

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, February 12, 2001

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, February 12, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:40 a.m. to 10:48 a.m.	11:08 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.	2:10 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Councillor Michael Feldman, Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Vice Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X	X
Councillor Raymond Cho	X	X	X
Councillor John Filion	X	X	X
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X	X	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Sandra Bussin	Councillor Frances Nunziata
Councillor Doug Holiday	Councillor Joe Pantalone
Councillor Anne Johnston	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Pam McConnell	Councillor Sherene Shaw
Councillor David Miller	Councillor Michael Walker
Councillor Howard Moscoe	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on January 15, 2001, were confirmed.

3.1 Evaluation of Recreation User Fees and Welcome Policy (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 6, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an evaluation of the Recreation User Fee and Welcome Policies and making recommendations on future directions; and recommending that:

- (1) components of the User Fee and Welcome Policies continue to include free fundamental and drop-in programs for children, youth and seniors;
- (2) outreach to low-income residents on the individual Welcome Policy and Priority Centres be enhanced through multiple promotional tools and mechanisms (Attachment No. 3);
- (3) the existing Recreation User Fee Policy be adjusted to include a small fee of \$25.00 for all free camps effective July 2001 and free instructional programs for children and youth effective September 2001 (Attachment No. 3); and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic and Parks Committee also had before it during consideration of the foregoing matter the following communications:

- (a) (undated) from Ms. Louise Hart, Resident, forwarding an excerpt from her report on user fees in the City of Greater Toronto;
- (b) (February 12, 2001) from Councillor Norm Kelly, Ward 40 Scarborough-Agincourt, requesting that the Committee consider the introduction of an adequate level of nominal fees across the board as a way of ensuring continued access for residents who value the City's quality recreation programs;
- (c) (February 12, 2001) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 Don Valley West, requesting that a Member of the Committee move, on her behalf, that wherever communities oppose the designation of Priority Centre, that Parks and Recreation find another method to waive the fee where it is necessary (such as the North York model); and
- (d) (February 12, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 79, in opposition to user fees.

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

- Ms. Louise Hart, Resident;
- Mr. David Kidd, Second Vice-President, Canadian Union of Public Employees Local 79;
- Mr. Ron Monteith, Chair, St. Lawrence Community Centre Advisory Committee;
- Mr. Peter Elson, Roncesvalles-Macdonell Residents Association;
- Mr. David Rew, East Scarborough Boys and Girls Club;
- Ms. Donna Lynn McCallum, Resident;
- Mr. Doug Hum, Children's Aid Society, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Ms. Dorothy MacKinnon, Canadian Pensioners Concerned, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Mr. Tim Burns, Resident;
- Mr. Michael Muller, Resident;
- Ms. Cecilia Fusco, Resident;
- Ms. Lynn Verhoeff, Dundas West Residents Association (DWRA), and filed a copy of her submission;
- Ms. Kaethe Yanovsky, Resident;
- Ms. Janice Etter, Resident;
- Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32 Beaches-East York; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

A. Councillor Augimeri moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council:

- (1) the adoption of Recommendation Nos. (1), (2) and (4), subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

“(1) components of the Recreation User Fee and Welcome Policies continue to include free fundamental and drop-in programs for children, youth and seniors; and further that staff ensure that the basic class sizes in these programs are sufficiently limited to provide an educationally-viable program;”;

(Carried)

- (2) that priority centres be determined on objective criteria which include a number of components presently utilized by School Boards to identify “inner City” (high need) schools, i.e., not based exclusively on income data; and

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- (3) that the list of priority centres be expanded by an additional 10 centres as identified by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Lost)

B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of Recommendation No. (3); and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on re-evaluation of the 'high needs' areas in one year's time.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Moeser moved that:

- (1) Councillor Augimeri's motion A. be amended by adding thereto the following:
 - “(2) upon City Council approval, the foregoing report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information.”;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee outlining the potential financial implications and the implications to the programs as they relate to Recommendation No. (1) embodied in the report (February 6, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and

(Carried)

- (3) wherever communities oppose the designation of 'Priority Centre', the Parks and Recreation staff find another method to waive the fee where it is necessary (such as the former North York model).

(Lost)

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D. Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on fundraising initiatives that could be implemented to discourage future user fee increases;

(Carried)

- (2) the recommendations embodied in the report (February 6, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be struck out and insert in lieu thereof the following:

“the current user fee and welcome policies be maintained.”;
and

- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to implement a policy which would remove an individual from a program automatically if they miss two consecutive dates without a medical reason.

(Lost)

E. Councillor Cho moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to study all Wards to determine “high need” areas based on up-to-date data, not based on the 1996 Canadian Census Data by Stats Canada and report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee by the end of June 2001.

(Lost)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism -
February 14, 2001)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

3.2 International Alliances Program - Proposed Missions for 2001 (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee withdrew this item.

(Clause No. 9(f), Report No. 2)

3.3 Letter of Intent with Bombardier Aerospace Inc. Pertaining to 170 Plewes Road and Vacant Lands on the South Side of Hanover Road and West of Beffort Road

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing an update on the status of the Letter of Intent with Bombardier Aerospace Inc. as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development Division pursue the potential for aerospace program expansion in the Downsview area;
- (2) the Economic Development Division be directed to provide a further status report as appropriate; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

3.4 Toronto Youth Games 2000 (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 11, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an evaluation of the Toronto Youth Games 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) the Toronto Youth Games become an annual event, rotated to high profile sites throughout the City; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Sherene Shaw, Ward 39 Scarborough-Agincourt, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to adding the following:

“Councillor Maria Augimeri be appointed as Council Liaison for the Toronto Youth Games”.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 2)

3.5 Process for the Approval and Execution of Leases, Licenses and other Agreements within the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing a process to be used by the City of Toronto for the approval of leases, licences and operating agreements within the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department; and recommending that:

- (1) delegation of authority be granted to the Commissioner Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for approval of contractual agreements related to leases, licences and operating agreements within the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, Parks and Recreation Division in accordance with the particulars set out in Attachment No. 1;
- (2) such authority supercede and replace any authorities of the seven former municipalities that relate to these matters;
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 22 Beaches-East York, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Feldman appointed Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Feldman moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to deleting (2)(a) and (b) of Attachment No. 1, entitled “Proposed Procedure for the Parks and Recreation Division of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department for Real Estate/Operating Agreements”.

(Carried)

Councillor Feldman resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Filion moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council that the local Councillor continue to be consulted respecting contractual agreements related to leases, licences and operating agreements in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department, Parks and Recreation Division, and that, in the event of any disagreement between the recommendations of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the local Councillor, the Commissioner bring forward a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in that regard.

(Carried)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)

**3.6 Appointments to Business Improvement Area
Boards of Management (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 29, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising that changes to membership of the Boards of Management of twenty-four Business Improvement Areas require Council approval; amending the former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 20, "Business Improvement Areas" and Business Improvement Area (BIA) by-laws of the former municipalities of East York, Etobicoke, Scarborough, and York as necessary; and recommending that:

- (1) Council appoint the nominees listed in Attachment No. 1 to this report to the Boards of Management for twenty-four Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) for the 2001-2003 term;
- (2) amendments be made to the former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 20, Business Improvement Areas and BIA by-laws of the former municipalities of East York, Etobicoke, Scarborough, and York as necessary and as set out in Attachment No. 2;
- (3) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a communication (February 8, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones, Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore, requesting that the list of Board of Directors of the Long Branch Business Improvement Area be added to Attachment 1 of the aforementioned report.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 2)

**3.7 Registration of an Official Mark -
Palais Royale (Ward 14 Parkdale-High Park)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking authority for the City's application with the Federal Trademarks Office to register an official mark for the name "Palais Royale"; and recommending that:

- (1) the registration of an official mark for the name "Palais Royale" be approved;
- (2) the City affirm its wish to protect its interests in the name "Palais Royale" as connected with the City-owned building located at 1601 Lakeshore Blvd West; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 2)

**3.8 Maurice Cody Millennium Playscape Proposal
(Ward 22 St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 16, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on the process for determining the eligibility of funding under the City's Joint School Playground Program for the Maurice Cody Public School Family and School Association's playscape proposal; identifying other possible sources of funding; and recommending that:

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- (1) the Family and School Association of the Maurice Cody Public School be advised to contact the Manager of Standards, Compliance and Environment for the Toronto District School Board to determine their eligibility as a priority proposal under the Joint School Playground Program; and
- (2) the Family and School Association of the Maurice Cody Public School be further advised to contact the Toronto Atmospheric Fund who provide support and funding for Toronto-based community projects through Cool Schools 2001; a program which provides funding for school improvements which promote solutions to climate change and air pollution.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (December 11, 2000) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, requesting the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report back on the feasibility of providing a matching grant to the Maurice Cody Millennium Playscape Proposal, such report to identify possible sources of funding; and
- (b) (February 5, 2001) from Ms. Ellen Valleau, President, Maurice Code Family and School Association, advising the Economic Development and Parks Committee that Playscape has received a further funding commitment from the Health and Safety Fund, City of Toronto Children's Services Division.

Councillor Feldman appointed Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Feldman moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee defer consideration of this matter until its meeting of March 29, 2001.

(Carried)

Councillor Feldman resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the \$25,000.00 remaining for playground reconstruction be put towards the CSA playground initiative.

(Lost)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's; Ms. Ellen Valleau,
President, Maurice Cody Family and School Association - February 14,
2001)

(Clause No. 9(a), Report No. 2)

**3.9 Toronto Arts Council - Extension of
Existing Grant Agreement and Long-Term
Administrative/Budgetary Approach (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking a further extension of the existing grant agreement with the Toronto Arts Council (TAC) pending Council's consideration of recommendations coming forward from the review of the relationship of the TAC and the City of Toronto, and the Toronto Arts Council's administrative requirements requested during the 2000 budget process; and recommending that:

- (1) the existing grant agreement between the former City of Toronto and the TAC be extended through the end of 2001 in order to allow City Council adequate time to consider recommendations coming forward from the Randolph Group, and to allow time for the development of a new grant agreement following this consideration by Council; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a report (February 9, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Budget Advisory Committee on February 9, 2001, referred the report (January 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration at its meeting on February 12, 2001, in conjunction with Agenda Item No. 9.

- A. Councillor Moeser moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (January 15, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled "Toronto Arts Council - Extension of Existing Grant Agreement (All Wards)", subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read:

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“(1) the existing grant agreement between the former City of Toronto and the Toronto Arts Council be extended until a new agreement is entered into or through the end of 2001, whichever comes first, in order to allow City Council adequate time to consider recommendations coming forward from the Randolph Group and to allow time for the development of a new agreement following this consideration by Council;”.

(Carried)

Councillor Feldman appointed Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

B. Councillor Feldman moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (January 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled “Toronto Arts Council – Long-Term Administrative/Budgeting Approach”.

(Carried)

Councillor Feldman resumed the Chair.

C. Councillor Moeser moved that Councillor Feldman’s motion B. be amended by adding thereto the following:

“subject to adding that there be no financial implications with the adoption of this report.”

(Carried)

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 2)

3.10 Toronto Arts Council, Arts and Culture Grants January to September, 2000

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (November 2000) from Mr. Kim Tomczak, President, Toronto Arts Council, forwarding a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture grants covering the first nine months in 2000 (January 1 to September 30), describing the economic impact of the City’s financial investment in the arts community and the impressive array of new work, creativity and community animation that resulted.

On motion by Councillor Cho, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 9(b), Report No. 2)

3.11 Implementation of the Toronto Centre for the Arts Business Plan (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 12, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an update on the implementation of the Toronto Centre for the Arts Business Plan; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 9(c), Report No. 2)

3.12 Accomplishments of the Year 2000 Tree Advocacy Planting Program (City Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (January 11, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an update on the accomplishments of the Year 2000 Tree Advocacy Planting Program and information about the 2001 program plans; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the aforementioned report be received for information.

(Carried)

B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to look into cost sharing for 2001 tree planting on Steeles Avenue and Marbrook Lane with Vaughan Township.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
c. Councillor Joe Pantalone, Tree Advocate - February 14, 2001)

(Clause No. 9(d), Report No. 2)

**3.13 Former Lakeshore Hospital Site, Toronto Catholic District School Board/
City of Toronto Joint Use Agreement**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a confidential joint report (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the City Solicitor providing an update on the status of discussions that have been ongoing between representatives of the Toronto Catholic District School Board and the City of Toronto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned joint confidential report.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 2)

3.14 High Park Pool Reconstruction

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (February 12, 2001) from Councillor David Miller, Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park, advising that City Council at its meeting held on January 30, 31 and February 1, 2001, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 7 of Report No. 1 of The Administration Committee, wherein it is recommended that, in the interim, §195-8 of Chapter 195, Purchasing, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be amended to allow, in cases of emergency, the relevant Standing Committee of Council to delegate to the Bid Committee the authority to approve contracts between \$2.0 million and \$3.5 million that are recommended by it for award to the lowest bidder; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee delegate authority to the Bid Committee to award the contract for the High Park Pool Reconstruction, providing the recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest bidder meeting specifications and requirements and the value of the contract is between \$2.0 million and \$3.5 million; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) delegated authority to the Bid Committee to award the contract for the High Park Pool Reconstruction, providing the recommendation is to award the contract to the lowest bidder meeting specifications and requirements and the value of the contract is between \$2.0 million and \$3.5 million; and

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- (2) authorized and directed the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Councillor David Miller, Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park; Director, Purchasing and Materials Management – February 14, 2001)

(Clause No. 9(e), Report No. 2)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair