

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee**

**Meeting No. 8**

**Thursday, October 10, 2002**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Thursday, October 10, 2002, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:44 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:44 a.m. to 12:35 p.m.	2:10 p.m. to 3:12 p.m.
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Chair	X	X
Councillor Michael Feldman, Vice Chair	R	R
Councillor John Filion	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X	X
Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski	R	R
Councillor George Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X	X

**Also Present:**

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Sherene Shaw
Councillor Joe Mihevc	Councillor David Soknacki
Deputy Mayor Case Ootes	

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on September 12, 2002, were confirmed.

### **8.1 Toronto Tourism Sector 2002 Performance Update (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing further information on the tourism sector as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its September 12, 2002 meeting; and recommending that:

- (1) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department work with representatives from the tourism sector, including the City's ABC's, to identify strategies to revitalize Toronto's tourism economy;
- (2) City Council establish a Tourism Sector Advisory Committee to look into the re-vitalization of the tourism industry in Toronto; and adopt attached terms of reference (Attachment No. 1) for the Advisory Committee;
- (3) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department present to City Council in early 2003 a five-year Tourism Development Action Plan that takes into consideration the work of the Advisory Committee;
- (4) City Council reaffirm its commitment to request the Provincial Government to approve and expedite the implementation of a hotel room tax or levy; and all proceeds raised from the tax be directed to marketing Toronto as a business and leisure travel destination;
- (5) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on an semi-annual basis on the state of tourism in the City of Toronto; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a report (September 9, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising City Council of key 2002 mid-season performance indicators and business issues specific to Toronto's tourism sector; and recommending that:

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- (1) the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department work with representatives from the tourism private sector to identify strategies to revitalize Toronto's tourism economy; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Ralph Strachan, Chairman of the Board, Tourism Toronto;
- Mr. Rod Seiling, President, Greater Toronto Hotel Association; and
- Mr. Gino Giancola, Senior Vice-President Sales, Tourism Toronto.

The Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Mr. Strachan, Mr. Seiling and Mr. Giancola for their presentation.

- A. Councillor Kelly moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (September 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

- (1) Councillor Kelly's motion A. be amended by adding:

“the composition of the Tourism Sector Advisory Committee be amended to include as voting Members a representative from Exhibition Place, the Toronto Transit Commission and the Toronto Zoo;” and

- (2) the report (September 9, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be received.

**(Carried)**

- C. Councillor Pantalone moved that:

- (1) Councillor Kelly's motion A. be amended by adding:

“(a) a representative from the Cultural Sector be added to the Tourism Sector Advisory Committee as a voting member; and

- (b) the Budget Advisory Committee and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to protect and enhance the budget of Tourism Toronto during the 2003 budget deliberations due to the sensitivity of the industry at this time.”

(Carried)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 9)

**8.2 Meeting Place: Toronto as a Leading  
Financial Centre - Report to the Toronto  
Financial Services Alliance (TFSA) Leaders' Forum  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 24, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, presenting City Council with the Toronto Financial Services Alliance's (TFSA) report to its Leaders' Forum on its activities, key recommendations and proposed work plan for the next year; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council endorse the recommendations contained in the Toronto Financial Services Alliance's (TFSA) September 2002 Report, (see Attachment No. 2);
- (2) City Council request the Provincial and Federal governments to work closely with the TFSA with respect to implementing the Toronto Financial Services Alliance's (TFSA) report recommendations;
- (3) City Council thank the members of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance's (TFSA) Advisory Committee and Working Groups for the tremendous amount of time and effort that they have dedicated toward developing and advancing the mission of the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA); and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Ms. Anne Lamont, Chair, Advocacy Working Group, RBC Financial Group, VP Corporate and Community Affairs;
- Mr. Stephen Bigsby, Executive Director, Association of Canadian Pension Management;

- Mr. Gary Butler, Director of Centre for Financial Services, Seneca College; and
- Deputy Mayor Case Ootes, Chair, Toronto Financial Services Alliance.

Councillor Pantalone, on behalf of the Committee, thanked the financial industry for their informative presentation.

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

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

**8.3 Casa Loma – Capital Maintenance Requirements  
and Failure of SuperBuild Grant Application  
(Ward 21 St. Paul's)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, updating the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the critical capital maintenance requirements for Casa Loma; reporting on the failure of the SuperBuild grant application; and recommending that:

- (1) Council recognize City-owned Casa Loma as a very important heritage, cultural and tourism resource and make its restoration a high priority;
- (2) Council take the necessary action to inform the Provincial Government's decision makers of the City's dismay that the SuperBuild grant application for Casa Loma, the City's sole request under the SuperBuild Sports, Culture and Tourism Partnerships, has failed and ask the Province to consider alternate sources of provincial financial support; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Mr. Richard Wozenilek, Weir Foulds, on behalf of the Kiwanis Club of Ontario, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Council the adoption of the report (September 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; subject to adding:

“(1) the Greater Toronto Liberal Caucus, Chaired by Alan Tonks, MP, be advised of this report;

(2) a copy of the report be forwarded to MPs and MPPs in the Greater Toronto Area; and

(3) upon City Council approval, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to issue a press release with regard to this matter.”

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Kelly moved that Councillor Pantalone’s motion A. be amended by adding :

“Alan Tonks, MP, as Chair of the Toronto Liberal Caucus, be requested to present this issue to Inter-Governmental Affairs.”

**(Carried)**

C. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on funding attributed to the City by the SuperBuild program, including the agencies, boards and commissions, and funding attributed at the provincial level.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Mr. Richard Wozenilek, Chairman of the Board, Casa Loma  
- October 15, 2002)

**(Clause No. 3, Report No. 9)**

#### **8.4 Poet Laureate Update (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing the Economic Development and Parks Committee with a status report mid-way through the term of the Poet Laureate; reporting on the progress of the Legacy Project; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

- Mr. Dennis Lee, Poet Laureate; and
- Councillor David Soknacki, Ward 43 Scarborough East.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to Council that:

- (1) City Council endorse the legacy project, in principle; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the progress of the legacy project at future meetings.

**(Clause No. 4, Report No. 9)**

**8.5 “Our Future Together – A Community Based  
Revitalization Strategy for St. Clair West”  
(Ward 17 Davenport)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, presenting the findings of the revitalization strategy, entitled “Our Future Together – A Community Based Revitalization Strategy for St. Clair West”; outlining the steps leading to the development and recommendations of the strategy; and recommending that:

- (1) City and senior government staff, as referred to in the St. Clair West Strategy, meet with the Chair of the St. Clair West Revitalization Committee (SWRC) to review the recommendations in the report, entitled “Our Future Together – A Community Based Revitalization Strategy for St. Clair West”, (Attachment No. 1) and its work plan priorities;
- (2) copies of the report, entitled “Our Future Together – A Community Based Revitalization Strategy for St. Clair West”, (Attachment No. 1) be forwarded to the Human Resources Development Canada LLMP Program, the Chairs of the St. Clair Avenue West BIA, Corso Italia BIA, and St. Clair Gardens BIA, and to City departments, agencies and committees as identified in Appendix C of the Strategy; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Mr. Jeff Gillan, Vice-Chair, St. Clair West Revitalization; and
- Mr. Cesar Palacio, on behalf of Councillor Betty Disero, Ward 17 Davenport.

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

**(Clause No. 5, Report No. 9)**

## **8.6 Enhancement of the City of Toronto's Art Collection (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (September 20, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, reporting, as requested by Council at its June 18, 19 and 20, 2002 meeting, on a strategy for the ongoing enhancement of the City's Art Collection and to establish a City of Toronto Art Collection Reserve Fund; and recommending that:

- (1) Council establish an obligatory reserve called the "Art Collection Reserve Fund" for the purpose of providing funding for the acquisition of art for the City of Toronto art collection;
- (2) the Art Acquisition Reserve Fund (Etobicoke) and Art Acquisition Reserve Fund (North York) be closed and the balance of both reserve funds be transferred to the Art Collection Reserve Fund;
- (3) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the "Art Acquisition Reserve Fund" to Schedule 'B3'- donated funds and by deleting "Art Acquisition Reserve Fund (Etobicoke)" from Schedule 'C' discretionary and "Art Acquisition Reserve Fund (North York)" from Schedule 'B' discretionary;
- (4) the City actively seek donations and contributions from individuals, funding bodies and the private sector for the reserve fund;
- (5) the report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and

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- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - October 11, 2002)

**(Clause No. 14(a), Report No. 9)**

**8.7 Toronto Arts Council - City of Toronto Arts and Culture Grants  
January to June 2002 Report (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, commenting on revenues and expenditures reported to the Economic Development and Parks Committee by the Toronto Arts Council on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture grants awarded from January to June 2002; and recommending that this report and the report submitted by the Toronto Arts Council be received for information.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also had before it a report (August 2002) from Mr. Kim Tomczak, President, Toronto Arts Council, forwarding a report on the City of Toronto Arts and Culture grants covering the first six months in 2002 (January 1 to June 30), describing the economic impact of the City's financial investment in the arts community and the array of work, creativity and community animation that resulted.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned reports for information.

**(Clause No. 14(b), Report No. 9)**

**8.8 Support for the Performing and Exhibiting Arts  
Organizations and Museums (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as requested by Council at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002, on the various performing and exhibiting arts organizations and museums in the City of Toronto, with particular regard to their size, economic and educational impact and degree of support from the City of Toronto; and recommending that the report be received for information.

Mr. Rob Lamb, General Manager, Canadian Opera Company, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) received the aforementioned report for information; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to give serious consideration to a 5 percent increase in funding, including a 2 percent economic factor increase, to support the Performing and Exhibiting Arts Organizations and Museums, during the 2003 budget deliberations:

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Mr. Rob Lam, General Manager, Canadian Opera Company  
- October 15, 2002)

**(Clause No. 14(c), Report No. 9)**

**8.9 Name Change for the Downtown Yonge Street  
Business Improvement Area (Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking authorization for the Downtown Yonge Street Business Improvement Area to change its name to the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area; and recommending that:

- (1) the Downtown Yonge Street Business Improvement Area, as defined by the boundaries described in Attachment No. 1, be renamed the Downtown Yonge Business Improvement Area; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including an appropriate amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code and the introduction of the necessary bills.

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

**(Clause No. 6, Report No. 9)**

#### **8.10 Intention to Designate the Emery Village Business Improvement Area (Ward 7 York West)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 24, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment No.1, be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 220 of the Municipal Act;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, in accordance with Section 220 of the Municipal Act;
- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare a survey of the area as described by Attachment No. 1, and to submit this survey to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the intention to pass a by-law designating the area (poll), and upon receipt of the survey prepared by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area as described by Attachment No. 1, in accordance with Section 220 of the Municipal Act;
- (5) the creation of a Farmer's Market in the Emery Village area, as recommended in Report No. 9 of the North York Community Council and adopted by Council at its December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, meeting, be referred to the Board of Management of the Emery Village Business Improvement for its consideration once the Board is established; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor Mammoliti thanked staff for their efforts to establish the proposed Emery Village Business Improvement Area.

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

**(Clause No. 7, Report No. 9)**

**8.11 Update on the Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development in Toronto (ICE Committee) (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 5, 002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an update on the activities of the Intergovernmental Committee for Economic and Labour Force Development in Toronto (ICE Committee); and recommending that:

- (1) the report entitled, "The ICE Committee, 1997 to 2002: A Five Year Review", be received for information;
- (2) City Council acknowledge and thank the ICE Committee for the valuable work it has undertaken in the areas of economic and labour force development in Toronto;
- (3) City Council request both the provincial and federal governments to continue to support the ICE Committee; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 8, Report No. 9)**

**8.12 Targeted Business Outreach Program (TBOP) (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing an overview of the goals, objectives and strategic priorities for the Targeted Business Outreach Program (TBOP) as a priority initiative to achieve the department's business retention goals; and recommending that:

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- (1) Council endorse the goals and objectives for the department's Targeted Business Outreach Program; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 9, Report No. 9)**

### **8.13 Yonge-Dundas Square (Ward 27 Toronto Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (October 4, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the accomplishments to date of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, the construction status of the Square and several issues facing the Board with respect to the functioning of the Square and the Board's authority to operate and manage the Square; and recommending that:

- (1) the Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 636 – Public Squares be amended to revise the objective of the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management of achieving financial self-sufficiency with respect to operations and future capital maintenance of the Square from 2005 to 2006 due to the delay in the completion of the Square and that their business plan requirements be adjusted accordingly;
- (2) Council approve the new Square rental rate structure and authorize the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to adjust, through negotiations with customers, rental rates for the Square and related equipment, facilities and services in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, and that such rental fees be reflected in the Board's budget submission and variance report;
- (3) Council authorize the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to consider the sale of naming rights to the Square for the purposes of raising revenue to support its on-going operation and maintenance, and in doing so consult with appropriate stakeholders and City staff, and to report its recommendations to Council for approval in 2003;
- (4) Council authorize the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to undertake requests for proposals, or solicit expressions of interest, for revenue sources for the Square including, but not limited to, third party outdoor advertising, provided

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- the Board, through the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advise Council on the results of such initiatives;
- (5) the Chief Administrator's Office investigate and report back to Council respecting the impact of the new Municipal Act on Council's ability to delegate leasing authority to the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management;
  - (6) the Board, in consultation with the City's Purchasing and Materials Management Division, develop and adopt a purchasing process, including criteria for evaluating proposals and awarding contracts, that is complimentary to the City's purchasing procedures;
  - (7) upon completion of all capital design components of the Square by the Urban Development Services Department, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism undertake the necessary consultations respecting the development of a 2004-2008 capital plan by the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management, and other capital investment matters including reporting back to Council on the City's establishment of stabilization and capital reserve funds;
  - (8) Council request the Parking Authority to meet with the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management to:
    - (a) discuss the provision of an underground storage facility within the parking lot, the dedication of a minimum of two parking spaces for the exclusive use of the Board and/or staff retained by the Board; and
    - (b) explore opportunities for sharing new revenue generated from parking as result of activities occurring at Yonge Dundas Square;
  - (9) in order to ensure that potential conflicts are avoided, staff from the Urban Development Services Department meet with the Yonge-Dundas Square Board of Management regarding the Board's concerns pertaining to the issuance of busker and vendor permits for both Yonge-Dundas Square and all sidewalks immediately adjacent to the Square;
  - (10) appropriate staff from the Works and Emergency Services Department and the Toronto Police Services meet with the Board to discuss posterage, sidewalk maintenance and security issues; and
  - (11) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 10, Report No. 9)**

**8.14 Goose Control Program (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it the following report and communication:

- (a) (September 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to City Council's request of May 21, 22 and 23, 2002 to submit a report outlining options to control the problems associated with geese in City parks; and recommending that:
  - (1) operating funds for the expanded Goose Management Strategy in the amount of \$195,000.00 be considered as part of the Parks and Recreation Division 2003 Operating Budget;
  - (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to implement the comprehensive Goose Management Strategy set out in this report conditional upon the approval of funds in the 2003 Operating Budget and report back in the fall of 2003, prior to the 2004 Operating Budget process, on the results of the strategy and the requirements for any future funding; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and
- (b) (October 9, 2002) from Ms. Liz White, Director, Animal Alliance Canada and Environment Votes, in support of the recommendations set out in the aforementioned report from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.
  - A. Councillor Mammoliti moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee:
    - (1) recommend to Council the adoption of the aforementioned report, subject to adding that the Goose Management Strategy be expanded to include the use of trained dogs at the Toronto Zoo; and
    - (2) received the aforementioned communication.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Pantalone moved that Councillor Mammoliti's motion A.1 be amended by deleting the sum of "\$195,000.00" and all words thereafter in Recommendation No. (1) and inserting in lieu thereof the words "\$50,000.00 solely for strategic park development in 2003 and that a more comprehensive program be brought forward for consideration in 2004;".

**(Lost)**

**(Clause No. 11, Report No. 9)**

**8.15 Action Plan 2002 and Youth Action Plan  
Budget Recommendations Report (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as requested by Council at its December 4, 5 and 6, 2001 meeting, on any co-ordinated partnerships and arrangements made with community agencies in delivering the Youth Action Plan 2002; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

**(Clause No. 14(d), Report No. 9)**

**8.16 Report Card 2002 - 2003 Action Plan**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 26, 2002) from the City Clerk, forwarding a request from The Children and Youth Action Committee that the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt the recommendations contained in the communication (September 25, 2002) from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee, respecting the Report Card 2002 and the 2003 Action Plan.

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

**(Clause No. 14(e), Report No. 9)**

**8.17 Technical Adjustment for Additional Funding  
L'Amoreaux Tennis Bubble (Ward 39 Scarborough-Agincourt)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking authority to adjust the amount in the sub-project account (CPR116-14) to recognize additional funding raised by the tennis community specifically for this project; and recommending that:

- (1) the sub-project for L'Amoreaux Tennis Bubble (CPR116-14) be increased by \$0.250 million gross and zero net, bringing the total of the project to \$0.650 million gross and Zero net, with the additional funding coming from the Scarborough Tennis Reserve XR3009;
- (2) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Kelly, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - October 11, 2002)

**(Clause No. 14(f), Report No. 9)**

**8.18 Woodbine Park Special Events - Status Report  
(Ward 32 Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 26, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as requested by Council at its meeting on April 16, 17 and 18, 2002, on the plan to move special events and festival activities from Kew Gardens Park to Woodbine Park; and recommending that:

- (1) all major events will be moved to Woodbine Park for 2003 and smaller scale events will continue to operate in Kew Gardens Park;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in consultation with the local Councillor, the event organizer(s) and the various community stakeholders will work towards clearly defining the scope and size of special events that will take place in Kew Gardens Park for 2003 and onward; and

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

Mr. Lido Chilelli, Beaches Jazz Festival, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) deferred consideration of this matter until its meeting of November 7, 2002; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report at that time on the issues raised at the October 10, 2002 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;  
c. Mr. Lido Chilelli, Beaches Jazz Festival - October 15, 2002)

**(Clause No. 14(g), Report No. 9)**

**8.19 Management and Control of Capital Project Costs  
(City Wide)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (September 24, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on approaches to manage and control capital project costs compared to estimates; and recommending that this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information.

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

- (1) received the aforementioned report; and
- (2) directed that such report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information.

(Budget Advisory Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - October 11, 2002)

**(Clause No. 14(h), Report No. 9)**

**8.20 Maintenance/Repair Service on Ice Rink Refrigeration Systems  
Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Department -  
North District Request for Quotation No. 4306-01-5054 (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a joint report (September 30, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, seeking authority to exercise the second year option to renew a contract with the current supplier, Barron Refrigeration Limited, for the maintenance and repair service on ice rink refrigeration systems for the department's North District; and recommending that:

- (1) the City exercise the second year option to renew this contract with the current supplier, Barron Refrigeration Limited, in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00, including all charges and applicable taxes for the maintenance and repair service on ice rink refrigeration systems for the period April 16, 2002 to April 15, 2003;
- (2) the option to renew for the period April 16, 2003 to April 15, 2004, in the estimated amount of \$300,000.00 under the same terms and conditions, be reviewed by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in co-operation with the Purchasing Agent, provided the second term of the contract was performed satisfactorily, to ensure it is feasible to extend the contract;
- (3) provided that there is a favourable review, in accordance with Recommendation No. 2, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be delegated the authority to exercise the option on the terms and conditions set out above and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

**(Clause No. 12, Report No. 9)**

**8.21 Motion from CYAC Youth Section**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a communication (September 25, 2002) from Councillor Olivia Chow, Children and Youth Advocate, forwarding for consideration the following motion which, due to lack of quorum at the Youth Section of the Children and Youth Action Committee scheduled to be held on September 25, 2002, was not officially recorded:

“Moved by Councillor Cho, that whenever and wherever the number of planned housing units exceeds 2,000 units, a Community Recreation Centre to serve youth, children and local residents should be planned and constructed unless there is already a recreation centre in the vicinity that could accommodate the recreation needs of the new residents.”

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned communication.

**(Clause No. 14(i), Report No. 9)**

**8.22 Provincial Request for Expressions of Interest Pilot Tax Incentive Zones  
(Ward 6 Etobicoke Lakeshore, Ward 20 Trinity Spadina,  
Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising that an Expression of Interest for Pilot Tax Incentive Zones was submitted to the Province to meet the deadline of October 18, 2002; that further reports will be brought before Council for decision making on whether to proceed if Toronto were selected in the province-wide search for six pilots; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

**(Clause No. 14(j), Report No. 9)**

**8.23 An Interim Strategy to Retain Aquatic and Community Programming  
at Toronto District School Board Pools (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee had before it a report (October 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval on an interim strategy to retain aquatic and community programming at Toronto District School Board (TDSB) pools and recommending that:

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- (1) the City of Toronto maintain its current funding of \$4.7 million to operate aquatic programming in 47 TDSB pools;
- (2) the City of Toronto conduct a state of good repair audit of the 47 selected pool facilities in a cost sharing arrangement with the TDSB for a total of \$470,000.00 to be shared equally with the TDSB;
- (3) every effort be made to absorb the City's share of \$235,000.00 within the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism departmental budget through under expenditures; if this approach is not possible, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer will recommend a reallocation of funding in the year end variance report;
- (4) the City request that the TDSB defer the decision to close TDSB pools for nine months, to allow for adequate notice to residents and for appropriate long term planning;
- (5) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism prepare a report inclusive of a comparative of aquatic rates and fees of surrounding and large municipalities, with a view of increasing revenue to offset operating costs; this information to be considered in the context of the 2003 budget deliberations;
- (6) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report back in nine months regarding the full rationalization of pool provision in the City of Toronto, including a pool replacement strategy;
- (7) the Chair of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, the Budget Chief and the Chair of the School Advisory Committee begin to negotiate a resolution to this issue with the provincially appointed Supervisor of the TDSB;
- (8) staff continue to work with senior staff of the TDSB to identify efficiencies in operations and options on aquatic provision in the City of Toronto; and
- (9) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Councillor David Shiner, Ward 24 Willowdale, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8) and (9), embodied in the report (October 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to adding:

“City Council request The Honourable Elizabeth Witmer, Deputy Premier and Minister of Education, to instruct Supervisor Mr. Paul Christie to accept the City’s generous offer of \$6.3 million to keep all Toronto District School Board pools open.”; and

- (2) forwarded Recommendation Nos. (2) and (3) embodied in the report (October 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration and report thereon to City Council for its meeting of October 29, 2002.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - October 11, 2002)

**(Clause No. 13, Report No. 9)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:12 p.m.

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Chair