

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 1

Friday, January 24, 2003

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Friday, January 24, 2003, in Committee Room No. 1, 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. – 11:25 a.m.	2:10 p.m. – 3:20 p.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X	X
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	R	R
Councillor Joe Pantalone	R	R
Councillor Jane Pitfield	R	R
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	Councillor Mario Silva
Councillor Joe Mihevc	

1.1 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets

Toronto Police Service - 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Police Service.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (September 11, 2002) from the Chief of Police (addressed to the Chairman and Board Members, Toronto Police Services Board) forwarding the Toronto Police Service 2003-2007 Capital Program submission; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Board approve the 2003-2007 Capital Program as reflected in this report, with a 2003 request of \$25.5 million (M) (excluding cash flow carry forwards from 2002), and a total of \$197.3 M for 2003-2007;
 - (2) the Board approve a request of \$9M for 43 Division in 2003 and 2004, to be funded as a separate item in the Capital submission from City accounts;
 - (3) the Board approve a request of \$14.6 M for the Traffic Services and Central Garage Facility in 2003-2005, to be funded as a separate item in the Capital Submission from the Waterfront Development Program;
 - (4) the Board authorize the Chairman to approve, subject to ratification by the Board, changes to the capital budget submission during the time between meetings of the Board; and
 - (5) the Board forward this report to City Budget Services;
- (b) (November 27, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, submitting the 2003 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Service; and recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee:
 - (1) approve the 2003 net base budget request of \$648.9 million (M), an increase of \$40.1 M (6.6 percent) over the revised 2002 net budget for the Toronto Police Service; and
 - (2) approve the 2003 requests “above base” in the amount of \$4.4M (0.7 percent increase) over the revised 2002 net budget;

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- (c) (November 27, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, submitting the 2003 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Services Board; and recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee approve the 2003 net operating budget request of the Toronto Police Services Board in the amount of \$1,308,100.00; and
- (d) (November 27, 2002) from the Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board, submitting the 2003 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit; and recommending that the Budget Advisory Committee approve the 2003 net base budget request of \$29.9 million (M), an increase of \$2.7M (9.9 percent) over the revised 2002 net budget for the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Police Service, including all relevant reports and communications, until its meetings in February 2003.

Toronto Zoo

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Toronto Zoo.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (January 15, 2003) from the General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo, recommending that the Toronto Zoo 2002 approved Operating Budget be increased by \$251.6 thousand to fund the implementation of the exempt compensation study by Hay Management Consultants at the Toronto Zoo.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti, Chair, Toronto Zoo Board; and
- Mr. Cal White, General Manger and CEO, Toronto Zoo.

Capital

- A. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Toronto Zoo.

(Carried)

Operating

B. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:

- (1) the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Zoo, subject to adding \$53,000.00 for the West Nile Virus Prevention Program in 2003; and
- (2) the adoption of the report (January 15, 2003) from the General Manager and CEO of the Toronto Zoo, subject to amending the Recommendation embodied therein to read as follows:

“the Toronto Zoo 2002 Operating Budget be adjusted in the amount of \$251.6 thousand to fund the implementation of the exempt compensation study by the Hay Management Consultant, such adjustment to be funded from the Employee Benefit Reserve Account.”.

(Carried)

C. Councillor Berardinetti moved that Councillor Tziretas’s motion B.(1) be amended to add the following:

- “(b) increasing the parking fee at the Toronto Zoo from \$6.00 to \$8.00 resulting in additional revenue in the amount of \$200,000.00.”.

(Carried)

Exhibition Place

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Exhibition Place.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (January 17, 2003) from the General Manager & CEO, Exhibition Place, responding to questions raised by the Budget Advisory Committee at its meeting of December 5, 2002, with respect to the 2003 Operating Budget for Exhibition Place; and recommending that this report be received for information. (Confidential Attachments A and B were distributed to all Members of Council under separate cover.)

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The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Mario Silva, Chair, Exhibition Place; and
- Ms. Dianne Young, General Manager and CEO, Exhibition Place.

Capital

- A. Councillor Berardinetti moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Exhibition Place.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Exhibition Place; and
- (2) receive the aforementioned report for information.

(Carried)

Association of Community Centres

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for the Association of Community Centres.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Julia Goldstein, Executive Director, Cecil Community Centre;
- Ms. Alison Kemper, The 519 Community Centre; and
- Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27, Toronto Centre-Rosedale.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budgets for the following Centres:

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- (a) 519 Church Street - \$842,670.00 gross and \$842,670.00 net;
 - (b) Applegrove Community Complex - \$275,203.00 gross and \$275,203.00 net;
 - (c) Cecil Community Centre - \$486,649.00 gross and \$486,649.00 net;
 - (d) Central Eglinton Community Centre - \$394,729.00 gross and \$394,729.00 net;
 - (e) Community Centre 55 - \$439,456.00 gross and \$434,256.00 net;
 - (f) Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre - \$353,300.00 gross and \$353,300.00 net;
 - (g) Harbourfront Community Centre - \$810,941.00 gross and \$810,941.00 net; and
 - (h) Swansea Town Hall Community Centre - \$283,300 gross and \$166,100.00 net; and
- (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with relevant staff, to prepare a briefing note to the Budget Advisory Committee for its wrap-up meetings on the following:
- (a) Scadding Court Community Centre - increasing the hours of the Bookkeeper; and
 - (b) Ralph Thornton Community Centre - part time Volunteer Co-ordinator, such briefing note to include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) job description; and
 - (ii) a review of this position in other AOCC's, including workload and remuneration.

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Toronto Public Health

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Public Health.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following reports and communications:

- (a) (November 19, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting on November 18, 2002, endorsed the revised report (October 16, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health with respect to the Toronto Public Health 2003-2012 Capital Plan and Budget and submitted the report to the Budget Advisory Committee for approval;
- (b) (November 25, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising of the action taken by the Board of Health at its meeting held on November 18, 2002; and submitting the report (October 16, 2002) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Toronto Public Health - 2003 Operating Budget Submission".
- (c) (July 30, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on July 29, 2002, recommended that a portion of savings achieved through demand side management be dedicated to green power purchases over the next 12 months;
- (d) (June 25, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002, directed that Clause No. 5 of Report No. 7 of The Works Committee, headed "Development Review Process: Harmonized Site Remediation Peer Review for Contaminated Sites", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Public Health Budget;
- (e) (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, advising the Budget Advisory Committee and the Board of Health Budget Sub Committee, about deficiencies in relation to Public Health's financial management needs based on reports available from SAP and the extent of the Public Health computer systems budget to be assigned towards the identified deficiencies; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- (f) (January 20, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting on January 8, 15 and 20, 2003:
 - (1) received the report dated December 16, 2002, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services for information; and

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- (2) directed that the report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Toronto Public Health Budget.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Chair, Toronto Board of Health; and
- Dr. Sheela V. Basrur, Medical Officer of Health.

Capital

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for Toronto Public Health.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for Toronto Public Health, subject to reinstating the \$440,000.00 gross and \$220,000.00 net reduction for the Sexual Health Clinics, SAVE AND EXCEPT the following programs to be considered during the 2003 Budget wrap-up meetings of the Budget Advisory Committee; and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with relevant staff, be requested to provide briefing notes at that time on:

- (i) the Vulnerable Adults and Frail Seniors Program;
- (ii) the financial impact of reducing gapping from 4.6 percent to 4 percent; and
- (iii) the gapping strategy when program funding is shared by the Province.

(Carried)

- C. Councillor Pantalone moved that Councillor Soknacki's motion B. be amended to add the following:

- “(iv) other possibilities relating to the delivery of Mobile Dental Treatment for Seniors;

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- (v) the TB Expansion Program; and
- (vi) in consultation with the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, alternative funding for the West Nile Virus Program, including the feasibility of legitimately funding this Program from Water and Wastewater.”

(Carried)

- D. Councillor Moeser moved that the report (January 20, 2003) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled “Deficiencies in Relation to the Financial Reports from SAP”, be deferred until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings and requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to provide an update on the SAP project at that time.

(Carried)

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

- E. Councillor Shiner moved that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to provide a briefing note, prior to approval of the “Development Review Process, Harmonized Peer Review Process for Contaminated Sites”, on how it affects the Works and Emergency Services 2003 Budget.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

- F. Councillor Pitfield moved that the following report and communications be received:
 - (1) (December 16, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;
 - (2) (November 19, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health;
 - (3) (November 25, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health;
 - (4) (July 30, 2002) from the Secretary, Board of Health; and
 - (5) (June 25, 2002) from the City Clerk.

(Carried)

(Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services - January 28, 2003)

Toronto Public Library

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Public Library.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (a) (January 21, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending a long-term capital target that would allow for improved capital planning for the Toronto Public Library (TPL) based on a preliminary methodology or guide of allocating City funding while ensuring equitable treatment to the Toronto Public Library; and recommending that:
 - (1) the Toronto Public Library total capital funding target for 2004 through 2008 be established at \$10.0 million (net) for both previously approved and new projects; and
 - (2) the funding target for Toronto Public Library be monitored annually to ensure continued consistency within the overall City of Toronto's affordability; and
- (b) (Undated) from the City Librarian providing information to the Budget Advisory Committee on a Toronto Public Library five-year (2004-2008) \$50 million capital budget, as recommended by the Chief Administrative Officer and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Gillian Mason, Chair, Toronto Public Library Board; and
- Ms. Josephine Bryant, City Librarian.

Capital

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Capital Budget for the Toronto Public Library.

(Carried)

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

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the joint report (January 21, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Berardinetti moved that:

- (a) the Chair, Toronto Public Library Board, be requested to contact Rogers Cable, Bell Sympatico and any other appropriate Corporations to discuss the prospect of establishing a public/private partnership with the Toronto Public Library Board; and
- (b) the aforementioned report (undated) from the City Librarian be received.

(Carried)

Operating

- D. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Toronto Public Library, subject to the following amendment:

- “(1) amending the purchase of Library materials in 2003 to reflect an economic increase of 4 percent instead of 6 percent, resulting in savings of \$260,000.00.”

(Carried)

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

- E. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Soknacki’s motion D. be amended to add the following:

- “(2) amending Friday hours in July and August, resulting in savings of \$165,000.00;
- (3) \$60,000.00 in savings from Property Tax Recovery; and

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(4) reducing unallocated funds in the amount of \$502,000.00;

SAVE AND EXCEPT the funding for the ALA/CLA Conference to be considered at the Budget Advisory Committee 2003 Budget wrap-up meetings.”

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Chair, Toronto Public Library Board - January 28, 2003)

General

The Budget Advisory Committee during its deliberations also had before it a report (January 16, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer providing the Budget Advisory Committee with a status of the OMERS contribution holiday; summarizing the financial impact of the proposed OMERS Contribution three year Phase-In beginning in 2003; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:20 p.m.

Chair