

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee**

**Meeting No. 1**

**Thursday, January 18, 2001**

The Policy and Finance Committee met on Thursday, January 18, 2001, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:36 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:36 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.	2:11 p.m. to 4:04 p.m.	In Camera Session 4:05 p.m. to 4:39 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X	-	-
Councillor Sandra Bussin	X	X	X
Councillor Norm Kelly	X	X	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	X	X	-
Councillor Pam McConnell	X	X	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X	-	-
Councillor Case Ootes, Vice Chair	X	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X	-
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X	X	X

**1-1. Membership – Policy and Finance Committee.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (December 8, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting held on December 5, 6 and 7, 2000, in adopting, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 1 of the Striking Committee, entitled "Appointment of Members of Council to Special Positions, Standing Committees, Other Committees, and Special Purpose Bodies", appointed the following Members of Council to the Policy and Finance Committee, for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until their successors are appointed:

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(The Mayor, as Chair, and Councillor C. Ootes, Deputy Mayor, are Members ex-officio)

Councillor Sandra Bussin	(Administration Committee)
Councillor Norman Kelly	(Community Services Committee)
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	(Economic Development and Parks Committee)
Councillor Pam McConnell	(Planning and Transportation Committee)
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	(Works Committee)

Councillor Kyle Rae  
Councillor David Shiner  
Councillor Paul Sutherland

(who are not Members of any other Standing Committee of Council or of the Audit Committee.)

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 16(a) – Report No. 1)**

**1-2. Standing Committee Briefing.**

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a presentation to the Policy and Finance Committee respecting the roles and responsibilities of the Policy and Finance Committee and an overview of the Committee's upcoming workplan, and filed a copy of his presentation material.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee received the presentation from the Chief Administrative Officer outlining the Policy and Finance Committee Roles and Responsibilities; Inter-Departmental Activities; Intergovernmental/International Activities; Strategic Directions; and Financial Matters.

**(Clause No. 16(b) – Report No. 1)**

**1-3. 2001 Capital and Operating Budgets.**

The Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the 2001 Capital and Operating Budgets until such time as the forthcoming report from the Chief Administrative Officer pertaining to the discussions with the Province is prepared; and
- (2) requested the Mayor to call a special meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee to give consideration to the aforementioned report.

(Office of the Mayor; Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(c) – Report No. 1**

**1-4. Toronto Port Authority 2000 Operating Budget and 2000-2001 Capital Program.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, 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, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 2 contained in Report No. 11 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed “Toronto Port Authority 2000 Operating Budget and 2000-2001 Capital Program”, and that, in so doing, Council adopted recommendations that:

- (1) the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to consider, on a priority basis, the 1999/2000 Operating Budget of the Toronto Port Authority at its first meeting of the new term of Council, and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to invite representatives of the Toronto Port Authority to participate in these deliberations; and
- (2) the 2000 Operating Budget for the Toronto Port Authority and the related reports embodied in the Clause be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration with the 2001 Operating Budget process.

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it the “1999 Annual Report” and a presentation dated January 18, 2001, submitted by the Toronto Port Authority.

The following persons appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. John Morand, President and CEO; Toronto Port Authority;
- Mr. Henry Pankratz, Vice Chair of TPA; Toronto Port Authority; and
- Mr. Alan Paul, CFO and Controller; Toronto Port Authority.

The following Members of Council also appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity Spadina;
- Councillor Doug Holyday, Etobicoke Centre; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood.

A. Councillor McConnell moved that:

- (i) the foregoing communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk be referred to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for report thereon, as early as possible, to the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the 2001 Capital and Operating Budget; and
- (ii) a document, containing a number of questions raised by Councillor Pam McConnell respecting the TPA's budgets, be referred to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.  
**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Kelly moved that the Budget Advisory Committee be directed to examine the 1999/2000 budgets of the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) prior to the Policy and Finance Committee.  
**(Carried)**

C. Councillor McConnell moved, on behalf of Councillor Layton, that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested:
  - (i) to discuss with the Toronto Port Authority and recommend processes for regular consultation with the City, in particular with Councillors in the area

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represented by TPA's activities, and those consultations also include appropriate City staff and take place at least three times a year; and

- (ii) to include in her discussions with the Toronto Port Authority, a strategy to ensure the future of community sailing clubs. **(Carried)**

- D. Councillor McConnell further moved, on behalf of Councillor Chow, that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with City Legal Services, during deliberations of the Budget of the Port Authority, be requested to implement the following City Auditor's recommendation dated July 16, 2000.

“ ... determine whether or not any of this surplus (\$63,019 million) qualifies as “surplus profits” as defined in the Toronto Harbour Commissioners Act of 1911. Funds qualifying as “surplus profits” be returned to the City.” **(Carried)**

**The decision of the Policy and Finance Committee, therefore, is as follows:**

The Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) referred the foregoing communication to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for report thereon, as early as possible, to the Budget Advisory Committee respecting the 2001 Capital and Operating Budget;
- (2) directed that the Budget Advisory Committee examine the 1999/2000 budgets of the Toronto Port Authority (TPA) prior to the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (3) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer:
  - (i) to discuss with the Toronto Port Authority and recommend processes for regular consultation with the City, in particular with Councillors in the area represented by TPA's activities, and those consultations also include appropriate City staff and take place at least three times a year;
  - (ii) to include in her discussions with the Toronto Port Authority, a strategy to ensure the future of community sailing clubs; and

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- (iii) in consultation with City Legal Services, during deliberations of the Budget of the Port Authority, to implement the following City Auditor's recommendation dated July 16, 2000:

“ ... determine whether or not any of this surplus (\$63,019 million) qualifies as “surplus profits” as defined in the Toronto Harbour Commissioners Act of 1911. Funds qualifying as “surplus profits” be returned to the City.”; and

- (4) referred a document, containing a number of questions raised by Councillor Pam McConnell respecting the TPA's budgets, to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Budget Advisory Committee - c. Toronto Port Authority - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(d) – Report No. 1)**

**1-5. In-Year Changes to the 2000 Capital Budget.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (December 20, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer summarizing in-year changes to the 2000 Tax Supported Capital Budget and corresponding debenture requirements, as approved by Council; and recommending that additional financing in an amount not to exceed \$20.345 million be debentured for the 2001 Tax Supported Capital Program, if required, for a term up to but not exceeding 20 years.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (December 20, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 4 – Report No. 1)**

**1-6. Temporary Borrowing Pending the Receipt of Tax Revenues and the Issuance of Debentures During 2001.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the temporary borrowing limit to meet 2001 current expenditures, pending receipt of tax levies and other revenues, be established at \$1,000,000,00;
- (2) the temporary borrowing limit for capital purposes for 2001 be established at \$600,000,000;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing; and
- (4) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 5 – Report No. 1)**

**1-7. Authority to Issue Debentures During 2001.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) authority be granted for the Mayor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to enter into an agreement or agreements, in accordance with Section 102 of the City of Toronto Act, 1997 (No. 2) with a purchaser or purchasers for the sale and issuance of debentures to provide an amount in 2001 not to exceed \$600 million;
- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to the foregoing; and
- (3) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be authorized to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to investigate and submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on:
  - (i) the availability of Bank of Canada debenture loans to municipalities;
  - (ii) the applicability to this portfolio or to any other borrowing needs of the City of Toronto; and
  - (iii) the financial terms of Bank of Canada loans and the business case for or against using the Bank of Canada as a purchaser for the sale and issuance of debentures.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 6 – Report No. 1)**

**1-8. City of Toronto Quarterly Investment  
Report as at September 30, 2000.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer summarizing the holdings in the City's investment portfolio and reporting on current investment practices; advising that the City continues to realize returns on its investments that meet and exceed established benchmarks; that interest earnings attributable to the operating budget are projected to exceed the 2000 budget by \$2.7 million on an annualized basis; that the City's investments are in compliance with the Council adopted investment policies; that a comprehensive review of the City's Investment Policies and Procedures is currently in progress; that although changes to specific issuer limits are pending, at this time there are no recommended changes until the review is complete; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report (December 15, 2000) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 16(e) – Report No. 1)**



**1-9. Heritage Preservation – Property Tax Treatment for Heritage Properties.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that Council 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, struck out and referred back to the Policy and Finance Committee for further consideration at its first meeting in the new term of Council Clause No. 27 embodied in Report No. 12 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed “Heritage Preservation – Property Tax Treatment for Heritage Properties”.

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (i) (November 14, 2000) addressed to Councillor John Adams, from Mr. E. Eves, Q.C., Minister of Finance advising that he has forwarded Council’s request for a separate property class for heritage properties to Ministry staff for review; and requesting that this matter be brought to his personal attention; and
- (ii) (January 17, 2001) from Mr. Sheldon Godfrey forwarding comments respecting property tax treatment for heritage properties.

Mr. Sheldon Godfrey appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee and spoke on behalf of Mr. Terry Russell, Toronto Historical Society; Mr. William Greer, Heritage Toronto; and Ms. Catherine Nasmith, Toronto Preservation Board respecting the aforementioned matter.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council that its Recommendations submitted to Council on October 3, 2000, respecting Heritage Preservation, Property Tax Treatment for Heritage Properties, embodied in the communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk, be received; and
- (ii) requested the Mayor’s office to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on January 30, 2001, respecting the delegation that was requested by Council on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, to meet with the Minister of Finance or his representative respecting this matter.

(Office of the Mayor; c. Interested Parties - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 7 – Report No. 1)**

**1-10. Creation of the “Toronto Olympic Athletes Assistance Program”.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (October 24, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, 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, referred a motion moved by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Prue, respecting the creation of the “Toronto Olympic Athletes Assistance Program”, to the Policy and Finance Committee.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough-Rouge River; and
  - Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul’s.
- A. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Policy and Finance Committee:
- (i) refer the foregoing communication to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee when the decision respecting the 2008 Olympics is announced; and
  - (ii) request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to look at this and other possible financial options to support athletes. **(Carried)**
- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism also be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on actions and initiatives that have been taken by the recent announcement by the Federal Minister of Sports to increase funding for Olympic athletes. **(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(f) – Report No. 1)**

**1-11. Expansion of the Young Ambassadors of Toronto Program.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (October 24, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, 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, referred a motion moved by Councillor Jakobek, seconded by Councillor McConnell, respecting the "Expansion of the Young Ambassadors of Toronto Program", to the Policy and Finance Committee.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication (October 24, 2000) from the City Clerk to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for report thereon, during the 2001 budget process, such report to identify a source of funding.

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(g) – Report No. 1)**

**1-12. Remuneration for Members of the Committee of Adjustment.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (October 26, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, 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, referred a motion moved by Councillor Cho, seconded by Councillor Soknacki, respecting the "Remuneration for Members of the Committee of Adjustment" to the Policy and Finance Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee.

- A. Councillor Lindsay Luby moved that the foregoing communication be received. **(Not voted on)**
- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Policy and Finance Committee defer consideration of the foregoing communication (October 26, 2000) from the City Clerk until such time as the Planning and Transportation Committee comes forward with its recommendations in regard thereto. **(Carried)**

(City Council; - c. Commissioner of Urban Development Services January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(h) – Report No. 1)**

**1-13. Development of a Feasibility Plan for the Creation of a Publicly-Owned Water and Wastewater Utility/Corporation.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, 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, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 46 contained in Report No. 12 of The Policy and Finance Committee headed "Request for Proposals for District Service Improvements (DSI) for Water and Wastewater Services and Award of Contract – RFP No. 9155-00-7241", and that in so doing, Council referred a motion respecting the Development of a Feasibility Plan for the Creation of a Publicly-owned Water and Wastewater Utility/Corporation moved by Councillor Jakobek to the Policy and Finance Committee, and requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 416, to submit comments thereon to the Committee;
- (ii) (January 17, 2001) from Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union requesting the Policy and Finance Committee to reject the recommendation embodied in the communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk respecting the Development of a Feasibility Plan for the Creation of a Publicly Owned Water and Wastewater Utility Corporation; and
- (iii) (January 17, 2001) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, Canadian Union of Public employees,(CUPE), Local 79, urging the Policy and Finance Committee to reject this proposal.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (i) referred the foregoing communications to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee in six months time; and
- (ii) requested the Chief Administrative Officer, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report to the Administration Committee on the impacts to the City of the new Bill 139, specifically on ways to implement this Bill in order to reduce the City's costs.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Corporate Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c. Mr. Brian Cochrane, President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79 - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(i) – Report No. 1)**

**1-14. 2001 Operating Budget –  
Toronto Cycling Committee.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (December 13, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on December 4, 2000:
  - (1) approved a Budget Working Group of members of the Toronto Cycling Committee, including the Co-Chairs, meeting frequently, to monitor the 2001 City of Toronto budget process, and prepare a Brief for the Budget Advisory Committee detailing the accomplishments of the Toronto Cycling Committee, contributions to sustainable transportation in the City of Toronto, and statistics on bicycle ridership in the City of Toronto;
  - (2) requested that the Budget Advisory Committee be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee has approved a Budget Working Group to work with Budget Advisory Committee on the 2001 Operating Budget of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
  - (3) requested that the Budget Working Group advise members of Toronto City Council on the program and requirements for the 2001 Operating Budget for the Toronto Cycling Committee;
  - (4) requested that Toronto City Council fund the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program of the Toronto Cycling Committee, as a City of Toronto initiative, and seek outside sources for funding that can be applied towards the cost of the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program, including the proceeds from the Toronto Police Services Department auction of stolen bicycles;
  - (5) requested staff of the Urban Development Services Department to scan new Government of Canada sources of funding that would assist with education and safety program issues for cycling in the City of Toronto; and

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- (6) requested the Toronto Police Services Department to advise on staffing levels of community policing in the City of Toronto, and in particular, the Constables on Bicycles program; and
- (ii) (January 4, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee entitled, "Funding for the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program" advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that Toronto City Council provide additional funding in the amount of \$150,000 to the Urban Development Services, Transportation Planning budget for the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program.

Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communications to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee as part of the 2001 Budget deliberations.

(Commissioner of Urban Development and Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Committee Secretary, Toronto Cycling Committee; Councillor Jack Layton

**(Clause No. 16(j) – Report No. 1)**

**1-15. Toronto Public Health's Participation  
in Coalitions, Community and  
Professional Collaborations.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (September 26, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health advising that the Board of Health at its meeting held on September 25, 2000:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the following Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) embodied in the report (September 25, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health:

"It is recommended that:

- (2) given the major benefits to Toronto citizens as outlined in this report, Toronto Public Health continue to participate in appropriate coalitions, community and professional collaborations and to utilize community development and advocacy strategies in order to fulfil mandatory program requirement and meet local needs; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”; and
- (B) forwarded the report (September 25, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health to the Policy and Finance Committee in accordance with Recommendation No. (1) embodied therein.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication (September 26, 2000) from the Secretary, Board of Health to the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Secretary, Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health)

**(Clause No. 16(k) – Report No. 1)**

**1-16. Notice of Motion Respecting the Naming  
of the Yonge Dundas Square as  
“Pierre Elliot Trudeau Square” – Referral in  
Accordance With the Council Procedural By-Law.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (September 14, 2000) from the City Clerk referring to the Policy and Finance Committee, in accordance with subsection 28(1) of the Council Procedural By-law, a Notice of Motion, moved by Councillor Silva, seconded by Councillor Cho, regarding the naming of the Yonge Dundas Square as the “Pierre Elliot Trudeau Square”.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing communication, noting that Council on October 30, 2000, requested the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a report to the Administration Committee on the recommended landmark to commemorate the memory of the Right Honourable Pierre Elliot Trudeau.

**(Clause No. 16(l) – Report No. 1)**

**1-17. Bid to Host the 2009 Annual Conference of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA) in Toronto.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 18, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (1) City Council authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a bid to host the 2009 Annual Conference of the International City/County Management Association in Toronto;
- (2) the City of Toronto support this event with in kind contributions and financial support not exceeding \$165,000 Canadian dollars;
- (3) the City of Toronto raise the financial subsidy wherever possible through private sector sponsorship;
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (January 18, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and further that the Province of Ontario be requested to provide funding to support this conference.

**(Clause No. 9 – Report No. 1)**

**1-18. Telecommunications Strategy/Business Case Analysis – Status Report.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a joint report (January 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Lead on Telecommunications reporting on the work undertaken by staff to support the City's Telecommunications Strategy and, in particular, work undertaken on the preparation of a business case analysis for a municipal dark fibre build in the City of Toronto; advising that staff are currently working on the development of a business case analysis to assist Council with making an informed business decision on a municipal dark fibre build in Toronto; that staff prepared a RFP to select a consultant to undertake a feasibility study for a municipal dark fibre build; that as a result of an RFP process, a consultant has been selected to conduct a feasibility study to be completed by the end of April; that concurrent with the feasibility study, staff are working on the development of the business case analysis; and that this work is ongoing, and it is anticipated that the business case analysis will be completed by staff in the late spring; and recommending that this report be received for information only.



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Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) received the foregoing report; and
- (2) directed that a copy thereof be forwarded to Toronto Hydro Board of Directors.

(Toronto Hydro Board of Directors; c. Chief Administrative Officer; Executive Lead on Telecommunications; President and Chief Executive Officer, Toronto Hydro Corporation - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(m) – Report No. 1)**

**1-19. Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established by City Council Since January 1998.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 2, 2001) from the City Clerk recommending that:

- (1) the Policy and Finance Committee review the attached Appendices I and II, and determine:
  - (a) which Sub-Committees that report to Policy and Finance Committee, it wishes to continue or disband, and determine the mandate and membership of those Sub-Committees it wishes to continue; and
  - (b) which advisory committees, special committees and task forces that report to Policy and Finance Committee, it wishes to recommend to City Council be continued or disbanded, and whether the composition or mandate should be retained or amended;
- (2) for those committees that are recommended for continuance whose composition goes beyond the membership of the Standing Committee, the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to City Council that the City Clerk be requested to canvass all members of Council for their interest in being appointed thereto, and submit the list of interested Members to the Striking Committee to recommend the appointments to City Council, in accordance with the provisions of the Council Procedure By-law; and

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- (3) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council the appointment of a Member of the Policy and Finance Committee to the Sustainability Roundtable for a term of office expiring May 31, 2001, and until his or her successor is appointed, subject to this body being continued by Council.

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a report (December 21, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services entitled, "Establishment of Grants Sub-Committee" recommending that:

- (1) three members of the Policy and Finance Committee be appointed to the Grants Sub-Committee;
- (2) all deputations regarding the 2001 Consolidated Grants Budget be heard by the Grants Sub-Committee and not at other standing or special committees of Council;
- (3) the Grants Sub-Committee workplan described in this report be approved; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorised and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Maria Augimeri, York Centre, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a submission in regard thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report (December 21, 2000) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the re-establishment of the Grants Sub-Committee of the Policy and Finance Committee; and appointed the following members thereto:

Councillor Norman Kelly;  
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong; and  
Councillor Kyle Rae;

- (2) that the following Task Forces, Committees and Special Committees be re-established:
  - (a) the Business Reference Group;
  - (b) the Task Force on Community Safety;
  - (c) the City World Youth Day Reference Group;

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- (d) the Telecommunications Steering Committee; and that the Terms of Reference and Membership thereof be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee;
  - (e) the Aboriginal Affairs Committee;
  - (f) the Disability Issues Committee;
  - (g) the Status of Women Committee;
  - (h) the Sexual Assault Implementation Advisory Committee;
  - (i) the Race and Ethnic Relations Committee;
  - (j) the Committee on Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual and Transgendered issues;
  - (k) the Labour Relations Advisory Board, subject to the membership being changed by adding thereto the Chair of the Personnel Sub-Committee; and
  - (l) the School Tax Sub-Committee and the Committee on School Facilities and Community needs be combined into one committee to be renamed as the "School Advisory Committee" and that its composition and terms of reference be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
  - (m) the Sustainability Roundtable;
- (3) that the Mandate and Terms of Reference of the aforementioned committees, as outlined in Appendix II be continued noting the changes outlined above;
- (4) that Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby be appointed as a member of the sustainability roundtable;
- (5) that the City Clerk be requested to canvass all Members of Council for their interest in being appointed to the foregoing committees and special committees whose composition goes beyond the membership of the Policy and Finance Committee, and submit the list of

interested members to the Striking Committee to recommend the appointments to City Council, in accordance with the provision of the Council procedural by-law;

- (6) that the following committees be disbanded:
  - (i) Special Committee to Develop a Public Education Campaign outlining the impacts of the Provincial downloading on the city of Toronto;
  - (ii) the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force;
  - (iii) the Task Force to Review Target Policing in the Toronto area;
  - (iv) the “Operation Save a Life” Gun Amnesty Task Force;
  - (v) the Etobicoke Safe Community Association (ESCA); and
  - (vi) the Council Reference Group to Assist in Guiding Council’s Strategic Planning Process; and
  
- (7) for consideration with Clause No. 5 of Report No. 1 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, that the Olympic Task Force be re-established and the membership be increased to seven, having regard that the Olympic Task Force reports through the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(City Council - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 14 – Report No. 1)**

**1-20. 2001-2005 Capital Program and 20-Year Capital Forecast - Toronto Transit Commission.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (December 15, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting held on December 13, 2000, approved the following recommendation contained in a staff report dated December 13, 2000, headed “2001-2005 Capital Program and 20-Year Capital Forecast”:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- (1) approve the 2001-2005 Capital Program in the amount of \$1.5 billion as detailed in this Commission Report and its attachments, as well as in the following accompanying items:

- TTC 2001-2005 Capital Program Overview;
- TTC 2001-2005 Capital Program (Blue Books);
- Council Decisions Required This term - TTC Capital Needs; and
- Council Decisions Required This Term (Video);

noting that the following projects are not included in the \$1.5 billion, but are recommended by staff should additional funding become available:

- (i) TTC Commuter Parking Expansion - Phase II (\$32 million);
- (ii) Easier Access Phase III (\$195 million); and
- (iii) Union Station New Platform (\$58 million);

- (2) approve the 10-Year Capital Forecast in the amount of \$3.8 billion as shown in the attached report;
- (3) forward this report to the City of Toronto for Council approval of the 2001-2005 Capital Program and approval of the 10 year forecast."

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication (December 15, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2001 Capital Budget deliberations.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(n) – Report No. 1)**

**1-21. Maria A. Shchuka and Leaside Libraries  
Approval of 2001 Capital Projects.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (January 9, 2001) from the City Librarian advising that the Toronto Public Library Board on January 8, 2001, approved a report dated (January 8, 2001) from the City Librarian respecting the Maria A. Shchuka and Leaside Library projects; and requested that this information be conveyed to the Policy and Finance Committee for its meeting of January 18, 2001; and further advising that the financial details

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embodied in the report have been communicated to City of Toronto Finance staff and are included in the City's 2001-2005 Capital Program for the Toronto Public Library; and

- (ii) (January 18, 2001) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, East York, advising that the Leaside Library project has been delayed due to the fact that one resident took it to the OMB where it received strong approval, otherwise, this project would have commenced in June 1999 and by this time would be half-built; that the new project is to commence in March 2001; and encouraging the Committee to approve additional costs incurred by the delay.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Joe Mihevc, St. Paul's; and
  - Councillor Jane Pitfield, Don Valley West.
- A. Councillor Rae moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that Council approve the increase in Capital funding for reconstruction of:
- (i) the Leaside Library Project; and **(Carried)**
  - (ii) the Maria A. Shchuka Library Project **(Lost)**
- as outlined in the communication (January 9, 2001) from the City Librarian.
- B. Councillor Sutherland moved that the cost of the debenture funds be found from within the Library Board's Operating Budget. **(Lost)**
- C. Councillor Shiner moved that this matter be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2001 Capital Budget; and that the City Librarian be requested to report on under expenditures and other Capital projects that can be deferred; projects that could be reduced; and whether there is a source of funds within the Library Board's current budget to cover the additional financing cost for increases to these projects. **(Lost)**
- D. Councillor Ootes moved, on behalf of Councillor Pitfield, that the Budget Advisory Committee be requested to meet as soon as possible to give consideration to the Capital Budget to avoid delays to previously approved 2000 projects. **(Carried)**

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. City Librarian - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 12 – Report No. 1)**

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee met privately to discuss the following item No. 1-22, having regard that the subject matter relates to the acquisition of property, in accordance with the Municipal Act.

**1-22. Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine – 33 Kimbark Boulevard, Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communication and report:

- (i) (January 9, 2001) from the City Clerk forwarding a confidential report (December 20, 2000) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services and advising that the Administration Committee on January 9, 2001:
  - (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1), (2) and (4) embodied in the confidential report (December 20, 2000) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting Purchase of Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine;
  - (2) concurred with Recommendation No. (3) embodied therein; and
  - (3) requested the appropriate City officials to report directly to Council on all outstanding legal proceedings involving the City and the owners of 33 Kimbark Boulevard, and how same may or may not be affected by the proposed acquisition; and
- (ii) confidential report (January 17, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting 33 Kimbark Boulevard, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the purchase of property.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity Spadina;
- Councillor Anne Johnston, Eglinton-Lawrence; and

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- Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the foregoing communication; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee as soon as possible.

**(Clause No. 16(o) – Report No. 1)**

**1-23. Dawes Road Neighbourhood Branch Library  
Capital Project.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 8, 2001) from the City Librarian addressed to the Toronto Public Library Board which was approved by the Toronto Library Board on January 8, 2001, wherein it is recommended that the Toronto Public Library Board:

- (1) approve the plans to ensure funding for the common area capital improvements at the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Branch Library site are appropriate; and
- (2) forward the information contained in the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Branch Library Capital Project report to the City's Policy and Finance Committee.

Councillor Michael Prue, Beaches-East York, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Rae, on behalf of Councillor Prue, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (i) recommended to Council that the Dawes Road Library project proceed as previously approved in the 2000 Capital Budget; and
- (ii) requested the City Librarian to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on January 30, 2001, on a ten year Capital maintenance plan for the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Branch Library.

(City Librarian - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 13 – Report No. 1)**



**1-24. Basement Flooding Investigation and Assessment -  
Voluntary Private Home Isolation Program.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (January 10, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Works Committee on January 10, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report dated December 18, 2000, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services entitled "Basement Flooding Investigation and Assessment – Status Report – All Wards";
- (2) that the Voluntary Private Home Isolation Program be in addition to programs presently in effect; and
- (3) that each Councillor be presented with a report on each cluster as it becomes available, and that the Works and Emergency Services Department work with Councillors to bring this information to community meetings and develop a plan for each cluster as soon as possible.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication (January 10, 2001) from the City Clerk to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2001 Budget deliberations.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Committee Administrator, Works Committee - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(p) – Report No. 1)**

**1-25. Public Access Defibrillation.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on January 11, 2001, amongst other things, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (i) the adoption of the report dated December 14, 2000, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Public Access Defibrillation", subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) by adding thereto the following:

"and further that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services and other appropriate Commissioners,

report to the Community Services Committee on a plan outlining the priority City-owned buildings and sites, as well as a timetable, for the future expansion of the PAD program;”;

- (ii) that the former Civic Centres to be retained by the City be equipped with a PAD program by a target date of December 2001; and
- (iii) that City Council endorse Mr. Colle’s Private Member’s Bill 185 “An Act to help save the lives of Ontarians who suffer from cardiac arrest by promoting the widespread availability and use of portable heart defibrillators in public places”; and further that the Province of Ontario be requested to make defibrillation as accessible as possible;

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Community Services Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (January 11, 2001) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 10 – Report No. 1)**

**1-26. Elevator Repairs and Work Order Notifications.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following communication and report:

- (i) (January 11, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on January 11, 2001, amongst other things, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee respecting Elevator Repairs and Work Order Notifications, contained in the attached communication dated September 29, 2000, from the City Clerk, subject to such recommendations being amended to read as follows:
  - “(1) elevator repairs in high rise apartment buildings, including the Toronto Housing Company and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation buildings, with one elevator be treated as a matter of immediate danger to the health and safety of residents; and
  - (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to ensure that notification of all urgent property standards infractions in common areas of rental buildings, including the Toronto Housing Company and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation buildings, be sent to all tenants in such buildings”; and

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- (ii) (January 16, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services entitled, "Elevator Repairs and Work Order Notifications" advising the Committee of the financial impacts of the recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee; that the data required to estimate the extent of the financial impact has been requested from the Technical Standards and Safety Association; that they have agreed to provide the data, but it is not yet available; that the recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee will have significant financial impact; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) amended Recommendation No. (1) of the Community Services Committee, embodied in the foregoing communication, by deleting the words "with one elevator", so that Recommendation No. (1) now read as follows:

"(1) elevator repairs in high rise apartment buildings, including the Toronto Housing Company and the Metropolitan Toronto Housing Corporation buildings be treated as a matter of immediate danger to the health and safety of residents;"; and

- (2) referred the foregoing communication, as amended, to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for a comprehensive timely report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (3) received the report (January 16, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, respecting the financial impacts of the Recommendations of the Tenant Defence Sub-Committee.

(Commissioner of Urban Development and Services; c. Committee Administrator, Community Services Committee; Committee Secretary, Tenant Defence Sub-Committee - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(q) – Report No. 1)**

**1-27. Quotation for Environmental Remediation  
at 419/425 Coxwell Avenue (East Toronto).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a joint report (January 12, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, and the City Solicitor recommending that:

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- (1) Council ratify the Bid Committee's action in awarding this contract to Priestly Demolition Inc., for environmental remediation at 419-425 Coxwell Avenue be accepted in the amount of \$660,399.72 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest Quotation received; and
- (2) Council authorize the interim use of \$310,000 from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing to cover environmental remediation costs until the full cost of \$660,399.72 is received from OMERS Realty Corporation.

On motion by Councillor Bussin, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing joint report (January 12, 2001) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Solicitor.

**(Clause No. 11 – Report No. 1)**

**1-28. Bill 140 - Continued Protection for  
Property Taxpayers Act, 2000.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 15, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing an overview of the legislation governing the assessment and taxation of property in Ontario, including a review of Bill 140, the Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) the Minister of Finance be requested to extend, by regulation, the City of Toronto's deadline for adopting a 2.5 percent limit on reform-related property tax increases for the commercial, industrial and multi-residential property classes for 2001 to May 31, 2001;
- (2) the Minister of Finance be requested to provide, by regulation, that should the City of Toronto adopt a 2.5 percent limit for reform-related tax increases, that budgetary increases to the commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes be permitted to at least the 5 percent limit;
- (3) the Minister of Finance be requested to prescribe a lower mandatory rebate percentage for charities for the City of Toronto which takes into account the allowable tax increases of 7.2 percent for 1998 to 2000 for charities occupying space in commercial and industrial properties since 1997, and the further limits on tax increases mandated under Bill 140, and that the Minister of Finance be further requested to extend, by regulation, the deadline by which one-half of the rebate must be made such that it is 120 days from the date of the initial application by the charity, with the balance of the rebate to be due within 180 days of the receipt of the application;

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- (4) the Province be requested to amend the legislation to allow for “deferral” of taxes levied for owners of residential, farm or managed forests property if the taxes on the property are “unduly burdensome” as defined by the municipality;
- (5) the Minister of Finance be requested to prescribe the following deadlines for payment of vacancy rebates: 240 days in 2001, 180 days in 2002 and 120 days in 2003; and
- (6) the Province be requested to set a 2001 residential education tax rate for the City of Toronto that levies no more for education purposes from the City of Toronto than was raised in 2000.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (January 15, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 2 – Report No. 1)**

**1-29. Waterfront Redevelopment Initiative.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 11, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer submitting the first of several reports which will address a variety of issues respecting implementation of the Waterfront Plan; outlining the workplan and specifically requesting allocation of funding for technical studies necessary to prepare for implementation, such funding to be shared equally by the City, Provincial and Federal Governments; and recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to execute the Memorandum of Understanding attached to this report to provide for the sharing of costs with the Provincial and Federal Governments for technical studies required to further analyze and detail the waterfront plan and to prepare the Central Waterfront Official Plan and implementation mechanisms;
- (2) a capital account be established for \$6.3 million to cover the cost of the studies itemized in the Memorandum of Understanding, to be offset by a revenue of \$4.2 million from the City’s funding partners;
- (3) the sum of \$2.1 million be allocated from the proceeds of debt issuance to cover the City’s share for these studies;

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- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to enter into agreements with consultants to complete these studies, including an agreement with TOBid to engage professional consulting services on a portion of the infrastructure-related studies on behalf of the City in the amount of \$3.45 million, included in the \$6.3 million total cost of studies; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Sutherland, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (January 11, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

**(Clause No. 1 – Report No. 1)**

**1-30. Submission of Resolutions to the Federation of  
Canadian Municipalities Annual Conference  
Banff, Alberta – May 25 – May 28, 2001.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (January 11, 2001) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski encouraging City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, to submit resolutions to Council at its meeting of January 30, 2001, on subjects of national municipal interest for debate at the FCM Annual Conference May 31 – June 3, 2001, having regard that the deadline for submission of resolutions is January 29, 2001, midnight; and requesting the Policy and Finance Committee to forward resolutions directly to FCM in time for the deadline of midnight January 29, 2001; and forward these resolutions to City Council for its endorsement on January 30, 2001.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee referred the foregoing communication (January 11, 2001) from Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski to the Chief Administrative Officer for follow up with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and report thereon directly to Council, if necessary.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 15 – Report No. 1)**

**1-31. Preliminary Summary of Estimated  
2001 CVA Tax Impacts.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 16, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) this report, and the companion documents (i) "Preliminary Summary of Estimated 2001 CVA Tax Impacts – December 2000", and (ii) "Summary of Updated Estimated 1998 Tax Impacts (Reproduction by 2000 Ward Boundaries)" be received for the information of Committee and Council; and,
- (2) staff be directed to report to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on re-assessment and taxation impacts and provide a detailed analysis of tax policy options for the residential, multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer made a presentation to the Policy and Finance Committee respecting the foregoing matter; and filed a copy of her presentation material.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Raymond Cho, Scarborough-Rouge River;
- Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity Spadina;
- Councillor David Miller, Parkdale-High Park;
- Councillor Sherene Shaw, Scarborough-Agincourt; and
- Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.

On motion by Councillor Ootes, on behalf of Councillor Shaw, the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) concurred with the recommendations embodied in the foregoing report (January 16, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on January 30, 2001, on the options of holding public meetings on the general impact of the assessment on all property classes.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 3 – Report No. 1)**

**1-32. Authority to Submit Letter of Intent to the Ontario Superbuild Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnership Initiative.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a joint report (January 16, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer recommending that:

- (1) the Chief Administrative Officer be authorized to submit a letter of intent to the Ontario SuperBuild Corporation's Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships Initiative by February 2, 2001 for support of the "Toronto Sports, Culture and Tourism State of Good Repair Project" as described herein;
- (2) as required by the program guidelines, Council affirm that:
  - (a) this project is its highest sports, culture and tourism infrastructure priority; and
  - (b) Toronto is compliant with the new Ministry of Environment Drinking Water Protection Regulation, Ontario Regulation 459/00; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing joint report (January 16, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 8 – Report No. 1)**

**1-33. Presentation – Bloor Viaduct Safety Committee.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (January 16, 2001) from Councillor Betty Disero – Ward 17 Davenport requesting that the Chair of the Bloor Viaduct Safety Committee be provided with an opportunity to make a presentation to the Policy and Finance Committee.



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The following persons appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Ellis Kirkland, Chair, Project Steering Committee of the Bloor Viaduct Safety Committee, and filed a copy of her presentation to the Policy and Finance Committee outlining various projects undertaken to raise funds for the installation of a suicide barrier at the Bloor Viaduct; and submitted a proposal outlining a commitment of funds for this project in the amount of \$2.5 million dollars; and
- Dr. Isaac Sakinofsky, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health.

The following Members of Council appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Betty Disero, Davenport; and
- Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood.

A. Councillor McConnell moved that the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) refer the issue of the Bloor Viaduct Project to the Works Committee for consideration at its meeting on February 7, 2001; and
- (2) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services:
  - (i) to submit a report to the aforementioned meeting of the Works Committee respecting the safety aspect of the proposal; and
  - (ii) to complete this project in an expeditious manner; and  
**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Lindsay Luby moved that the Policy and Finance Committee convey its appreciation to:

- (a) Ms. Ellis Kirkland, Chair, Bloor Viaduct Steering Committee, for her work and commitment and success in finding a solution to this issue; and

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- (b) staff in the Works and Emergency Services Department especially Mr. Dave Kaufmann, General Manager, Transportation Services, and Mr. Tom Denes, Executive Director of Technical Services, for their work respecting this project. **(Carried)**

(Works Committee; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Mr. Dave Kaufmann, General Manager, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services; Mr. Tom Denes, Executive Director of Technical Services, Works and Emergency Services; Ms. Ellis Kirkland, Chair, Bloor Viaduct Steering Committee; c. Dr. Isaac Sakinofsky, Centre for Addiction and Mental Health - January 18, 2001)

**(Clause No. 16(r) – Report No. 1)**

The Policy and Finance Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:39 p.m.

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Chair.