting to be held on February 26, 2001, for consideration during its 2001 Capital and Operating budget deliberations; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee at that time providing the following information:
 - (a) prioritization of this project; and
 - (b) identification of funding sources.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Pitfield moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee at that time providing information on where the cost of land and debit charges associated with this project would be absorbed within the Community and Neighbourhood Services Department budget; and

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- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the Community Services Committee at that time providing the following information:
- (a) what planning process has transpired to date respecting this project;
 - (b) what community consultation has taken place; and
 - (c) what would be necessary to facilitate the construction of this project.

(Carried)

(Community Services Committee; c. Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; Commissioner of Urban Development Services – February 23, 2001)

(City Council – February 23, 2001)

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:43 a.m.

Chair