

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 12

Friday, June 21, 2002

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, June 21, 2002, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:45 a.m. – 10:13 a.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	R
Councillor Joe Pantalone	R
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X

12.1 Overview of Departmental Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Responsibilities and Activities in the City of Toronto (All Wards)

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a report (May 23, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer reporting on possible duplication of air quality activities of WES Technical Services in other departments of the City; and recommending that this report be referred to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

Councillor Shiner appointed Councillor Soknacki Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the aforementioned report to its September 2002 meeting; and
- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide, at that time, a breakdown of expenditures and savings relating to the air quality and greenhouse gas emission activities in the City.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

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12.2 Review of City Expenditures on Seniors' Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (May 28, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Community Services Committee on May 28, 2002, concurred in the recommendations contained in the communication (May 8, 2002) from the Seniors' Advocate, viz:

- (1) the Community Services Committee support that the requests for maintaining current budget levels and/or enhancing departmental budgets in 2003 for services offered to Toronto Senior Citizens, as indicated in this report, be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee;
- (2) the Commissioners for Community and Neighbourhood Services, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Works and Emergency Services, as well as the Medical Officer of Health and the City Librarian incorporate the recommendations for funding contained in this report into budget submissions for 2003;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee requesting that a strategy to address the recreational needs of seniors be developed, with a proposed budget to implement the strategy; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the aforementioned report (May 8, 2002) from Councillor Anne Johnston, Seniors' Advocate, to the 2003 Budget deliberations.

**12.3 World Youth Day 2002 - Budget Update
(All Wards)**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a report (May 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism reporting, as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on May 3, 2002, providing an update on World Youth Day funding to the June 2002 meeting; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

12.4 2003 Capital and Operating Budget Submissions/Schedule

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a report (May 31, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing notice to the Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABCs) addressing the required 2003 budget submissions and schedule; and recommending that the Agencies, Boards and Commissions authorize their staff to submit their approved operating and capital budgets according to the Council approved 2003 budget schedule and, where this is not possible, that complete draft budgets together with supporting documentation be submitted by the submission dates indicated in the Council approved budget schedule.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

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12.5 2003 Budget Directions

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a joint report (June 5, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing an overview of the 2003 budget process; presenting 2003 inflation assumptions and discussing assumptions regarding capital budget affordability; highlighting preliminary budget pressures; and recommending that the budget process principles used in the 2002 budget be reconfirmed for the 2003 budget.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned joint report.

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12.6 Update on Budget Documentation Staff Working Group

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a joint report (June 5, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Clerk providing an update on the Staff Working Group to review and improve Budget Documentation; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

12.7 Semi-Annual Report: Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit Absenteeism for the Period Between July to December 2001

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (June 6, 2002) from City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee at its meeting held on June 6, 2002, referred the report (March 20, 2002) from Councillor Bas Balkissoon, Acting Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the June 2002 report on City-wide absenteeism and overtime.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report (March 20, 2002) from Councillor Bas Balkissoon, Acting Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, for consideration with the requested report on City-wide absenteeism and overtime to be submitted in September 2002.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:13 a.m.

Chair