

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee**

**Meeting No. 3**

**Thursday, April 4, 2002**

The Policy and Finance Committee met on Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:35 a.m. to 12:55 p.m.
Mayor Mel Lastman, Chair	-
Councillor Sandra Bussin	X
Councillor Norman Kelly	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby	X
Councillor Pam McConnell	X
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong	X
Councillor Case Ootes, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X
Councillor David Shiner	X
Councillor Paul Sutherland	X

Councillor Case Ootes assumed the Chair in the Mayor's absence.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee confirmed the minutes of its meeting held on February 21, 2002.

**3-1. Implications of the Sale of Hydro One for the City of Toronto.**

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

- (i) (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer identifying issues related to the Provincial Government's proposed sale of shares in Hydro One; recommending actions to bring the City's interests and concerns in this regard to the attention of the Provincial Government; advising that the recommendations in this

report have no direct financial implications; that as discussed in the report, the commercialization of Hydro One has the potential to increase the cost of the use of hydro corridor property for public uses or may make such property unavailable for public use; and recommending that:

- (1) the Mayor send a letter to the Premier of Ontario to request:
  - (a) that the Province of Ontario recognize that hydro corridors are important public assets used for many municipal uses such as transit facilities, bike trails, parks, playing fields, and storm water ponds;
  - (b) that the Province of Ontario recognize that access to hydro corridors at reasonable cost and on reasonable terms should be maintained following the commercialization of Hydro One by the Province;
  - (c) that the Province take steps to ensure that land within the Hydro One corridors is available for existing and future public uses at a nominal or reasonable cost and on reasonable terms;
  - (d) that Hydro One provide permanent easements to the City of Toronto for lands in hydro corridors now used by the City and its agencies, boards and commissions and provide a process for the granting of permanent easements for planned municipal uses in hydro corridors;
  - (e) that the Province of Ontario provide the City of Toronto with the first right of refusal to purchase hydro corridor lands in the City of Toronto should they become available and that this be made a condition of the disposition of the lands in the future;
- (2) the Mayor seek a meeting with the Premier, the Minister of Finance and Chair of Superbuild Corporation, and the Chair of Hydro One to discuss the City's issues regarding the commercialization of Hydro One and report back to Council on the outcome of the meeting;
- (3) in light of the lack of consultation to date by the Province to provide information and receive feedback from municipalities regarding the commercialization of Hydro One, and in light of the implications for municipalities of the commercialization of Hydro One, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be requested to seek a meeting with the provincial government within the spirit of subsection 3 (1) of the *Municipal Act 2001* and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding consultation on issues of mutual concern;

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- (4) the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to establish a Hydro Corridor Working Group consisting of representatives from City departments, agencies, boards and commissions that have an interest in access to hydro corridor lands for public uses to determine specific area requirements, identify conditions and terms to provide the City with permanent tenure on lands currently used by the City, and undertake discussions and negotiations with Hydro One;
  - (5) the City Clerk distribute this report to all municipalities in the GTA and the Central Ontario Smart Growth Area, to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel Members, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, GO Transit, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; and
  - (6) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
- (ii) (March 22, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, March 20, 2002, during its consideration of a communication dated February 12, 2002 from Mr. R. Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission to Richard Soberman, TRIMAP Communications, regarding the protection of electricity transmission corridors in the City for possible future transit use, adopted and forwarded the following Resolution to Toronto City Council through the City Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on Thursday, April 4, 2002, in conjunction with a City staff report entitled, "Implications of Sale of Hydro One Lands for City of Toronto:

"WHEREAS the TTC currently uses Hydro One property in electricity transmission corridors within the City of Toronto for commuter parking and passenger pick-up and drop-off facilities, and

WHEREAS electricity transmission corridors in the City of Toronto are a valuable asset to the City for many purposes including the provision of future higher-order transit lines, and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is in the process of selling or commercialising Hydro One, which could result in a change in ownership of these lands, and

WHEREAS City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of February 13, 14 and 15, 2000 adopted a Clause in Report No. 1 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee which directs the Chief Administrative Officer and the Acting City Solicitor to take actions aimed at establishing public access easements or ownership of the

Hydro One corridors for continued or expanded use by City agencies, boards, and commissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure, in connection with the commercialisation of Hydro One, that the Hydro One lands currently used by the TTC for commuter parking and ancillary station facilities remain available to the TTC through a stratified ownership arrangement or permanent easement to the City or TTC for transit purposes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to provide the City of Toronto with the right of first refusal to purchase the Hydro One lands that are currently used by TTC for \$1.00 if they should become available, and to make this a condition of the disposition of these lands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to formally protect a right-of-way for possible future public-sector uses, such as transit, in all electricity transmission corridors in the City of Toronto and the GTA, through means such as establishing permanent future easements or continued public ownership of the properties themselves, as part of their negotiations regarding the commercialisation or sale of Hydro One;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto staff be requested to develop a property protection plan for public-sector transit use of electricity transmission corridors in the City, in conjunction with TTC staff, the Province of Ontario, Hydro One, and other interested parties as appropriate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto in its deliberations give consideration to planning and business case issues with respect to future uses of hydro corridors that may be subject to public/private partnership agreements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this correspondence and resolution be forwarded to Toronto City Council and the Chief Administrative Officer, in support of their efforts to secure right-of-way protection, easements, or ownership of the Hydro One corridors within the City of Toronto for continued public-sector use by various City departments, agencies, boards, and commissions.";

- (iii) (March 26, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on March 25, 2002, discussed the possible sale of Hydro One lands once the Corporation is privatized, and the resulting loss of those lands to the residents of the City of Toronto and that the Committee:
- (1) requested that a letter of support be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee supports the actions of Toronto City Council in securing access to the hydro corridors for bike paths and other public uses; and
  - (2) requested the Policy and Finance Committee to give favorable consideration to the aforementioned recommendation;
- (iv) (March 21, 2002) from the City of Toronto Members of the Strategic Transportation Planning Group advising that as the City's members of the Strategic Planning Group (STPG) representing the interest of City Planning, Transportation Services, the Parking Authority of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission, they strongly support the initiative to protect hydro corridors for continued public use; and advising that it is their position that the hydro corridor lands, both in the City and throughout the Province, should be fully safeguarded for future public uses, particularly transit and cycling;
- (v) (March 26, 2002) from Mr. Howard J. Levine writing on behalf of and as a member of the Ontario Electricity Coalition; registering concern with respect to the Province's electricity deregulation and privatization efforts; advising that the City of Toronto is a major purchaser of electricity; that deregulation and privatization of electricity will have a major impact upon the fiscal health of the City; that as a former Councillor of the City of Toronto and as a former Commissioner of the Toronto Hydro-Electric System he would welcome an opportunity to appear before the Policy and Finance Committee to elaborate upon his concerns; and urging the Committee to endorse the following resolution adopted by the City of Windsor earlier this month:

"Whereas the Ontario Government's plan to deregulate and privatize the electricity industry will:

- (1) result in higher consumer and industrial electricity rates;
- (2) put increased pressure on Municipal Council's budgets;
- (3) make hydro generation ownership vulnerable to foreign control; and
- (4) reduce Ontario's economic advantage, threaten jobs and pose a substantial threat to our environment;

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Therefore be it resolved that this Council urge the Ontario government and the Premier to immediately delay deregulation of Ontario's electricity system and consult with local municipalities to answer concerns regarding the production of energy as it relates to electricity rates; and further, that this resolution be forwarded to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for circulation to municipalities having populations larger than 5000."; and

- (vi) (April 3, 2002) from Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79, advising, amongst other things, that CUPE Local 79 agrees with many of the concerns raised in this report regarding the commercialization or privatization of Hydro One and supports its recommendations, however, Local 79 believes that the City itself should show the same concern for its own services and assets and reconsider its own initiatives towards Alternative Service Delivery and arm's-length corporations and utilities.

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

- Mr. Howard Levine, HL Consulting, Transportation, Urban and Heritage Planning, on behalf of the Ontario Electricity Coalition; and
- Mr. Edik Zwarenstein, Ontario Electricity Coalition.

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

- Councillor David Miller, Parkdale-High Park; and
- Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.

The Policy and Finance Committee:

(A) recommended to Council:

- (I) the adoption of the report (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer subject to:
  - (i) amending Recommendation No. (1) (e) by adding the words "for \$1.00" after the words "first right of refusal"; and **(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby on behalf of Councillor Miller)**

- (ii) amending Recommendation No. (4) by adding thereto the following words:

Part (a):

“and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to review the possibility of using Hydro Corridor lands now to meet demands for additional facilities for recreation and sports that have unmet needs such as soccer”,  
**(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby on behalf of Councillor Miller)**

Part (b):

“such review to include information on the current acreage being used, how that could be replaced, the associated costs and the effect on current users ”;  
**(Motion by Councillor Shiner)**

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

- (1) the Mayor send a letter to the Premier of Ontario to request:
- (a) that the Province of Ontario recognize that hydro corridors are important public assets used for many municipal uses such as transit facilities, bike trails, parks, playing fields, and storm water ponds;
  - (b) that the Province of Ontario recognize that access to hydro corridors at reasonable cost and on reasonable terms should be maintained following the commercialization of Hydro One by the Province;
  - (c) that the Province take steps to ensure that land within the Hydro One corridors is available for existing and future public uses at a nominal or reasonable cost and on reasonable terms;

- (d) that Hydro One provide permanent easements to the City of Toronto for lands in hydro corridors now used by the City and its Agencies, Boards and Commissions and provide a process for the granting of permanent easements for planned municipal uses in hydro corridors;
  - (e) that the Province of Ontario provide the City of Toronto with the first right of refusal for \$1.00 to purchase hydro corridor lands in the City of Toronto should they become available and that this be made a condition of the disposition of the lands in the future;
- (2) the Mayor seek a meeting with the Premier, the Minister of Finance and Chair of Superbuild Corporation, and the Chair of Hydro One to discuss the City's issues regarding the commercialization of Hydro One and report back to Council on the outcome of the meeting;
  - (3) in light of the lack of consultation to date by the Province to provide information and receive feedback from municipalities regarding the commercialization of Hydro One, and in light of the implications for municipalities of the commercialization of Hydro One, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be requested to seek a meeting with the provincial government within the spirit of subsection 3 (1) of the *Municipal Act 2001* and the Memorandum of Understanding between the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing regarding consultation on issues of mutual concern;
  - (4) the Chief Administrative Officer be directed to establish a Hydro Corridor Working Group consisting of representatives from City Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions that have an interest in access to Hydro corridor lands for public uses to determine specific area requirements, identify conditions and terms to provide the City with permanent tenure on lands currently used by the City, and undertake discussions and negotiations with



Hydro One; and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to review the possibility of using Hydro Corridor lands now to meet demands for additional facilities for recreation and sports that have unmet needs such as soccer, such review to include information on the current acreage being used, how that could be replaced, the associated costs and the effect on current users;

- (5) the City Clerk distribute this report to all municipalities in the GTA and the Central Ontario Smart Growth Area, to the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel Members, Association of Municipalities of Ontario, GO Transit, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; and
  - (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.”; and
- (II) that Council endorse the following resolution embodied in the communication (March 22, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission:

“WHEREAS the TTC currently uses Hydro One property in electricity transmission corridors within the City of Toronto for commuter parking and passenger pick-up and drop-off facilities; and

WHEREAS electricity transmission corridors in the City of Toronto are a valuable asset to the City for many purposes including the provision of future higher-order transit lines; and

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario is in the process of selling or commercialising Hydro One, which could result in a change in ownership of these lands; and

WHEREAS City of Toronto Council, at its meeting of February 13, 14 and 15, 2000 adopted a Clause in Report No. 1 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee which directs the Chief Administrative Officer and the Acting City

Solicitor to take actions aimed at establishing public access easements or ownership of the Hydro One corridors for continued or expanded use by City Agencies, Boards, and Commissions;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to ensure, in connection with the commercialisation of Hydro One, that the Hydro One lands currently used by the TTC for commuter parking and ancillary station facilities remain available to the TTC through a stratified ownership arrangement or permanent easement to the City or TTC for transit purposes;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to provide the City of Toronto with the right of first refusal to purchase the Hydro One lands that are currently used by TTC for \$1.00 if they should become available, and to make this a condition of the disposition of these lands;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Province of Ontario be requested to formally protect a right-of-way for possible future public-sector uses, such as transit, in all electricity transmission corridors in the City of Toronto and the GTA, through means such as establishing permanent future easements or continued public ownership of the properties themselves, as part of their negotiations regarding the commercialisation or sale of Hydro One;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto staff be requested to develop a property protection plan for public-sector transit use of electricity transmission corridors in the City, in conjunction with TTC staff, the Province of Ontario, Hydro One, and other interested parties as appropriate;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto in its deliberations give consideration to planning and business case issues with respect to future uses of hydro corridors that may be subject to public/private partnership agreements;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this correspondence and resolution be forwarded to Toronto City Council and the Chief Administrative Officer, in support of their efforts to secure right-of-way protection, easements, or ownership of the Hydro One corridors within the City of Toronto for continued public-sector use by various City Departments, Agencies, Boards, and Commissions.”; **(Motion by Councillor Ootes)**

- (B) requested the Chief Administrative Officer:
- (i) to submit a report to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 16, 2002, on what the implications are to property owners in Toronto respecting the privatization of Hydro One and the possible rate increase in the short-term and the long-term and whatever information can be obtained with respect to real benefits to taxpayers; **(Motion by Councillor Shiner)**
  - (ii) to contact the Government of Ontario to obtain clarification as it relates to the use of the Hydro Corridor lands and report thereon to the aforementioned meeting of Council; and **(Motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong)**
  - (iii) to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee providing an analysis of the Hydro Corridor lands within the City boundaries respecting the potential uses at a later date; and **(Motion by Councillor Kelly)**
- (C) received the communication (March 26, 2002) from the City Clerk indicating that the Toronto Cycling Committee supports the actions of Toronto City Council in securing access to the hydro corridors for bike paths and other public uses.

The following motions were voted on and **lost**:

Moved by Councillor Shiner:

“That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) recommend to Council the adoption of the report (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and further that the Province of Ontario be requested to regulate the increase in Hydro rates to no more than the cost of living; and

- (2) request the City Solicitor to consult with appropriate environmental legal specialists, and report to the next City Council meeting on the legal means by which the City could ensure that the hydro corridors are maintained for public use, including legal actions based on public trust, the right to protect a public resource under the Ontario Environmental Bill of Rights, and the need for an environmental assessment.”

Moved by Councillor McConnell:

“That the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that the resolution adopted by the City of Windsor embodied in the communication (March 26, 2002) from Mr. Howard Levine be endorsed.”

Moved by Councillor Kelly:

“That the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) recommend to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (1) and (6) embodied in the report (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer; and
- (2) defer consideration of Recommendations Nos. (2) to (5) for consideration at a special meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee to be held prior to the next meeting of Council and that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to invite representatives of the Government of Ontario, Hydro One, prospective investors and independent consultants in the energy field to attend the special meeting.”

(Chief Administrative Officer; General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Mr. Howard Levine; Mr. Edik Zwarenstein; Ms. Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79; Committee Secretary, Toronto Cycling Committee – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 1 – Report No. 6)**

**3-2. Expression of Interest to Host 2009 FCM Conference.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer seeking Council authority to submit an expression of interest to host the Annual Conference of the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) in 2009 or next available year following 2009; advising that there are no immediate financial implications in submitting an expression of interest; that under the standard host city agreement, the City would be responsible for costs associated with evening receptions, dinners, study tours, companions' programs and coffee breaks; that the host city expenses are typically offset by a combination of a per-delegate allocation from FCM and local sponsorship; that a recent impact study indicates that the Annual Conference contributes \$3 – 4 million to the host community; that any financial impact would be experienced in the operating budgets in the year preceding and year of the conference; and recommending that:

- (1) Council extend an invitation to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities to hold its Annual Conference and Trade Show in Toronto in 2009 or the first available year following 2009; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 20, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

**(Clause No. 6 – Report No. 6)**

**3-3. Status Report - Implementation of the Recommendations of the Report of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 21, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer advising Council on the status of implementation of the Council approved Action Plan and Recommendations of the Report of the Task Force on Community Access and Equity; that there are no financial implications arising from this report; and recommending that:

- (1) this status report be forwarded to the City's Community Advisory Committees on Access, Equity and Human Rights – Aboriginal Affairs; Disability Issues, Lesbian Gay Bi-sexual Transgender Issues, Race and Ethnic Relations, and Status of

Women and to the Working Groups on Access, Equity and Human Rights requesting that their comments be provided to the September meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee; and

- (2) this status report be used as a reference during the community consultation process seeking input for the development of the City of Toronto's Plan of Action for the elimination of racism and all forms of discrimination; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 21, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

**(Clause No. 7 – Report No. 6)**

**3-4. Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre  
6 Garamond Court (Ward 26).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 19, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer reporting on the cancellation of the education taxes levied against 6 Garamond Court for the period of January 1 to December 31, 1997, following receipt of a letter dated January 9, 2001 from the Minister of Finance directing this cancellation; advising that the cancellation of the education portion of the taxes levied in 1997 totals \$59,962.69 which will be charged back to the School Board as part of the 2002 tax deficiencies; that the responding interest that will be adjusted is \$16,489.66 (to January 31, 2002), which is borne by the municipality, and forms part of the adjustments within the Tax Penalty Revenue Account; and recommending that:

- (1) the education portion of the taxes for 6 Garamond Court be retroactively cancelled for the period of January 1, 1997 to December 31, 1997, in accordance with the *Japanese Canadian Cultural Centre Act, 1997* and the letter dated January 9, 2001 from the Minister of Finance;
- (2) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills; and
- (3) the appropriate official of the City of Toronto be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 19, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

**(Clause No. 9 – Report No. 6)**

**3-5. 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 (February 25, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer reporting, as requested by City Council, on the current standing of the corporate program “Property Tax Rebates – Ethno-Cultural Centres and Similar Organizations”; advising that for the 2001 taxation year, the municipality provided rebates of \$883,885.23 (\$500,181.39 representing the municipal portion and \$383,703.84 representing the education portion) to certain ethno-cultural centres that applied and qualified for such rebates pursuant to By-Law No. 829-1999 - *To Create a Tax Rebate Program for Ethno-Cultural Centres*; that for the 1998 to 2001 taxation years, the City of Toronto rebated a total of \$4,428,756.30 (\$2,460,021.00 municipal; \$1,968,735.30 education) to qualifying ethno-cultural centres; and recommending that City Council receive this report for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council that the following report (February 25, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be received for information.

**(Clause No. 11 – Report No. 6)**

**3-6. Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System  
Six Month Status Report.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a joint report (January 25, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the Fire Chief and Toronto Police Chief Julian Fantino providing the sixth semi-annual status report on the Integrated Fire and Police Radio Communications System as directed by the Audit Committee on May 25, 1999; advising that the first five status reports were tabled in June, 1999, December 1999, July 2000, January 2001 and June, 2001; and recommending that this report be received and forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing joint report; and forwarded a copy thereof to the Community Services Committee for information.

(Community Services Committee; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; Chief Julian Fantino – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 16(a) – Report No. 6)**

**3-7. Federal/Provincial/Municipal Infrastructure Programs and Development of New Relationship Between the Three Orders of Government.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (February 21, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 14 and 15, 2002, referred the following Motion, entitled "Development of New Relationship Between the Three Orders of Government", to the Policy and Finance Committee:

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Pitfield

"WHEREAS City regions in Canada and globally are becoming significantly more important to the economy and to the success of the countries in which they are located; and

WHEREAS in July 2000, City Council resolved to initiate a dialogue with the federal and provincial governments, in order to develop a new relationship between the three orders of government; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is Canada's largest City, Canada's largest receptor of newcomers and the source of an enormous amount of wealth that is redistributed through various federal programs; and

WHEREAS the residents of Toronto, including the Chair of the Board of Trade, the President of the Toronto and York Region Labour Council and the Chief Justice of Ontario, have expressed the need for the three orders of government to co-operate to address the challenges facing Toronto; and

WHEREAS the challenges we face may cause significant social and economic impact; and

WHEREAS this City Council wishes to work as an equal partner with the federal and provincial governments to revive Toronto and again be an example of a successful city throughout North America and the world; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto faces difficult financial challenges caused, in large part, by changes to federal and provincial policies, including downloading; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is reliant solely upon the property tax as a source of tax revenues for its programs and services; and

WHEREAS the current circumstances will leave City Council with no choice but to manage the decline of the City of Toronto; and



WHEREAS in the United States and other provinces, there is an understanding of the need to treat cities as equal partners and to invest in cities; and

WHEREAS all officials, including Members of Provincial Parliament and Members of Parliament elected in Toronto, have an interest in helping to ensure the City of Toronto's success; and

WHEREAS citizens are tired of finger-pointing and disputes amongst the orders of government; and

WHEREAS City Council needs to take the initiative to ensure that MPPs and MPs understand the serious issues facing the City; and

WHEREAS this matter is urgent and should be debated by Council at its meeting scheduled to be held on February 13, 2002;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (1) City Council convene a meeting of all elected officials representing City of Toronto ridings;
- (2) at that meeting, the Chief Administrative Officer make a presentation on challenges facing the City of Toronto and lessons learned from other jurisdictions in Canada and the United States;
- (3) the Charter City Reference Group be consulted in the preparation of this material and in the format of the meeting;
- (4) this meeting be held, as soon as possible, on a Sunday afternoon at 1:00 p.m., to ensure the availability of as many MPPs, MPs and Councillors as possible;
- (5) this meeting be known as the Toronto Assembly; and
- (6) the goal of the City of Toronto be to begin a continuing dialogue that will lead to a more effective partnership between the three orders of government."

Councillor David Miller, Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Policy and Finance Committee:

- (A) recommended to Council that:
- (1) a meeting be convened with:
    - (a) the Provincial and Federal Ministers of Transportation, or a Member of Parliament or the Member of the Legislature designated on their behalf;
    - (b) the Provincial and Federal Ministers, or a Member of Parliament responsible for infrastructure, or the Member of the Legislature designated on their behalf;
    - (c) one member of the Toronto Transit Commission designated by the Commission; and
    - (d) one member of Council designated by the Mayor;

to discuss the terms of the next Federal/Provincial/Municipal infrastructure programs; and **(Motion by Councillor Kelly on behalf of Councillor Miller)**
  - (2) the Mayor be requested to write to the relevant elected officials and ministers to determine their availability to attend the aforementioned meeting; **(Motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong)**
- (B) requested the Chief Administrative Officer to submit a report to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 16, 2002, on Council's decision to create a committee to deal with funding for public transit; and **(Motion by Councillor Shiner)**
- (C) referred the communication (February 21, 2002) from the City Clerk, entitled "Development of New Relationship Between the Three Orders of Government", to the Chief Administrative Officer for discussion with the Charter City Reference Group and to provide any appropriate recommendations thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee. **(Motion by Councillor Kelly on behalf of Councillor Miller)**

(Chief Administrative Officer – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 5 – Report No. 6)**

**3-8. 2002 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets:  
Report No. 2 (All Wards).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (February 21, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on February 13, 14 and 15, 2002, directed that a copy of Clause No. 12 contained in Report No. 1 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "2002 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report No. 2 (All Wards)", which was adopted, as amended by Council at the aforementioned meeting, be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing communication.

**(Clause No. 16(b) – Report No. 6)**

**3-9. Semi-Annual Report: Toronto Police Service  
Parking Enforcement Unit Absenteeism  
for the Period Between July to December 2001.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 20, 2002) from Mr. Bas Balkissoon, Acting Chair, Toronto Police Services Board, advising the Policy and Finance Committee of the level of absenteeism in the Toronto Police Service Parking Enforcement Unit for the period between July to December 2001, as detailed in a report (attached) dated February 4, 2002, from the Chief of Police; and recommending that the Policy and Finance Committee receive this report.

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

- Councillor Olivia Chow, Trinity-Spadina;
- Councillor Doug Holyday, Etobicoke Centre; and
- Councillor Michael Walker, St. Paul's.

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

- (1) deferred consideration of the foregoing report until its meeting scheduled to be held on June 6, 2002; and
- (2) requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the City Auditor, to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee respecting absenteeism in each

Department and Agency, Board and Commission, and the associated costs relating thereto; and that such report also include an action plan for improvements.

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c: Commissioner of Corporate Services; City Auditor; Committee Administrator, Policy and Finance Committee – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 16(c) – Report No. 6)**

**3-10. Yonge/Dundas Redevelopment Project  
Settlement of Expropriation Claims  
301 Yonge Street and 313A – 315 Yonge Street  
(Ward 27 – Toronto Centre Rosedale).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a confidential report (March 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting the Yonge/Dundas Redevelopment Project, Settlement of Expropriation Claims, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to a possible litigation matter.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the confidential report (March 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services respecting the Yonge/Dundas Redevelopment Project, Settlement of Appropriation Claims, which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover; and further that in accordance with the Municipal Act, discussions pertaining thereto be held in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to a potential litigation matter.

**(Clause No. 14 – Report No. 6)**

**3-11. 245 College Street and 39 Glasgow Street  
Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board  
Request for Reimbursement of  
Legal Expenses (Ward 20 Trinity Spadina).**

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

- (i) confidential report (March 19, 2002) from the City Solicitor respecting 245 College Street and 39 Glasgow Street, Appeal to the OMB, Request for Reimbursement of Legal Expenses, such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject relates to a possible litigation matter;

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- (ii) communication (February 18, 2002) from a number of Residents, Spadina-College South, requesting that the report, respecting 245 College Street and 39 Glasgow Street, Appeal to the OMB Request for Reimbursement of Legal Expenses be considered by the Committee at 10:00 am on April 4, 2002.

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

- Mr. Larry Lee for Residents of Spadina-College South, and filed a written submission in regard thereto; and
- Mr. F. Lee.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the confidential report (March 19, 2002) from the City Solicitor, entitled "245 College Street and 39 Glasgow Street, Appeal to Ontario Municipal Board Request for Reimbursement of Legal Expenses", which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover, and further, that in accordance with the Municipal Act, discussions pertaining thereto be held in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to a potential litigation matter.

The following motion moved by Councillor Bussin was voted on and **lost**:

"That the Policy and Finance Committee recommend to Council that the City reimburse the residents who contributed towards the legal expenses, including Mr. Larry Lee, for a one time payment only in the amount of \$6,716.66."

Councillor McConnell declared an interest in the foregoing matter in that she is a member of the Metro Credit Union.

**(Clause No. 15 – Report No. 6)**

**3-12. Energy Retrofit Strategy for City-Owned Facilities.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 25, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer recommending that:

- (1) City Council adopt a mixed-model for implementing energy retrofits of City-owned facilities, to be implemented concurrently as follows:
  - (a) 30 percent to 40 percent of the energy retrofit work is to be sole-sourced through Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. (THESI); and

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- (b) 60 percent to 70 percent of the energy retrofit work is to be implemented through a competitive bid process;
- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services co-ordinate the implementation of energy retrofits for City-owned buildings and facilities, consult with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services during this process, and:
  - (a) with appropriate Commissioners, determine the portions of the City's energy retrofit work to be sole-sourced through THESI and ensure that the targets in Recommendation No. (1) are met;
  - (b) with the City Purchasing Agent and appropriate Commissioners, be authorized to issue competitive calls and manage the bid process for energy retrofit services; and
  - (c) report to the Policy and Finance Committee, as part of the annual budget process, on overall energy retrofit investments and financial and environmental benefits;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer with appropriate Commissioners:
  - (a) obtain prior Council approval to enter into energy retrofit contracts that exceed existing delegated signing authorities;
  - (b) obtain prior Council approval for all energy retrofit initiatives if they affect the City's ownership interest in City assets, regardless of the value of the retrofit work;
  - (c) where possible, develop self-financing arrangements through energy savings derived from the energy retrofits; and
  - (d) ensure that the gross and net departmental costs for implementing energy retrofit initiatives, and the projected savings, are specifically identified during the annual budget process, starting with the process for 2003;
- (4) this policy supersedes, and amends or replaces as necessary, any previous policies or authorities pertaining to energy retrofit initiatives and services with respect to City-owned buildings and facilities;
- (5) in addition to the annual report in Recommendation No. (2)(c), the Chief Administrative Officer review this policy at or before the end of five years;

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- (6) the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services review options for financing energy retrofits of City-owned facilities and develop a policy regarding the application of financial savings derived from energy retrofits, and report to the Policy and Finance Committee by July 2002; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take any action necessary to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the foregoing report (March 25, 2002) from the Chief Administrative Officer subject to:

- (1) amending Recommendation No. (2) (c) by adding thereto the following words “such reports to address progress to-date, retrofit priorities for the coming year and retrofit candidates for subsequent years;”; and
- (2) adding the following new Recommendation No. (2) (d):
  - “(2) (d) where relevant, require retrofit service providers to consult and explore partnerships with district heating and cooling providers such as Enwave as part of the process of identifying appropriate retrofit options;”

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

“It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt a mixed-model for implementing energy retrofits of City-owned facilities, to be implemented concurrently as follows:
  - (a) 30 percent to 40 percent of the energy retrofit work is to be sole-sourced through Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. (THESI); and
  - (b) 60 percent to 70 percent of the energy retrofit work is to be implemented through a competitive bid process;

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- (2) the Commissioner of Corporate Services co-ordinate the implementation of energy retrofits for City-owned buildings and facilities, consult with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services during this process, and:
  - (a) with appropriate Commissioners, determine the portions of the City's energy retrofit work to be sole-sourced through THESI and ensure that the targets in Recommendation No. (1) are met;
  - (b) with the City Purchasing Agent and appropriate Commissioners, be authorized to issue competitive calls and manage the bid process for energy retrofit services;
  - (c) report to the Policy and Finance Committee, as part of the annual budget process, on overall energy retrofit investments and financial and environmental benefits; such report to address progress to-date, retrofit priorities for the coming year and retrofit candidates for subsequent years; and
  - (d) where relevant, require retrofit service providers to consult and explore partnerships with district heating and cooling providers such as Enwave as part of the process of identifying appropriate retrofit options;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer with appropriate Commissioners:
  - (a) obtain prior Council approval to enter into energy retrofit contracts that exceed existing delegated signing authorities;
  - (b) obtain prior Council approval for all energy retrofit initiatives if they affect the City's ownership interest in City assets, regardless of the value of the retrofit work;
  - (c) where possible, develop self-financing arrangements through energy savings derived from the energy retrofits; and
  - (d) ensure that the gross and net departmental costs for implementing energy retrofit initiatives, and the projected savings, are specifically identified during the annual budget process, starting with the process for 2003;



- (4) this policy supersedes, and amends or replaces as necessary, any previous policies or authorities pertaining to energy retrofit initiatives and services with respect to City-owned buildings and facilities;
- (5) in addition to the annual report in Recommendation No. (2)(c), the Chief Administrative Officer review this policy at or before the end of five years;
- (6) the Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services review options for financing energy retrofits of City-owned facilities and develop a policy regarding the application of financial savings derived from energy retrofits, and report to the Policy and Finance Committee by July 2002; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized to take any action necessary to give effect thereto.”

**(Clause No. 3 – Report No. 6)**

**3-13. Progress Report – Diversity Advocate Action Plan.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 29, 2002) from Councillor Sherene Shaw, Diversity Advocate, providing a progress report on the Diversity Advocate’s Action Plan, which was approved by Council in March 2001; advising that she has initiated activities on the ten-points Action Plan as well as responded to emerging issues raised by the community, e.g. the Budget Process, the Ornstein Study and UN World Conference on Racism, Youth Violence, and the September 11<sup>th</sup> disaster; and recommending that this progress report be forwarded to Council for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council that the foregoing report (March 29, 2002) from Councillor Sherene Shaw, Diversity Advocate, be received.

**(Clause No. 8 – Report No. 6)**

**3-14. City of Toronto Development Charge Reserve Fund Statement for the Year Ended December 31, 2001.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 22, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing a statement of the City's development charge reserve fund activity for 2001 pursuant to the requirements of the *Development Charges Act, 1997*; advising that the development charge revenue in 2001 amounted to \$15.7 million; that approximately \$4.0 million was expended for eligible growth-related projects; that the net development charge reserve fund balance as at December 31, 2001 was \$82.8 million; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 16(d) – Report No. 6)**

**3-15. Update Regarding Filing of Required Regulations for 2002 Tax Levy By-Laws.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 26, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing an update regarding regulations that the Minister of Finance must file with respect to the education tax rates and the municipal levy by-law; and recommending that the Minister of Finance be requested to file the following regulations no later than April 12, 2002:

- (1) Regulation prescribing the 2002 education tax rates;
- (2) Regulation prescribing the manner in which municipalities, such as the City of Toronto, with tax ratios in excess of the provincial threshold ratios are to determine their tax rates for 2002; and,
- (3) Regulation to permit increases in the commercial and industrial classes sufficient to fund rebates to eligible charities despite the City's tax ratios exceeding the provincial threshold ratios.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to request the Minister of Finance:

- (I) to file the following Regulations no later than April 12, 2002:
  - (1) Regulation prescribing the 2002 education tax rates;

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- (2) Regulation prescribing the manner in which municipalities, such as the City of Toronto, with tax ratios in excess of the provincial threshold ratios are to determine their tax rates for 2002; and
  - (3) Regulation to permit increases in the commercial and industrial classes sufficient to fund rebates to eligible charities despite the City's tax ratios exceeding the provincial threshold ratios; and
- (II) to prescribe the 2002 education tax rates for commercial and industrial properties in the City of Toronto at the average GTA education tax rates for each of those classes;

and recommended to Council that it concur with the foregoing action taken by the Policy and Finance Committee.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 12 – Report No. 6)**

**3-16. Trudeau Memorial (All Wards).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting held on March 27, 2002, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (March 7, 2002) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, wherein it was recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism undertake a national public art competition to select an artist and design for the Trudeau Memorial;
- (2) the Central Waterfront Parklands be identified as the general location of the Trudeau Memorial;
- (3) the Pierre Elliott Trudeau Memorial be added as a new \$45,000.00 sub-project in Cultural Infrastructure Development to be funded in 2002 by redirecting \$45,000.00 of St. Lawrence Centre Maintenance from the approved 2001 Capital Budget, with the remainder of the project to be considered as part of the Culture 2003 Capital Budget submission;

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- (4) the Trudeau Ad-Hoc Committee determine the fundraising target for the Memorial with the City's contribution not to exceed 50 percent of the project's total budget with a maximum City contribution of \$125,000.00;
- (5) the City accept donations to the Public Art Reserve Fund (XR4002) from corporations, individuals, foundations and other levels of government in support of the Trudeau Memorial;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) deferred consideration of the following communication until its meeting scheduled to be held on May 9, 2002; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to submit a report to the aforementioned meeting of the Committee advising when the contract for the work at the St. Lawrence Centre was let; when staff knew that there was a reduced amount; and how many previously approved Capital Projects have reduced Capital requirements not reported as yet.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks Committee; Committee Administrator, Policy and Finance Committee – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 16(e) – Report No. 6)**

**3-17. Filing of Provincial Regulation 45/02 to Extend the New Multi-Residential Property Class from 8 to 35 Years.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 28, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on March 25, 2002, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee the adoption of the joint report (March 1, 2002) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the Filing of Provincial Regulation 45/02 to Extend the New Multi-Residential Property Class from 8 to 35 years, and in accordance with Recommendation No. (5) therein submits this report to the Policy and Finance

Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 4, 2002, for subsequent submission to City Council for its meeting on April 16, 2002 to enable the adoption of the multi-residential property class for the 2002 taxation year.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the Recommendation of the Planning and Transportation Committee embodied in the foregoing communication (March 28, 2002) from the City Clerk.

**(Clause No. 13 – Report No. 6)**

**3-18. Access to Hydro Corridors for Bike Paths and Other Public Uses – Toronto Cycling Committee.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a communication (March 26, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on March 25, 2002, advised the Policy and Finance Committee that the Toronto Cycling Committee supports the actions of Toronto City Council in securing access to the hydro corridors for bike paths and other public uses.

This matter was considered with Item No. 1.

**See Minute No. 3-1 for decision.**

**(Clause No. 1 – Report No. 6)**

**3-19. Request for Cost-Sharing – Provincial Court Services Costs.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 22, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, reporting on the response of the Attorney General to a request that the Province of Ontario contribute funds to the Toronto Police Service for operating provincial courts where the services of the Toronto Police Service are required; advising that a response was received which indicated that the responsibility for court security costs lies with the local police services board; that the Board will continue to pursue obtaining financial support from the Province of Ontario for the services provided by the Toronto Police Service to the provincial court system; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 16(f) – Report No. 6)**

**3-20. Final 2001 Operating Budget Variance Report of the Toronto Police Service and Amended Request for In-Year Budget Adjustment.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 25, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, providing the final 2001 operating budget report which includes an amended request for a draw from the City's corporate contingency account to the Toronto Police Service through an in-year budget adjustment; and recommending that the Policy and Finance Committee approve a request for a draw of \$4.9M from the City's corporate contingency account to the Toronto Police Service through an in-year budget adjustment.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report having regard for the action taken by the Budget Advisory Committee during its 2002 Budget deliberations.

(Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 16(g) – Report No. 6)**

**3-21. City Auditor's Evaluation of the Air Support Pilot Project and Response of the Toronto Police Service.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 25, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, advising that the Toronto Police Services Board at its meeting held on January 28, 2002, had before it a report (January 25, 2002) from the Chief of Police in response to a report dated June 12, 2001 from the City Auditor entitled "The Evaluation of the Air Support Unit Pilot Project"; forwarding the decision of the Toronto Police Services Board in regard thereto; and recommending that this report be received.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 16(h) – Report No. 6)**

**3-22. Authority for City of Toronto and Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. (“THESEI”) to Enter into Retail Electricity Contract; Status of Contract.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (March 26, 2002) from the City Solicitor recommending that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be authorized to send a letter to the Minister of Energy, Science and Technology for the Minister’s consideration and action;
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to report directly to Council on the outcome of Recommendation No. 1, if necessary;
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to take whatever action is necessary, in consultation with the City’s outside counsel, to ensure that the City and Toronto Hydro Energy Services Inc. are not precluded from entering into a power purchase agreement; and
- (4) the City Solicitor be authorized to report directly to Council on any outstanding issues with respect to the finalization of the power purchase agreement.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee approved the foregoing report (March 26, 2002) from the City Solicitor; and recommended to Council that it concur with the action taken by the Committee.

(City Solicitor – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 2 – Report No. 6)**

**3-23. 31 and 35 Kimbark Boulevard - Purchase of Rear Ravine Lands Located in Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine (Ward 16 - Eglinton-Lawrence).**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a confidential communication (March 26, 2002) from the City Clerk respecting the purchase of rear ravine lands located in the Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine area, such communication to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the proposed acquisition of land for municipal purposes.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the confidential communication (March 26, 2002) from the City Clerk respecting 31 and 35 Kimbark Boulevard – Purchase of rear Ravine Lands Located in the Kimbark/Coldstream Ravine area, noting the transfer of funds referred to

therein; and directed that details thereof remain in-camera in accordance with the Municipal Act, having regard that the subject matter relates to the proposed acquisition of land for municipal purposes.

**(Clause No. 16(i) – Report No. 6)**

**3-24. Interim Credit Support Measures for Toronto Hydro.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a confidential report (March 26, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer respecting the Interim Credit Support Measures for Toronto Hydro, such report to be considered in camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the confidential report (March 26, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled “Interim Credit Support Measures for Toronto Hydro”, which was forwarded to Members of Council under confidential cover; and further, in accordance with the Municipal Act, discussions pertaining thereto be held in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to the security of the property of the municipality or local board.

**(Clause No. 4 – Report No. 6)**

**3-25. Proposed Residential Tax Bill Brochure on the Implications of Bill 140 and a New Funding Partnership with the Federal and Provincial Governments.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 3, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer seeking approval of a proposed tax bill brochure that will accompany final 2002 residential property tax bills to explain the property tax increase and the implications of Bill 140 on residential property taxes; advising that design and printing costs of the proposed residential tax bill brochures estimated at \$22,425.00 (excluding taxes) will be absorbed in the existing 2002 operating budget of the Revenue Services Division; and recommending that:

- (1) the content of the tax bill brochure in the form, or substantially in the form, of the proposed insert attached as Appendix A to this report be approved;
- (2) authority be granted to include the tax bill brochure in the mailing of the 2002 final property tax bill for residential taxpayers; and,
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.



Councillor Betty Disero, Davenport, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

The Policy and Finance Committee recommended to Council:

(1) the adoption of the foregoing report (April 3, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer subject to amending Appendix A – “Proposed Six-Panel Tax Bill Insert” by:

(i) deleting the word “that” after the word “people” appearing in the second paragraph on page one and inserting in lieu thereof the word “who”; so that the paragraph now reads as follows:

“A City’s growth comes from increases in the number of properties that are assessed for taxes, not the number of people who live, work or visit a city;” **(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)**

(ii) including on page one a photograph depicting an apartment building in the background; **(Motion by Councillor Kelly)**

(iii) deleting the word “bellow” appearing on page two and inserting in lieu thereof the word “below”; **(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)**

(iv) deleting the word “addition” appearing on page two and inserting in lieu thereof the word “improvements”; and **(Motion by Councillor Kelly)**

(v) amending the penultimate paragraph on page two to read as follows:

“A recent report from Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS) commends the City of Toronto for its improved financial planning, monitoring and reporting procedures and its good fiscal management. However, DBRS highlights that the City still lacks the revenue generating tools to address infrastructure needs which has resulted in increased debt to the City of Toronto;” **(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)**

and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to submit a revised Appendix "A" to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 16, 2002; and

- (2) that the cost of Solid Waste Management be reported on the back of the tax bill envelope, as done in 2001; and read as follows:

"Your property taxes pay for many City services including solid waste management (recycling collection/processing and garbage collection/processing). The combined annual cost of all solid waste management services results in a net average cost of \$121.00 per household." **(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby on behalf of Councillor Disero)**

The following motion moved by Councillor Ootes, on behalf of Councillor Miller, was voted on and **lost**:

"That a breakdown of the cost of Council be included in the brochure."

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 10 – Report No. 6)**

**3-26. Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited  
City of Toronto 2002 Credit Rating Report.**

The Policy and Finance Committee had before it a report (April 3, 2002) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer informing City Council of the Dominion Bond Rating Service Limited action taken regarding the City of Toronto's credit rating; advising that on April 2, 2002, the Dominion Bond Rating Service (DBRS) downgraded the City of Toronto's long term credit rating from AA (high) with a stable outlook to AA (stable); that the City had been AA (high) since 1998 when it was downgraded from AAA; that the revised DBRS rating is now at the comparable AA rating issued in the past year by Standard and Poor's and the AA2 rating from Moody's Investors Service; that there are no financial implications contained in this report; and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Policy and Finance Committee received the foregoing report.

**(Clause No. 16(j) – Report No. 6)**

**3-27. Enforcement of Procedure Respecting  
Supplementary Agenda Material.**

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Policy and Finance Committee requested the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the City Clerk and the Executive Management Team, to report to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on the enforcement of the current procedures respecting supplementary agenda items.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. City Clerk – April 4, 2002)

**(Clause No. 16(k) – Report No. 6)**

The Policy and Finance Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:55 p.m.

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Acting Chair.