

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee

Meeting No. 3

Thursday, April 5, 2001

The Policy and Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 5, 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 periods indicated.

	9:40 a.m. to 12:33 p.m.	2:10 p.m. to 6:25 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	X	X
Councillor Sandra Bussin	X	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	X	X
Councillor Pam McConnell	X	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan- Wong	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor David Shiner	X	X
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X	X

Councillor Ootes assumed the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on February 15, 2001.

**3-1. 2001 Provincial Re-Assessment
Impacts and Tax Policy Options; Residential Property
Class; Multi-Residential Property Class; Commercial and
Industrial Property Classes; Property Tax Relief for
Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons.**

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

- (i) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Overview of the 2001 Provincial Re-Assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options”, providing an overview of the 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options Reports respecting:
 - (a) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options, Residential Property Class;
 - (b) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options, Multi-Residential Property Class;
 - (c) Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options, Commercial and Industrial Property Classes; and
 - (d) Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons; andrecommending that this report be received for information;
- (ii) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-Assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options Residential Property Class”, recommending that, for the residential property class, Council adopt:
 - (1) a five-year phase-in program to phase-in CVA related tax increases and decreases;
 - (2) a threshold of \$200.00 apply to CVA related tax increases, over the five-year term of the phase-in program (2001-2005);
 - (3) the threshold for CVA related tax decreases be set at \$110.00 to fund the revenues foregone from the phasing-in of increases, as provided for in recommendation (2) above; and
 - (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

- (iii) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-Assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options Multi-Residential Property Class”, recommending that:
- (1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial, industrial and multi-residential tax classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;
 - (2) the limit on tax increases be financed entirely within the Multi-residential tax class, by withholding a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;
 - (3) the optional New Multi-residential tax class that allows a reduced tax rate to apply to newly-constructed multi-residential properties for a limited period of time following construction be adopted for the 2001 taxation year; and
 - (4) the applicable tax rate for the New Multi-residential tax class be set at a tax rate equivalent to the 2001 residential tax rate; and
 - (5) the appropriate City staff be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (iv) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “New Multi-Residential Property Class: 8-Year Applicability Period”, responding to the Policy and Finance Committee’s request to clarify the reasons the Province has chosen an eight-year limit during which a reduced tax rate may apply to properties within the “New Multi-Residential” tax class; advising that Provincial officials report that the issue of the term of the applicability of the new multi-residential tax class is under active consideration; that while a move to a permanent rate reduction is not likely, for a number of reasons, it has been suggested that a longer period of applicability for a lower tax rate, perhaps corresponding to a developer’s 20 or 25-year mortgage term, may provide for increased stimulus to the construction of rental housing; that it is likely that a decision concerning the period of applicability for the new multi-residential tax class will be reflected in provincial regulations for tax policy for 2001 and subsequent years; that to date, no regulations have been released for 2001; and recommending that this report be received for information;

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- (v) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-Assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options Commercial and Industrial Property Classes”, recommending that:
- (1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial and industrial property classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;
 - (2) the limits on tax increases for the commercial and industrial property classes be financed entirely within the respective property class, by clawing back a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;
 - (3) the clawback rate on tax decreases be set at a rate sufficient to ensure revenue-neutrality in 2001, and adjusted if necessary in 2002, having regard for anticipated losses arising through appeals and assessment changes; such rate to be calculated at the time that the final tax rates are determined;
 - (4) no other tax policy tools be adopted for the commercial and industrial property classes at this time;
 - (5) the 2000 budget be restated to include a non-program line item “Commercial and Industrial Vacancy Rebates”, based on the revised treatment of commercial and industrial vacancies pursuant to Bill 140, and that a provision for vacancy rebates of \$17.0 million (City share) be included in the 2001 Operating Budget;
 - (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (vi) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons”, recommending that:
- (1) the property tax deferral program for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons, as outlined in this report and summarized in Appendix 1, be adopted;
 - (2) the Minister of Finance be requested to make a regulation in respect of low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons allowing for the deferral of tax increases in any year, including a year in which there is no general re-assessment; and

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- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (vii) (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, entitled “Cancellation of Taxes Related to Current Value Assessment (CVA) – Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons”, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Walker

Seconded by: Councillor Johnston

“WHEREAS the second round of re-assessment under the Provincial Government’s Current Value Assessment (CVA) system has again resulted in significant tax shifts within the residential property class and substantial assessment-related tax changes for a large number of individual homeowners; and

WHEREAS Current Value Assessment has caused substantial property tax increases in a relatively short period of time for many homeowners, particularly in the old City of Toronto, the former Borough of East York and in neighbourhoods throughout the entire City; and

WHEREAS these tax increases do not relate to the cost of servicing the individual property, increased municipal services or municipal budgetary shortfalls, but are based solely on the wildly fluctuating Toronto real estate market; and

WHEREAS CVA is, in essence, a tax on an unrealized capital gain making taxpayers that have lived for many years in the same home and those on a fixed income extremely vulnerable to re-assessment and tax shifts; and

WHEREAS both the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario have recognized low and moderate income Senior and Disabled Homeowners as taxpayers who would be particularly vulnerable to the negative impacts of reassessment; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario has mandated that municipalities provide tax relief for low income seniors and disabled homeowners; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto established a program in 1998 whereby eligible low and moderate income Seniors and Disabled Persons could defer between 25 percent – 100 percent of their assessment-related tax increase annually, with no interest penalties. The deferred taxes would be registered as a lien to be paid back upon sale of the property or the death of the homeowner; and

WHEREAS the majority of those taxpayers eligible for the deferral program quite rightly reject the suggestion that after years of working and saving to afford a home and pay off a mortgage they should consider going through it all over again in order to pay an unfair tax increase; and

WHEREAS the program currently in place has been largely ignored by eligible taxpayers with a scant 3 percent participation rate indicating that the program is unpopular, cost ineffective and in need of drastic alterations if it is to accomplish its intended goal – that is to allow low to moderate income seniors and disabled persons to remain in their homes and in their communities;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to prepare a report outlining the financial impacts associated with cancellation of CVA-related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners, using the same eligibility criteria as what is currently in place under the City of Toronto's Senior and Disabled Tax Deferral Program; and
 - (2) the Government of Ontario, as the architects of the Current Value Assessment system and thus bearing responsibility for assessment-related tax changes (increases and decreases), be requested to fund all or part (i.e., the education portion) of the cost of any potential program to cancel assessment related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners.”;
- (viii) (March 16, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Cancellation of Taxes – Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons”, responding to a motion respecting the cancellation of CVA-related tax increases for low and moderate income senior and disabled homeowners; advising that a program to cancel CVA-related tax increases based on same eligibility criteria as is currently in place under the City of Toronto's Senior and Disabled Tax Deferral Program is estimated to result in the annual cancellation of approximately \$16.2 million in CVA-related tax increases for an estimated 51,000 participating households, with the City share of the cancellation being approximately \$10.7 million and the school board share being approximately \$6.5 million; that if such a cancellation program is adopted, a budget provision will be required and funded through a tax levy increase; that if the program is expanded to be inclusive of any tax increases, not just CVA-related tax increases, the City's new funding requirement would increase to \$14.0 million per annum; that there is no provision in the 2001 Operating Budget, and therefore, adoption of such a program would add to the City's \$305 million budget pressure; and recommending that this report be received for information;

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- (ix) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Response to Submission from Committee for Fair City Taxes Re: Finance and Taxation Issues", responding to recommendations embodied in a communication dated February 6, 2001 from Mr. John Sewell, representative of the Committee for Fair City Taxes, to the Policy and Finance Committee concerning finance and taxation issues in Toronto; advising that Committee for Fair City Taxes has proposed recommendations in four areas concerning finances and taxation in Toronto; that in all cases, the Committee for Fair City Taxes' recommendations are consistent with positions already approved by Council, or with Council's stated objectives concerning the 2001 budget and the need for a new relationship with the federal and provincial levels of government; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- (x) (March 29, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Toronto Wildlife Centre (60 John Drury Drive) – Error in Classification Coding", addressing a taxation issue encountered by the Toronto Wildlife Centre, a non-business tenant at 60 Drury Drive, a property owned by National Defence Canada; advising that the City obtained confirmation from OPAC that the Centre is a non-profit organization that has occupied space at 60 John Drury Drive; that the Centre's registered charity status, concurrent with confirmation of its leasing arrangements, has provided the proof needed to cause an adjustment to the Centre's tax liability; that the Finance Department, Revenue Services Division, staff have made the necessary corrections and credits to the Centre's tax account so as to amend, and subsequently prevent, the problem previously experienced; that future property tax relief may be available to the Toronto Wildlife Centre via a forty (40) percent rebate, as provided by Bill 140, *Continued Protection for Property Taxpayers Act, 2000*; that resolution of this issue has necessitated a \$20,249.49 adjustment to the Toronto Wildlife Centre's property tax account for 1998, 1999, and 2000; that the City's share is \$9,208.79; that this adjustment will consequently impact the City's Tax Deficiency account; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

- Mr. Bill Phillips and Mr. George Milbrandt, Committee for Fair City Taxes;
- Ms. Nathalie Karvonen, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre, and filed a submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. Brian Torry;
- Ms. Madeline Webb; and
- Mr. Joseph Norkus.

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 Frank Di Giorgio, York South-Weston;
- Councillor Douglas Holyday, Etobicoke Centre;
- Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, Parkdale-High Park;
- Councillor Joe Pantalone, Trinity-Spadina;
- Councillor Sherene Shaw, Scarborough-Agincourt; and
- Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.

Residential Property Class:

- A. Councillor Ootes moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options - Residential Property Class", subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

"(1) Council adopt a five-year phase-in program to phase-in CVA-related tax increases and decreases, and that Council request the Minister of Finance to file a regulation allowing a phase-in program that phases-in full CVA-related tax decreases;". **(Carried on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae)**

AGAINST: Kelly, Shiner, Sutherland)

- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to compare property taxes paid in various communities across the Province for similar single family homes, similar in terms of size and quality, but not market value, and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee. **(Carried on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae, Shiner, Sutherland**

AGAINST: Minnan-Wong)

C. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council:

(1) that CVA be implemented without a phase-in for this year.
(Lost on the following recorded vote:

FOR: Kelly, Shiner, Sutherland

**AGAINST: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae,)**

(2) the foregoing motion A. moved by Councillor Ootes be amended to provide that Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) be adopted subject to:

(a) the deletion of the figure of "\$200.00 in Recommendation No. (2) and inserting in lieu thereof "\$300.00"; and;

(b) the deletion of the figure of "\$110.00" from Recommendation No. (3) and inserting in lieu thereof the figure of "\$165.00". **(Lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Kelly, Shiner, Sutherland

**AGAINST: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae)**

D. Councillor Kelly moved that the foregoing motion A. moved by Councillor Ootes be amended by deleting the words "five-year" from Recommendation No. (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "two-year" and striking out Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3). **(Redundant)**

E. Councillor Lindsay Luby moved that the Policy and Finance Committee vote on the motions moved in a descending order starting with the five-year phase-in program. **(Carried on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby, McConnell,
Ootes, Rae**

AGAINST: Kelly, Shiner, Sutherland)

A recorded vote on the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options - Residential Property Class", as amended, was as follows:

FOR: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Ootes, Rae

AGAINST: Kelly, Shiner, Sutherland

Multi-Residential and Commercial and Industrial Property Classes:

F. Councillor Bussin moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council:

- (1) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options, Multi-Residential Property Class"; **(Carried Unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae, Shiner, Sutherland**

AGAINST: Nil);

and

- (2) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled, Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options, Commercial and Industrial Property Classes". **(Redundant)**

- G. Councillor McConnell moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled, **Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options – Commercial and Industrial Property Classes**”; and further that prior to the next re-assessment in 2003:
- (i) the Commissioner of Economic Development Culture and Tourism be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the impact of strip retail properties achieving full CVA in 30-50 years;
 - (ii) Council indicate its desire to create tax classes that differentiate among different types of business, and recognise the public policy advantage of varying tax rates among business types to achieve economic development objectives;
 - (iii) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on a definition of strip retail that could separate that class of businesses from businesses that do not add to the stability and growth of grade related local retail strips, and that, should Council accept the definitions, that Council request that the province enable the creation of such a class;
 - (iv) the Chief Financial Officer and Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the City’s capacity to use the tax classes and graduated tax rates in combination to more effectively differentiate among business types and allow Council the capacity to set varying rates for small, street related retail businesses; small independent businesses in malls; large office buildings, and small office buildings; and
 - (v) City Council consider optional property classes of commercial property, setting taxes to retain current share of the tax base, and initiate a review of those rates to identify opportunities to alter the relative commercial rates if such an alteration achieves a valid public policy objective. **(Carried Unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Ootes, Rae, Shiner, Sutherland**

AGAINST: Nil)

- H. Councillor Sutherland moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that the Minister of Finance be requested to allow the tax increase for the multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes to be equal to 50 per cent of what the residential tax increase would be until the City's commercial, industrial and multi-residential tax ratios reach the provincial average threshold ratios for these classes. **(Lost on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Kelly, Sutherland

**AGAINST: Bussin, Lastman, Lindsay Luby, McConnell,
Ootes, Rae, Shiner)**

- I. Councillor McConnell moved that the Policy and Finance Committee direct the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to write to the Province of Ontario requesting the Province to extend the deadline for comments on the draft vacancy rebate program for Commercial and Industrial properties from April 15, 2001, until after the April 17, 2001, meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee; and recommended to Council that Council concur with the foregoing action taken by the Committee. **(Carried Unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

**FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby,
McConnell, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Rae, Shiner,
Sutherland**

AGAINST: Nil)

Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-income Disabled Persons:

- J. Councillor Ootes moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-income Disabled Persons” subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) to read as follows:

“(2) the Minister of Finance be requested to make a regulation in respect of low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons allowing for the deferral of tax increases, beginning in a year subsequent to a taxation year in which a general re-assessment occurs;”. **(Carried Unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Rae, Shiner, Sutherland

AGAINST: Nil)

General:

- K. Councillor Ootes moved that the following reports and communication be received:
- (i) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Overview of the 2001 Provincial Re-assessment – Impacts and Tax Policy Options Reports”;
 - (ii) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “New Multi-Residential” Property Class: eight-year applicability period;
 - (iii) (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, entitled “Cancellation of Taxes Related to Current Value Assessment (CVA);
 - (iv) (March 16, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Cancellation of Taxes – Low-Income Seniors and Low-Income Disabled Persons”;

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- (v) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Response to Submission from Committee for Fair City Taxes respecting Finance and Taxation Issues"; and
- (vi) (March 29, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Toronto Wildlife Centre (60 John Drury Drive) – Error in Classification Coding". **(Carried Unanimously on the following recorded vote:**

FOR: Bussin, Kelly, Lastman, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Rae, Shiner, Sutherland

AGAINST: Nil)

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

The Policy and Finance Committee:

(A) recommended to Council:

- (I) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options - Residential Property Class", subject to amending Recommendation No. (1) to read as follows:

"(1) Council adopt a five-year phase-in program to phase-in CVA-related tax increases and decreases, and that Council request the Minister of Finance to file a regulation allowing a phase-in program that phases-in full CVA-related tax decreases;"

so that the Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report now read as follows:

"It is recommended that, for the residential property class, Council adopt:

- (1) a five-year phase-in program to phase-in CVA-related tax increases and decreases, and that Council request the Minister of Finance to file a regulation allowing a phase-in program that phases-in full CVA-related tax decreases;
- (2) a threshold of \$200.00 apply to CVA related tax increases, over the five-year term of the phase-in program (2001-2005);

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- (3) the threshold for CVA related tax decreases be set at \$110.00 to fund the revenues foregone from the phasing-in of increases, as provided for in Recommendation No. (2) above; and
 - (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;”;
- (II) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options - Multi-Residential Property Class, wherein it is recommended that:
- (1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial, industrial and multi-residential tax classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;
 - (2) the limit on tax increases be financed entirely within the Multi-residential tax class, by withholding a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;
 - (3) the optional New Multi-residential tax class that allows a reduced tax rate to apply to newly-constructed multi-residential properties for a limited period of time following construction be adopted for the 2001 taxation year;
 - (4) the applicable tax rate for the New Multi-residential tax class be set at a tax rate equivalent to the 2001 residential tax rate; and
 - (5) the appropriate City staff be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (III) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Preliminary 2001 Provincial Re-assessment Impacts and Tax Policy Options - Commercial and Industrial Property Classes”, wherein it is recommended that:
- “(1) a 2.5 percent limit for CVA-related tax increases be adopted if the Minister of Finance allows by regulation that budgetary increases to the commercial and industrial property classes are permitted to at least the 5 percent limit, otherwise that a 5 percent limit be adopted;

- (2) the limits on tax increases for the commercial and industrial property classes be financed entirely within the respective property class, by clawing back a portion of the tax decreases that would otherwise be payable to properties that have experienced a decrease under Current Value Assessment;
- (3) the clawback rate on tax decreases be set at a rate sufficient to ensure revenue-neutrality in 2001, and adjusted if necessary in 2002, having regard for anticipated losses arising through appeals and assessment changes; such rate to be calculated at the time that the final tax rates are determined;
- (4) no other tax policy tools be adopted for the commercial and industrial property classes at this time;
- (5) the 2000 budget be restated to include a non-program line item "Commercial and Industrial Vacancy Rebates", based on the revised treatment of commercial and industrial vacancies pursuant to Bill 140, and that a provision for vacancy rebates of \$17.0 million (City share) be included in the 2001 Operating Budget; and
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

further that prior to the next re-assessment in 2003:

- (i) the Commissioner of Economic Development Culture and Tourism be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the impact of strip retail properties achieving full CVA in 30-50 years;
- (ii) Council indicate its desire to create tax classes that differentiate among different types of business, and recognise the public policy advantage of varying tax rates among business types to achieve economic development objectives;
- (iii) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on a definition of strip retail that could separate that class of businesses from businesses that do not add to the stability and growth of grade related local retail strips, and that, should Council accept the definitions, that Council request that the province enable the creation of such a class;

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- (iv) the Chief Financial Officer and Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the City's capacity to use the tax classes and graduated tax rates in combination to more effectively differentiate among business types and allow Council the capacity to set varying rates for small, street related retail businesses; small independent businesses in malls; large office buildings, and small office buildings; and
 - (v) City Council consider optional property classes of commercial property, setting taxes to retain current share of the tax base, and initiate a review of those rates to identify opportunities to alter the relative commercial rates if such an alteration achieves a valid public policy objective; and
- (IV) the adoption of the report (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Property Tax Relief for Low-Income Seniors and Low-income Disabled Persons" subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) to read as follows:

"(2) the Minister of Finance be requested to make a regulation in respect of low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons allowing for the deferral of tax increases, beginning in a year subsequent to a taxation year in which a general re-assessment occurs;"

so that the Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report now read as follows:

- "(1) the property tax deferral program for low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons, as outlined in this report and summarized in Appendix 1, be adopted;
- (2) the Minister of Finance be requested to make a regulation in respect of low-income seniors and low-income disabled persons allowing for the deferral of tax increases, beginning in a year subsequent to a taxation year in which a general re-assessment occurs; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;

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- (B) directed the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to write to the Province of Ontario requesting the Province to extend the deadline for comments on the draft vacancy rebate program for Commercial and Industrial properties from April 15, 2001, until after the April 17, 2001, meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee; and recommended that Council concur with the foregoing action taken by the Committee;
- (C) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to compare property taxes paid in various communities across the Province for similar single family homes, similar in terms of size and quality, but not market value, and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (D) received the following reports and communication:
 - (i) (February 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Overview of the 2001 Provincial Re-assessment – Impacts and Tax Policy Options Reports”;
 - (ii) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “New Multi-Residential” Property Class: eight-year applicability period;
 - (iii) (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, entitled “Cancellation of Taxes Related to Current Value Assessment (CVA);
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 - (v) (April 5, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Response to Submission from Committee for Fair City Taxes respecting Finance and Taxation Issues”; and
 - (vi) (March 29, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Toronto Wildlife Centre (60 John Drury Drive) – Error in Classification Coding”.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c: Mr. John Sewell, Committee for Fair City Taxes; Mr. Bill Phillips and Mr. George Milbrandt, Committee for Fair City Taxes; Ms. Alex Fortais, Toronto Wildlife Centre; Ms. Nathalie Karvonon, Executive Director, Toronto Wildlife Centre; Mr. Brian Torry; Ms. Madeline Webb; Mr. Joseph Norkus – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 2 - Report No. 4)

**3-2. Request to Federal Government to
Establish a Ministry of Urban Affairs.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it the following:

- (i) communication (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration, and the Chief Administrative Officer was requested to review such Motion, in consultation with the City of Toronto's Federation of Canadian Municipalities Board representatives, and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Cho

Seconded by: Councillor Berardinetti

“WHEREAS the City of Toronto has many reasons to have ongoing relations with the Federal Government on a variety of issues; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto and other large urban centres in Canada are impacted by many of the decisions of the Federal Government; and

WHEREAS there is no available structure to approach the Federal Government on urban issues; and

WHEREAS it is essential that the Federal Government, and the City of Toronto and other Urban Centres work together co-operatively and efficiently; and

WHEREAS our cities continue to grow through the movement of people from rural areas to urban centres and external immigration; and

WHEREAS major urban centres throughout the world are in competition with each other; and

WHEREAS the needs of municipal governments have grown extensively over the years and will continue to grow in areas of social housing, children's services, homelessness, taxation, transportation, and other vital services; and

WHEREAS there previously existed a Federal Ministry of Urban Affairs;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto request the Federal Government to establish a Ministry of Urban Affairs to develop and implement a national urban agenda;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal government appoint a Minister of Urban Affairs that will be responsible for working with municipal representatives in the development of the urban agenda and its implementation.”; and

- (ii) report (March 22, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, commenting on a Notice of Motion relating to the federal government’s role in urban affairs that was considered at the City Council meeting on March 6 to 8, 2001; reviewing the motion in the context of existing Council positions and recent discussions at meetings of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and the FCM’s Big City Mayors’ caucus; and recommending that:
- (1) the Notice of Motion by Councillor Cho and seconded by Councillor Berardinetti, respecting the establishment of a Minister and Ministry of Urban Affairs within the federal government, be received;
 - (2) the City of Toronto request the federal government to establish a Cabinet Committee on Urban Affairs in order to ensure that all ministers with responsibility for key urban issues focus on a national urban agenda;
 - (3) the City of Toronto support the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and its Big City Mayors’ caucus in their efforts to lobby the federal government to establish a Cabinet Committee on Urban Affairs;
 - (4) the Mayor invite the Federal Liberal Toronto Caucus to meet with the members of Toronto City Council to engage in a dialogue on key urban issues and the federal agenda;
 - (5) copies of this report be sent to the Prime Minister, the federal minister with responsibility for the Greater Toronto Area, the President of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities and the Big City Mayors’ caucus; and
 - (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 22, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Clause No. 8 - Report No. 4)

3-3. Development of a City of Toronto Declaration and Plan of Action Regarding the Elimination of Racism in Relation to the United Nations-World Conference Against Racism, Racial Discrimination, Xenophobia and Related Intolerance (UN-WCAR).

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 21, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that:

- (1) City Council's Diversity Advocate be requested to include this report at the bi-annual consultation scheduled for June, 2001 with members of the Community Advisory Committees on: Aboriginal Affairs, Disability Issues, Lesbian, Gay, and Bi-Sexual and Transgender Issues, Race and Ethnic Relations, and Status of Women and request that the committees provide input to the development of the City's Declaration and Plan of Action regarding the elimination of racism and other related intolerance;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Board of Directors, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and its Standing Committee on Race Relations with the recommendation that FCM request the Government of Canada to include representatives from the municipal sector in the Canadian delegation to the United Nations World Conference Against Racism;
- (3) in keeping with the City of Toronto's on-going leadership role in the elimination of racism and related intolerance, the following recommendations be forwarded to the Prime Minister of Canada, the Secretary of State (Multiculturalism) (Status of Women), and the Minister of the Department of Foreign Affairs and International Trade (DFAIT) requesting that the Government of Canada:
 - (a) establish a domestic plan of action for the elimination of racism that responds to the critical issues identified by Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO's) during the national consultative process leading up to UN-WCAR;
 - (b) include a commitment in the domestic plan of action to amend the Multiculturalism Act and other appropriate legislation with the objective of establishing statutory obligations towards the elimination of racism;
 - (c) establish within the domestic plan of action performance management indicators and mechanisms for compliance and reporting on the progress being made towards the elimination of racism and other forms of intolerance;

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- (d) establish a national urban policy to address social exclusion, racial inequalities and all forms of intolerance and to hold annual inter-governmental meetings with all orders of government, including municipalities, on the progress being made towards the elimination of racism; and
 - (e) establish mechanisms to support a range of intergovernmental as well as public/private partnerships and public/voluntary sector partnerships in pursuit of the achievement of equity; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a communication (April 2, 2001) from Ms. Liane Regendanz, President, Toronto Neighbourhood Centres (TNC), in support of the foregoing report.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (March 21, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer subject to amending Recommendation No. (2) to read as follows:

- “(2) this report be forwarded to the Board of Directors, Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) and its Standing Committee on Race Relations, and that Council request the Government of Canada to include representatives from the municipal sector in the Canadian delegation to the United Nations World Conference Against Racism;”.

(Clause No. 9 - Report No. 4)

**3-4. Establishment of a Toronto District School Board -
Toronto City Council Liaison Committee.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Prue

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

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WHEREAS City Council, at its regular and special meetings held on October 3, 4, and 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, 2000, by its adoption of Motion J(7), as amended, endorsed a Toronto District School Board resolution establishing a joint working group of Council and the Toronto District and Toronto Catholic School Boards; and

“WHEREAS the Toronto District School Board, at its meeting held on December 6, 2000, adopted a resolution to establish a joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee to amongst others things, focus on solving the problems related to the community use of schools in our City; and

WHEREAS there is urgency to this Motion, in that further delays in the appointment of Council Members to the Committee deprives the City of opportunities, through joint efforts, to save funds and alleviate significant hardships to citizens and community groups that exist because of new charges for community use of schools; and

WHEREAS there are no financial impacts associated with this Motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council agree to participate in a Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee by appointing up to six interested Members; and the following interested Members of Council be appointed to such Committee:

R. Cho
F. Di Giorgio
S. Hall
P. McConnell
M. Prue.”

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that:

- (1) the mandate and composition of the School Advisory Committee, as outlined in this report, be adopted;
- (2) the School Advisory Committee be established as an advisory committee to City Council, which reports through the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (3) school-related matters arising from Committees of Council and other advisory committees be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee for co-ordination and review, prior to being forwarded to Council;
- (4) the Striking Committee of Council meet to recommend the six members of the SAC in advance of the April Council meeting;

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- (5) the achievements and mandate of the SAC be reviewed at the end of this term of City Council;
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Note: This matter was considered with Item No. 5 – See Minute No. 3-5 for decision.)

(Clause No. 4 - Report No. 4)

**3-5. Mandate and Composition of the
School Advisory Committee – Citywide.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Di Giorgio

“WHEREAS Council, at its meeting held on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2001, by its adoption of Clause No. 14 of Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, established the School Advisory Committee, being a combination of two former committees on schools issues, and referred the composition and terms of reference to the Chief Administrative Officer for review and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and

WHEREAS there are now pressing matters requiring the City both to work on its strategy and to work jointly with the School Board to resolve issues of mutual concern; and

WHEREAS there are no financial impacts associated with this Motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, in accordance with §27-49 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Clause No. 14 of Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed ‘Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees, and Task Forces Established by Council since January, 1998’, be re-opened for further consideration, only insofar as it pertains to the Terms of Reference, composition and membership of the School Advisory Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the School Advisory Committee be struck immediately, the composition being interested Members of Council, such Members being requested to indicate their interest in appointment to such Committee so that they may be appointed at the meeting of Council being held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT should Council establish the joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee, which Committee is the subject of a Notice of Motion by Councillor Prue, seconded by Councillor Hall, the six Members appointed to the joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee also be appointed to the School Advisory Committee;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the mandate of the School Advisory Committee be as follows:

- (1) To provide a forum for information-sharing for City Councillors, Trustees and interested members of the public;
- (2) To identify City priorities and interests with respect to educational programs and facilities, for Council's approval;
- (3) To monitor school-related issues as they pertain to City priorities and interests, and make recommendations to Council, as appropriate;
- (4) To explore and report on matters relating to service level changes and their impact on community services; and
- (5) To provide a forum for addressing other issues of mutual concern and mutual benefit to the City and the school boards."

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a communication (March 14, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, referred the following Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Prue

Seconded by: Councillor Hall

WHEREAS City Council, at its regular and special meetings held on October 3, 4, and 5, 6, 10, 11, and 12, 2000, by its adoption of Motion J(7), as amended, endorsed a Toronto District School Board resolution establishing a joint working group of Council and the Toronto District and Toronto Catholic School Boards; and

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“**WHEREAS** the Toronto District School Board, at its meeting held on December 6, 2000, adopted a resolution to establish a joint Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee to amongst others things, focus on solving the problems related to the community use of schools in our City; and

WHEREAS there is urgency to this Motion, in that further delays in the appointment of Council Members to the Committee deprives the City of opportunities, through joint efforts, to save funds and alleviate significant hardships to citizens and community groups that exist because of new charges for community use of schools; and

WHEREAS there are no financial impacts associated with this Motion;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT City Council agree to participate in a Toronto District School Board - Toronto City Council Liaison Committee by appointing up to six interested Members; and the following interested Members of Council be appointed to such Committee:

R. Cho
F. Di Giorgio
S. Hall
P. McConnell
M. Prue.”

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that:

- (1) the mandate and composition of the School Advisory Committee, as outlined in this report, be adopted;
- (2) the School Advisory Committee be established as an advisory committee to City Council, which reports through the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (3) school-related matters arising from Committees of Council and other advisory committees be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee for co-ordination and review, prior to being forwarded to Council;
- (4) the Striking Committee of Council meet to recommend the six members of the SAC in advance of the April Council meeting;
- (5) the achievements and mandate of the SAC be reviewed at the end of this term of City Council;
- (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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Councillor Suzan Hall, Etobicoke North, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, on behalf of Councillor Hall, the Policy and Finance Committee:

(A) recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer subject to:

(I) striking out the Recommendations embodied therein and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the mandate and composition of the School Advisory Committee (SAC), as outlined in this report, and amended by the Policy and Finance Committee, be adopted;
- (2) the School Advisory Committee be established as an advisory committee to City Council, which reports through the Policy and Finance Committee;
- (3) school-related matters arising from Committees of Council and other advisory committees be forwarded to the School Advisory Committee for co-ordination and review, prior to being forwarded to Council;
- (4) the achievements and mandate of the SAC be reviewed at the end of this term of City Council;
- (5) Council establish a Liaison Team to serve on the Toronto District School Board/Toronto Catholic District School Board/Toronto City Council Liaison Committee and six Members of Council be appointed thereto;
- (6) Council endorse the following mandate of the Toronto District School Board/Toronto Catholic District School Board/Toronto City Council Liaison Committee:
 - (i) to keep open communication between the three government bodies;

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- (ii) to explore creative solutions to mutual concerns; and
 - (iii) to focus on articulating and solving the problems related to the community use of schools in the City; and
- (II) amending the Mandate embodied in the aforementioned report by:
- (1) deleting the following section (v):
 - “(v) provide a forum for identifying other issues of mutual concern and related resource implications as well as issues of mutual benefit to the City and the School Boards;”;
and
 - (2) amending the following Section (vi) by deleting the words “as appropriate” and renumbering it accordingly so that Section (vi) now reads as follows:
 - “(v) liaise with representatives of the School Boards to discuss issues of mutual concern/benefit, based on Council approved direction;”;

so that the mandate now read as follows:

“The proposed mandate of the School Advisory Committee is to act as an advisory committee to City Council regarding school-related issues that have a direct impact on the City’s operations to:

- (i) provide a public forum for information-sharing for City Councillors and interested members of the public;
- (ii) identify City priorities and interest with respect to City programs and facilities that rely on school board co-operation/collaboration, for Council’s approval;
- (iii) monitor school-related issues as they pertain to City priorities and interests, and make recommendations to Council, as appropriate;

- (iv) explore and report on matters relating to service level changes, funding implications and their impact on community services; and
 - (v) liaise with representatives of the School Boards to discuss issues of mutual concern/benefit, based on Council approved direction.” and
- (B) requested the Striking Committee:
- (1) to recommend to Council, for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 24, 2001, the appointment of six Members of Council to the School Advisory Committee; and
 - (2) to give consideration to the appointment of the following Members of Council, who would like to be appointed to the School Advisory Committee City Wide, to serve as the Liaison Team:
 - Councillor Raymond Cho;
 - Councillor Sandra Bussin;
 - Councillor Frank DiGiorgio;
 - Councillor Suzan Hall;
 - Councillor Pam McConnell; and
 - Councillor Michael Prue.

(Striking Committee; c: Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Urban Development Services – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 4 - Report No. 4)

3-6. Loans from the Bank of Canada.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (February 14, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, providing information regarding the availability of loans to municipalities from the Bank of Canada; advising that given that loans from the Bank of Canada are not interest-free and not available directly to municipalities under the Bank Act, the lowest cost of funds and most flexible terms can be achieved in competitive

capital markets without resorting to federal loans or programs that could have higher interest rates and restrict the City's future financing program; that the City continues to have a strong credit rating and enjoys excellent access to domestic and global capital markets; that as new opportunities for financing capital projects arise, staff will continue to evaluate their applicability for improving the City's current and future financial position; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Policy and Finance Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing report until its meeting scheduled to be held on April 17, 2001.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(a) - Report No. 4)

3-7. Rebate of Property Taxes for the North York Veterans Social Club (6321 Yonge Street) and the Oak Ridge Veterans Club (66 Byng Avenue).

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 20, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending that City Council amend By-law No. 726-1999, so as to add the North York Veterans Social Club (6321 Yonge Street) and the Oak Ridge Veterans Club (66 Byng Avenue) to those organizations eligible to be considered for a 100 percent rebate of property taxes payable in 1999, 2000, and 2001.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 20, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 3 - Report No. 4)

3-8. Integrated Model for Community Participation in the Toronto Board of Health.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (February 21, 2001) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health on February 19, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (February 14, 2001) from Councillor Irene Jones and

Mr. Lee Zaslofsky, regarding an integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) the Board of Health approve the integrated model for community participation in the Toronto Board of Health including Community Health Boards, Community Roundtables, task forces and town hall meetings;
- (2) the Board of Health approve the recommended mandate, membership and structure of the Community Health Boards;
- (3) the Board of Health approve the implementation plan to establish six Community Health Boards to conform with the six Community Council areas;
- (4) the Board of Health approve the draft Terms of Reference for the Community Health Boards; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
 - A. Councillor Shiner moved that the foregoing communication be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer for report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee, such report to address the financial and staffing implications in regard thereto. **(Carried)**
 - B. Councillor Rae moved that the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Board of Health embodied in the foregoing communication from the Secretary, Board of Health. **(Redundant)**

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer; c. Secretary, Board of Health; Medical Officer of Health; Ms. Jane Speakman, Legal Services; Councillor Irene Jones; Mr. Lee Zaslofsky – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(b) - Report No. 4)

**3-9. Parking Enforcement Unit: Semi-Annual Report
on Absenteeism for the Period July to December 2000.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 13, 2001) from Mr. Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, providing information regarding the level of absenteeism at the Parking Enforcement Unit during the period July through December 2000; and recommending that this report be received.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(c) - Report No. 4)

3-10. Toronto Police Services Board – Annual Report and Board Meetings Venue.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from Mr. Norman Gardner, Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, responding to requests adopted by City Council at its meeting held on December 5, 6 and 7, 2000, respecting the submission of annual reports to Council for comment, through the Policy and Finance Committee, and board meeting venues; advising that the 2001 Annual Report of the Toronto Police Services Board will be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee mid-way through 2001; that Toronto Police Services Board on December 9, 1999, considered the matter of its meetings venues at which time it decided to continue to hold its regularly scheduled Board meetings at police headquarters; that he has reviewed this decision, noting that there have been no changes to the Board's meeting practices that would warrant the Board reconsidering its decision; and that the Board is committed to making its meetings as accessible as possible to members of the public, Council and members of the police service.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(d) - Report No. 4)

3-11. Update on Provincial Offences Courts Transfer.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 20, 2001) from Councillor David Miller, Chair, Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force, advising that on March 20, 2001, the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force considered a report from the Chief Administrative Officer headed "Update on Provincial Offences Courts Transfer" in response to a request from the Administration Committee; and that the Task Force recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) that the report (March 13, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer be received for information; and

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(2) that Council reaffirm the conditions set out in the original letter of intent dated April 20, 2000, and instruct staff to continue to negotiate on that basis.

A. Mayor Lastman moved that:

(1) the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that the City cease negotiations with the Province of Ontario with respect to the Provincial Offences Courts Transfer until the Province can fulfil its downloading promise that the City will net \$8.5 million per year; and

(2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report directly to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 24, 2001, on the potential for additional costs in the transfer of the Provincial Offences Court to the City of Toronto, including Capital costs for the replacement of facilities.
(Carried)

B. Councillor Lindsay Luby moved that the foregoing motion A. moved by Mayor Lastman be amended by adding thereto the following words “should negotiations continue, those discussions be based on principles set out by the Provincial Offences Act Task Force”.
(Carried)

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 5 - Report No. 4)

3-12. Comments on the Ministry of the Attorney General’s Review of the Justice of the Peace System.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 20, 2001) from Councillor David Miller, Chair, Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force, advising that on March 20, 2001, the Provincial Offences Act Transfer Task Force considered a Joint report (March 19, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the City Solicitor headed “Ministry of the Attorney General Review of the Justice of the Peace System” recommending that the City forward a copy of the report to the Ministry of the Attorney

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General so its contents may be considered in the review of the Justices of the Peace system being undertaken by the Ministry; and that the Task Force recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) that the Joint report (March 19, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer and City Solicitor be adopted; and
- (2) the following additional recommendations be forwarded to the Ministry:
 - (a) that the Province be requested to create a separate municipal court system for Toronto with Justices of the Peace, or other judicial officers, appointed and dedicated exclusively to perform judicial functions in relation to proceedings under the *Provincial Offences Act*;
 - (b) that the Province be requested to amend legislation to facilitate guilty pleas being accepted at multiple court locations using electronic versions of certificates of offence and information and video conferencing technologies;
 - (c) that, in any event, following a transfer to Toronto, the Province commit to a mechanism that ensures that the number of Justices of the Peace the City of Toronto deems to be required are appointed in a timely fashion.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 20, 2001) from Councillor David Miller, Chair, Provincial Offences Act Task Force.

(Clause No. 6 - Report No. 4)

**3-13. Dawes Road Neighbourhood Branch Library,
Ten Year Capital Needs (Beaches–East York - Ward 31)**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 5, 2001) from the City Librarian, reporting, as requested by Council on January 30 and 31 and February 1, 2001, on consultation with the Architects, Engineers and Condominium Management respecting the ten-year Capital needs at the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Library project; advising that the information provided in the letters from the Architects, Engineers and the Condominium Corporation's property management firm confirm that the ten-year Capital needs for the Dawes Road Neighbourhood Library and condominium complex are covered by the Library's 2000 Capital funding, the annual maintenance budget and the multi-branch Capital funding; that the best efforts have been made over the past two years to identify and remedy the maintenance and structural problems at the Dawes Road Library and condominium complex; and recommending that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

(City Librarian – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(e) - Report No. 4)

3-14. Proposed Education Development Charges by the Toronto District Separate School Board.

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

- (i) (April 3, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, advising that staff are undertaking a review of any administrative and system costs associated with the implementation of the Education Development Charge By-law by the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and will report back to Committee upon completion of such review and recommending that this report be received for information and that a further report be submitted to Policy and Finance Committee on the potential mechanisms for the City to recover administration and systems costs from the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and
- (ii) (March 29, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on March 26, 2001, submitted recommendations to Council respecting the “Proposed Education Development Charges by the Toronto District Separate School Board” and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the City Solicitor, to report to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee of April 5, 2001, on any administrative and systems costs associated with the implementation of Education Development Charges by the Toronto Catholic District School Board (TCDSB), and of potential mechanisms for the City to recover such costs from the TCDSB.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee concurred with the Recommendation embodied in the report (April 3, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer:

“It is recommended that this report be received for information; and that a further report be submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee on the potential mechanisms for the City to recover administration and systems costs from the Toronto Catholic District School Board.”

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(f) - Report No. 4)

3-15. Workplace Safety and Insurance Board – Administration Rate Increase.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 22, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending that:

- (1) City officials continue to work with both AMO, the Schedule 2 Employers' Group, and the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board to find ways to reduce WSIB administration costs;
- (2) in the event that administration cost reductions are not found, then the Workplace Safety and Insurance Board be requested to finance an independent value-for-money audit for the Schedule 2 Industry Sector;
- (3) the audit include the full participation of the Schedule 2 community in the development of the terms of reference for this audit; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 22, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 10 - Report No. 4)

3-16. 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 reports and communications:

- (i) (January 9, 2001) from the City Clerk, forwarding confidential recommendations from the Administration Committee meeting held on January 9, 2001, respecting the "Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine – 33 Kimbark Boulevard (Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence)", such communication to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property;

- (ii) (January 17, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, respecting the “Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine – 33 Kimbark Boulevard (Ward 16 – Eglinton-Lawrence)”, such communication to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property;
- (iii) (January 25, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, respecting the purchase of property located at the rear ravine lands in the Kimbark/Coldstream area, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property;
- (iv) (March 19, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, respecting the purchase of property located at the rear ravine lands in the Kimbark/Coldstream area, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property; and
- (v) (April 4, 2001) from the City Clerk, respecting the purchase of property located at the rear ravine lands in the Kimbark/Coldstream area, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject relates to the purchase of property.

On motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong, the Policy and Finance Committee deferred consideration of the foregoing reports and communications until its meeting scheduled to be held on April 17, 2001.

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(g) - Report No. 4)

**3-17. Status Report on the Corporate Program
“Property Tax Rebates – Ethno-Cultural Centres
and Similar Organizations”.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 30, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reporting on the current standing of the corporate program “Property Tax Rebates – Ethno-Cultural Centres and Similar Organizations”; advising that pursuant to the provisions of By-Law No. 829-1999, *To Create a Tax Rebate Program for Ethno-Cultural Centres*, as at the 2000 tax year, the City of Toronto rebated a total of \$3,954,118.58 in property taxes for certain ethno-cultural centres; that City Council, at its meeting of October 26 and 27, 1999, directed the Treasurer and Chief Financial Officer to advise annually on the status of the corporate program “Property Tax Rebates,

Ethno-Cultural Centres and Similar Organizations” to the Policy and Finance Committee, through the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force; that given that the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force has concluded its mandate, this report is being provided to the Policy and Finance Committee; that this submission is in compliance with Council’s direction that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer produce an annual report with respect to the corporate program “Property Tax Rebates – Ethno-Cultural Centres and Similar Organizations”; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report (March 20, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 16(h) - Report No. 4)

3-18. Status of the 2001 Levy By-Law.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 29, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, advising that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer will submit a full report detailing the highlights of the 2001 final levy by-law to the Policy and Finance Committee meeting of April 17, 2001; that staff in the Finance Department are awaiting crucial information from the Ministry of Finance which is necessary to finalize such report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report (March 29, 2001) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Clause No. 16(i) - Report No. 4)

3-19. Governance Structure and Funding to Implement the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, attaching a report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer seeking Council approval of the creation of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation and necessary funding to undertake the four initial projects that will kickstart this initiative, wherein it is recommended that:

- (1) Council approve in principle the long term governance structure for the corporation recommended in the Intergovernmental Steering Committee’s report “*Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative Governance Model*” contained in this report as Appendix A and request that the CAO report further when the Provincial legislation has been introduced which enables the City to become a member or shareholder of the proposed corporation;

- (2) pending Provincial legislation for the long-term structure, Council approve the interim governance structure described in this report and diagrammed in Appendix B ;
- (3) the City CAO, Michael R. Garrett, and the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Paula M. Dill, be designated as the City's representatives on the Intergovernmental Steering Committee to act on the City's behalf, in accordance with Council directions as may be given from time to time, in administering the Contribution Agreement among the three governments, the City's representation constituting 1/3 of the members of the Steering Committee;
- (4) Council support the appointment of Michael R. Garrett as the Chair of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation as sole director on an interim basis;
- (5) the Mayor be authorized to execute, on behalf of the City, a Contribution Agreement among the Government of Canada, the Province of Ontario, and the City of Toronto (to be submitted directly to Council for consideration at its meeting of April 23-27, 2001) which details the commitments, rights and obligations of the interim corporation and the three governments;
- (6) the Mayor be appointed the City's Designated Representative to make decisions on behalf of the City according to the terms of the Contribution Agreement, in co-operation with the Federal Minister of Transportation and Provincial Minister of Finance, on the condition that Council approval be obtained for:
 - (a) appointment of Directors to the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation;
 - (b) all fundamental changes to the initial priority projects authorized in the agreement (as described in Appendix C);
 - (c) any additions to the mandated activities of the interim corporation including any additional capital projects;
 - (d) purchase of any land or real property by the interim corporation;
 - (e) any additional funding requirements;
 - (f) any loans to be secured by the interim corporation;
 - (g) any change in ownership or corporate structure and mandate of the interim corporation; and
 - (h) the brand identity of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Initiative;

- (7) the City CAO, in co-operation with provincial and federal representatives, be authorized to approve on behalf of the City the following:
 - (a) in consultation with the City Auditor the initiation of any specific audits of the interim corporation's activities;
 - (b) in consultation with appropriate City Officials, contracts between the interim corporation and the agencies managing the projects with the understanding that the usual City approval processes will be required for contracts to which the City or its agencies are a party;
 - (c) in consultation with the City CFO and Commissioner of Finance, the level of business insurance required by the interim corporation; and
 - (d) contracts extending beyond the first year where the projects are included in the defined activities of the interim corporation;
- (8) Council establish a Waterfront Reference Group comprised of six Members of Council to include representation from the Policy and Finance, Planning and Transportation, Economic Development and Parks, and Works Committees and that the Waterfront Reference Group report to Council through the Policy and Finance Committee and be supported by the City Clerk;
- (9) Council approve in principle the City's commitment to a contribution of \$500 million over five years as the City's 1/3 share of government support totalling \$1.5 billion for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative;
- (10) Council approve in principle the preliminary list of priority capital requirements totalling \$1.5 billion for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative included as Appendix D to this report, such projects to be reviewed by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation as input to the Corporation's implementation plan which will be subject to Council approval;
- (11) Council approve the initiation by the interim corporation once established, the four projects, at a total cost of \$300 million (City's 1/3 share of \$100 million), described in Appendix C to this report, to be equally cost-shared in total among the three governments, including:
 - (a) a second TTC platform at Union Station – project to be managed by the TTC;
 - (b) the Environmental Assessment for naturalization of the mouth of the Don River - project to be managed by TRCA;

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- (c) the Front Street Extension – project to be managed by City Works and Emergency Services Department; and
 - (d) the initial phase of Port Lands preparation - project management lead to be determined in co-operation with the Canada Lands Company (CLC), the Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO) and the Ontario Realty Corporation (ORC);
- (12) Council approve funding, in an amount not to exceed \$100 million, to be allocated to the four initial projects, with a cash flow allocation of \$7.8 million (of which \$2.1 million has been previously approved), and future year estimated allocations as described in Appendix E, such funding to be debenture financed if required, for a term up to, but not exceeding 30 years;
- (13) this report, along with the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration at its meeting scheduled for April 6, 2001; and
- (14) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Chief Administrative Officer gave a presentation to the Policy and Finance Committee respecting the foregoing matter, and filed a copy of his presentation material.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) to (8) and (14) embodied in the report (April 2, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer;
- (2) referred Recommendations Nos. (9), (10), (11) and (12) to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and report thereon to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 24, 2001; and
- (3) concurred with the following Recommendation No. (13):
 - “(13) this report, along with the recommendations of the Policy and Finance Committee be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration at its meeting scheduled for April 6, 2001.”

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Urban Development Services – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 1 - Report No. 4)

**3-20. Installation of World Youth Day 2002 Banners on
Bridges Over Expressways and Utility Poles
Within City of Toronto Public Rights-Of-Way (All Wards).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 28, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (1) the adoption of Recommendation No. (2) embodied in the report dated March 16, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting the "Installation of World Youth Day 2002 Banners on Bridges Over Expressways and Utility Poles Within City of Toronto Public Rights-of-Way"; and
- (2) that, if possible, a source of funds appropriate for such events be identified rather than the Works and Emergency Services Department budget.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Works Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 11 - Report No. 4)

**3-21. Contract Extension for Hourly Rental of
Recycling Collection Vehicles With Operators
in Districts 1 and 2.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 28, 2001:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report dated March 14, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the "Contract Extension for Hourly Rental of Recycling Collection Vehicles With Operators in Districts 1 and 2"; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee in July 2002 providing notification to the Committee and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union – CUPE Local 416 that the contract will expire the following year, to allow the Committee to re-evaluate this service and determine whether the work should be done in house.

The Policy and Finance Committee also had before it a communication (April 5, 2001) from the Vice President, Toronto Civic Employees' Union, CUPE Local 416, urging the Committee to reject the recommendations of the Works Committee embodied in the aforementioned communication from the City Clerk and to direct that the work be done "in house" by Local 416 members.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Works Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 12 - Report No. 4)

3-22. Engagement of Engineering Consulting Services for Refurbishing of Digestion Tanks 1-12 at Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant – RFP No. 9117-00-7342.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 28, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report dated March 13, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the "Engagement of Engineering Consulting Services for the Refurbishing of Digestion Tanks 1-12 at the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant – RFP No. 9117-00-7342".

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Works Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 13 - Report No. 4)

3-23. Pellet Marketing Agreement for Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 28, 2001:

- (A) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report dated March 16, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, respecting a "Pellet Marketing Agreement for the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant"; and

(B) requested:

- (1) that an in camera briefing be held for Councillors and their staff, prior to the Council meeting scheduled to be held on April 24, 2001, on the content of the contract, including information on the following:
 - (a) risk assessment;
 - (b) impact on the cost to the City as the pellet quality increases, i.e., if the pellets are of a higher quality and USF Canada receives more revenue from the sale of these pellets, whether the City receives a share of such revenues; and
 - (c) termination clauses for both the City and USF Canada; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report directly to Council on the following motion:

Moved by Councillor Layton:

“That authorization for USF Canada to market Toronto pellets for home use be delayed until an expert panel made up of scientists, environmentalists, City staff, the Medical Officer of Health, Councillors, and other interested parties have determined that home use of Toronto pellets is environmentally safe.”

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Works Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 14 - Report No. 4)

3-24. Quotation for Sulphur Dioxide.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on March 28, 2001, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report dated March 13, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, respecting the quotation for the supply and delivery of Sulphur Dioxide.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendations of the Works Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 15 - Report No. 4)

3-25. Final Report of the Mayor's Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC's) Reduction Task Force.

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

- (i) (April 3, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer forwarding the final report of the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force; and recommending that the final report of the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force (attached) be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer and that he be requested to report back on:
 - (a) current activities underway relating to recommendations of the report;
 - (b) an overall implementation strategy based on the recommendations of the report to include appropriate consultation with the ABC's included in the Task Force review; and
 - (c) any potential issues, implications or impacts arising from the recommendations of the report;
- (ii) (Undated) from Ms. Dianne Loucks, Co-ordinator, Growing Up Healthy Downtown, Community Action Program for Children funded project, providing information respecting this project which brings parents, caregivers and children together in their community to promote the healthy development of children 0 – 6 years of age
- (iii) (April 4, 2001) from Ms. Cynthia Wilkey, expressing concern respecting the content of the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force and the process by which it was developed;
- (iv) (April 4, 2001) from Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, protesting the recommendations of the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force, particularly as it relates to the Central Eglinton Community Centre and AOCCs;
- (v) (April 4, 2001) from Mr. Danny Mui, Executive Director, Centre for Information and Community Services, expressing concern respecting a possible cut to the core funding for the Cecil Centre; and

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- (vi) (undated) from Ms. Christine Laws, expressing opposition to the recommendations contained in the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force.

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

- Ms. Chitra Dasan;
- Ms. Mayani Cummings;
- Ms. Irina Muharsky;
- Ms. Janet Ashworth on behalf of The 519 Church Street Community Centre;
- Ms. Liane Regendanz, Executive Director, St. Stephen's Community House, who also appeared on behalf of Mr. Rob Howarth, Toronto Neighbourhood Centre;
- Mr. Peter Clutterbuck, Community Social Planning Council of Toronto;
- Ms. Alison Kemper, Executive Director, The 519 Church Street Community Centre, on behalf of Ms. Maureen Aslin, President of the Board of Directors of The 519 Church Street Community Centre;
- Mr. Bob Murdoch, Executive Director, Community Centre 55;
- Ms. Marilyn Hall, Member, Board of Directors, Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre, and filed a submission in regard thereto;
- Mr. Lewis Pearsall;
- Ms. Brenda Webb, Director, Community Kids for a Better World;
- Ms. Mei-Chi Yan, who addressed the Committee in Cantonese; Ms. Ya Li Liu, who addressed the Committee in Mandarin; and Ms. Winnie Lee, who translated on their behalf;
- Ms. Lianne Doucet, parent, community resident and Member of the Board of Directors, South Riverdale Child-Parent Centre;
- Mr. Terry Lee, Ralph Thornton Centre;
- Ms. Catherine Currie, President, Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre;
- Mr. Ted Brown, Vice Chair, Cecil Community Centre;

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- Ms. Patricia Thompson-Delain;
- Mr. Kevin Lee, Scadding Court Community Centre;
- Ms. Terri Hope;
- Ms. Susan Kee, Central Eglinton Community Centre;
- Ms. Julia Wallis;
- Ms. Laurel Rothman, Director of Social Action, Family Services Association;
- Mr. James Bell, Swansea Town Hall;
- Ms. Marilyn Roy, Chair, Harbourfront Community Centre, accompanied by the mascot for the children's programs at the Harbourfront Community Centre, and filed a copy of the 2001 Operating Budget for the Harbourfront Community Centre;
- Ms. Susan Fletcher, on behalf of Heather Boughen, Applegrove Community Centre, and filed a submission in regard thereto;
- Ms. Saida Yusuf;
- Mr. Kehinde Bah;
- Ms. Susan Bellan;
- Ms. Roberta King;
- Mr. Marc Baillargeon;
- Mr. Murray Makin, Chair, and Ms. Elizabeth Bradley, General Manager and CEO, The Hummingbird Centre; and
- Mr. Doug Lowry, Member, Board of Directors, Scadding Court Community Centre.

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 Suzan Hall, Etobicoke North;
- Councillor Irene Jones, Etobicoke-Lakeshore;

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- Councillor Jack Layton, Broadview-Greenwood;
 - Councillor Michael Prue, Beaches-East York; and
 - Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.
- A. Councillor Rae moved that Final Report of the Mayor's Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC's) Reduction Task Force be received. **(Redundant)**
- B. Mayor Lastman moved that the Final Report of the Mayor's Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC's) Reduction Task Force be referred to the Chief Administrative Officer with a request that he submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee:
- (a) on a consultation strategy and its results to obtain the input of the public and the ABC's which were included in the Task Force report;
 - (b) on any potential issues, implications, or impacts arising from the Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report; and
 - (c) on the results of the foregoing Recommendations (a) and (b) prior to proposing any implementation strategy concerning the Task Force Report and Recommendations. **(Carried)**
- C. Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that the foregoing motion B. moved by Mayor Lastman be amended to provide that the Chief Administrative Officer:
- (1) expedite consideration of the Recommendations embodied in the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force report pertaining to the Hummingbird Centre and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting scheduled to be held on June 14, 2001; and
 - (2) submit a report respecting the remaining Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report to the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting scheduled to be held on September 20, 2001. **(Carried)**

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- D. Councillor Rae moved that the foregoing motion B. moved by Mayor Lastman be amended to provide that the Chief Administrative Officer:
- (1) include the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in any discussions or consultation strategy respecting the AOCC's (Association of Community Centres); and
 - (2) consider extending the AOCC model beyond the existing 10 centres. **(Carried)**

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

The Policy and Finance Committee referred the Final Report of the Mayor's Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC's) Reduction Task Force, to the Chief Administrative Officer with a request that he:

- (1) submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee:
 - (a) on a consultation strategy and its results to obtain the input of the public and the ABC's which were included in the Task Force report;
 - (b) on any potential issues, implications, or impacts arising from the Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report; and
 - (c) on the results of the foregoing Recommendations (a) and (b) prior to proposing any implementation strategy concerning the Task Force Report and Recommendations;
- (2) expedite consideration of the Recommendations embodied in the Mayor's ABC Reduction Task Force report pertaining to the Hummingbird Centre and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting scheduled to be held on June 14, 2001;
- (3) submit a report respecting the remaining Recommendations embodied in the aforementioned report to the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting scheduled to be held on September 20, 2001;
- (4) include the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services in any discussions or consultation strategy respecting the AOCC's (Association of Community Centres); and

- (5) consider extending the AOCC model beyond the existing 10 centres:

(Chief Administrative Officer; All Interested Parties – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(j) - Report No. 4)

3-26. Policy for Natural Gas Purchase.

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 4, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that prior to staff proceeding further with any review within the Natural Gas Supply Request For Proposal, Council make a policy determination on its relationship with Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. as a potential supplier of natural gas and that the Chief Administrative Officer report back on this matter at the earliest opportunity.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 4, 2001) from the Chief Administrative Officer subject to amending the Recommendation embodied therein to read as follows:

“It is recommended that prior to staff proceeding further with any review within the Natural Gas Supply Request For Proposal, the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to report on a comprehensive strategy regarding Natural Gas Purchases including supplies for Enwave, the Toronto Transit Commission and all Agencies Boards and Commissions including consideration of a Council policy determination regarding its relationship with Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc., as a potential supplier of natural gas and that the Chief Administrative Officer report back on this matter at the earliest opportunity.

(Chief Administrative Officer – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 7 - Report No. 4)

3-27. Special Meeting of City Council – April 23, 2001.

The Policy and Finance Committee was advised by the Mayor that he will be calling a Special Meeting of City Council to consider Recommendations from the Policy and Finance Committee respecting advancing, by one day, the commencement of City Council's next regular meeting in order to begin consideration of the 2001 Capital and Operating Budgets on April 23, 2001.

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On motion by Mayor Lastman, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended that City Council:

- (1) advance its meeting, previously scheduled to commence on Tuesday, April 24, 2001, by one day; that Council meet on Monday April 23, 2001, in order to begin consideration of the 2001 Capital and Operating Budgets; and that Council consider the regular agenda immediately following the conclusion of the Budget deliberations; and
- (2) immediately begin to consider the 2001 Capital and Operating Budgets following adoption of the aforementioned Recommendation.

(City Council; City Clerk; c. All Interested Parties – April 5, 2001)

(Clause No. 16(k) – Report No. 4)

The Policy and Finance Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Acting Chair.