

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, January 29, 2003

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, January 29, 2003, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:45 a.m.

Attendance

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

	9:45 a.m. – 12:25 p.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	R
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X

Also Present:

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

4.1 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets

Water and Wastewater Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Water and Wastewater Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the following communication and report:

- (a) (November 14, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on November 14, 2002, referred the communication (November 6, 2002) from the City Clerk respecting Biosolids Study Funding, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and
- (b) (October 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, responding to Works Committee's request at its meeting held on September 11, 2002, to report to the Budget Advisory Committee requesting consideration of pre-budget approval for the funds identified in the 2003 Operating Budget request for Water and Wastewater Services to cover the field inspection in 2003 of the land applied biosolids from the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant; and recommending that funds in the amount of \$120,000.00, identified in the 2003 Operating Budget request for Water and Wastewater Services to cover the estimated cost of the field inspection program for the land application of the biosolids from the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant, be considered a priority and as part of the 2003 interim expenditure authority process.

Capital

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

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget of Water and Wastewater Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to the following amendments:
 - (1) an increase of \$1,500,000.00 in total project costs and 2003 cash flow to allow for remediation of the Don Incinerator lands being transferred for the Watercourse Restoration project; and
 - (2) Facility Planning Forecast Updates - to allow for increased engineering studies, the total project cost of \$470,000.00 be cash flowed over two years; the 2003 allocation being

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\$235,000.00 and the balance of \$235,000.00 being carried over to 2004.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

Operating

B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget of Water and Wastewater Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to:

- (1) the adoption of the Recommendations embodied in the report (October 24, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services respecting partial funding in the amount of \$60,000.00 paid in three annual installments of \$20,000.00 each for 3 years, commencing in 2003, to the Ontario Federation of Agriculture research project to develop best management practices for agricultural application of biosolids;
- (2) a reduction to the Water and Wastewater Budget in the amount of \$1.425 million gross and net to reflect the Support and Technical Services allocation not identified as a reduction in the EMT Recommended Budget; and
- (3) the contribution to reserve for 2003 being amended to reflect the adjustments adopted by the Budget Advisory Committee.

SAVE AND EXCEPT the increase of \$475,000.00 (gross and net) to provide for the implementation of the Water Efficiency Program being deferred until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services being requested to submit the requested report at that time.

(Carried)

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

- C. Councillor Shiner moved that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare briefing notes to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings on:
- (i) the status of FLIC's discussions with regard to a protocol for the use of Water and Wastewater facilities for the film industry;
 - (ii) the specific breakdown of positions, plus and minus across the Division;
 - (iii) reducing the budget by the original estimated savings, i.e., the difference between \$4.8 million and \$2.5 million; and
 - (iv) the level of capital expenditures as it relates to the Works Best Practices Program.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

- D. Councillor Pitfield moved that:
- (1) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the opportunity to use the biosolid pellets on City property;
 - (2) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report quarterly to the Works Committee on whether the 50 percent target of processing biosolids through the Pelletization Plant is being met; and
 - (3) the report (October 10, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled, "Field Inspection of Land Application of Biosolids from the Ashbridges Bay Treatment Plant", be received.

(Carried)

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks Committee; Committee Administrator, Works Committee - February 3, 2003)

Children's Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Children's Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (January 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee, at that portion of its meeting on January 9, 2003, supported and endorsed the recommendations contained in the 2003 Action Plan for Children, submitted by Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee; and further:
 - (i) recommended to Council the adoption of those recommendations without financial implications; and
 - (ii) directed that those recommendations with financial implications be forwarded to all relevant Standing Committees, Boards and the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and support during the 2003 Operating Budget process; and
- (b) (January 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee, at that portion of its meeting on January 9, 2003, recommended to Council the adoption of Recommendations Nos. (2) and (3) contained in the report (December 3, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the Childcare Occupancy Cost Agreements with the Boards of Education; and directed that a copy of such report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for information during the 2003 budget process, in accordance with Recommendation No. (1).

Councillor Olivia Chow, Ward 20 Trinity Spadina, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

Capital

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

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget of Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000.00 upon confirmation of receipt of 80 percent matching provincial funding for upgrading playground equipment.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

Operating

B. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget of Children's Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) add back \$225,000.00 from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund to the Children's Services Operating Budget to reflect the City's ongoing commitment to provide Child Care spaces and request the Provincial government to reinstate their share of funding in the amount of \$900,000.00; and
- (2) funding of up to 20 percent, being the City's share for Child Care spaces, eliminated as a result of provincial cutbacks, in an amount not to exceed \$2.451 million and upon receipt of 80 percent funding from the provincial government, such funding be taken from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund.

(Carried)

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

C. Councillor Shiner moved that Councillor Tziretas' motion B. be amended by adding the following:

“SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings consideration of the \$100,000.00 saving from the York Before/After School Program being reallocated to provide for an After School Program at Highview Public School and St. Conrad Public School, due to these schools being in a high need area.”

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

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- D. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend that the following communications be received for information:
- (a) (January 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled "Children and Youth Action Committee's 2003 Action Plan for Children; and
 - (b) (January 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, entitled, "Childcare Occupancy Cost Agreements with the Boards of Education".

Homes for the Aged

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Homes for the Aged.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (December 11, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee, at its meeting held on December 11, 2002, recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee the adoption of the report dated November 27, 2002, from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting the redesignation of Albion Lodge as a supportive housing site for seniors.

Capital

- A. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget of Homes for the Aged, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

(Carried)

Operating

- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council:
- (1) the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget of the Homes for the Aged, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring the following matter until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meetings:

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Increasing the Homes for the Aged Operating Budget by \$1,886.00 gross and net to provide for the following:

- (a) that 31.9 FTE be added to Support Services;
 - (b) that 8.1 FTE be added to Food Services;
 - (c) that 3.0 FTE (gapped) be added to Painter Services, and that the appropriate staff of the Homes for the Aged continue current discussions with Labour Relations and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 in this regard; and
 - (d) that the funds required for pay equity be provided by reducing the non-program account contributing to the Employee Benefits Reserve Fund (the City's Pay Equity Reserve), according to the current CUPE Collective Agreement; and
- (2) the adoption of the report (November 27, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, respecting the redesignation of Albion Lodge as a supportive housing site for seniors.

(Carried)

Shelter, Housing and Support

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Shelter, Housing and Support.

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (November 14, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that the Policy and Finance Committee on November 14, 2002, amongst other things, referred the following Recommendation Nos. (1) and (2) embodied in the report (October 21, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services respecting ongoing City Administration of Provincial Funding for various programs, to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee:
 - “(1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to contract in 2003 with the Province, for:

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- (a) the City administration of the Supports to Daily Living Program, Community Partners Program and Provincial Homeless Initiatives Fund conditional on 100 percent funding from the Province;
 - (b) the City administration of the Off the Street, Into Shelter Fund conditional on ongoing recognition from the Province of existing City programs as representing the City's 20 percent share in the funding of this program; and
 - (c) the City administration of the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative conditional on 80 percent cost-sharing in the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative from the Province; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be authorized to enter into service agreements with and allocate funds to:
- (a) community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix A for 2003 Supports to Daily Living;
 - (b) community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix B for 2003 Community Partners Program; and
 - (c) community agencies for funding up to the amounts set out in Appendix C and be authorized to release up funds consistent with the Interim Operating Budget Estimates policy for 2003 Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative;"; and
- (b) (August 6, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002, directed that Clause No. 17 of Report No. 7 of The Community Services Committee, headed "Multi-year Shelter Strategy for the City of Toronto", be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2003 budget review process.

Capital

- A. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget of Shelter Housing and Support, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

(Carried)

Operating

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:

- (1) the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget of Shelter Housing and Support, as recommended by the Community Services Committee, subject to deleting two Development Policy Officers for Hostel Head Office (HSN1-01) in the amount of \$192.50 gross and net; and
- (2) the adoption of Recommendation Nos. (1) and (2) embodied in the report (October 21, 2002) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, entitled "Ongoing City Administration of Provincial Funding and Funding Approvals for the Supports to Daily Living Program, The Community Partners Program and the Redirection of Emergency Hostel Funding Initiative – 2003".

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

C. Councillor Soknacki moved that Councillor Shiner's motion B. be amended by adding the following:

"SAVE AND EXCEPT deferring consideration of the following matters to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meetings:

- (a) the Tenant Defence Fund be increased by \$25,000.00 from \$150,000.00 to \$175,000.00 to provide for grant payments only; and funding for this increase be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund; and
- (b) communication (August 6, 2002) from the City Clerk, entitled "Multi-Year Shelter Strategy for the City of Toronto"; and requested the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to:

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- (i) provide clarification respecting the 296 beds, i.e., number of beds maintaining funding; new beds; and beds that have been allocated funding and the location of such beds; and
- (ii) provide information on the Central Intake Model.”
(Carried)

Social Development and Administration

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Development and Administration, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.

Social Services

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (June 24, 2002) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 11 of Report No. 6 of The Community Services Committee, headed “A Reconstituted Toronto Senior’s Assembly”, and directed that this Clause be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the financial implications during the 2003 Operating Budget process.

- A. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Services, as recommended by the Community Services Committee.
(Carried)
- B. Councillor Soknacki moved that the Budget Advisory Committee refer the aforementioned communication to the ABC Ad Hoc Committee for consideration.
(Carried)

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Community Services Committee - 2003 Capital Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (January 16, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee, on January 9 and 16, 2003, reviewed the 2003-2012 Capital Budgets under its purview and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (1) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for the Emergency Management Plan be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect the 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjustments identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost/or financing requirement:
 - \$517,000.00 in expenditures for the Heavy Urban Search and Rescue (HUSAR) and \$387,750.00 in revenue (JEPP funding) project/sub-project;

Emergency Medical Services:

- (2) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Emergency Medical Services be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect revised 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjusted increases identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost and/or financing requirements:
 - (i) decrease the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the Station 19 York South Weston Area project by \$10,400.00 to show \$39,600.00 instead of \$50,000.00;
 - (ii) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward by \$35,000.00 for the Emergency Response Time Strategy project to show \$35,000.00 instead of \$0 (zero);
 - (iii) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward by \$200,000.00 for the Public Access Defibrillation (PAD) Program project to show \$200,000.00 instead of \$0 (zero);
 - (iv) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the Asset Management Renovating sub-project by \$163,000.00 to show \$163,000.00 instead of \$0 (zero); and

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- (v) increase the 2002 cash flow carry forward for the AVTEC – Communications Switch Control Equipment Project by \$1,500,000.00 to show \$1,500,000.00 instead of \$0 (zero);

Fire Services:

- (3) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Fire Services be approved, subject to amending such budget to reflect revised 2002 Cash Flow Carry Forward adjustments identified below, and further subject to there being no net change to the 2003 project cost and/or financing requirements:
 - (i) \$491,000.00 for the Asset Management – Mechanical Electrical sub-project;
 - (ii) \$297,000.00 for the Asset Management Headquarters Security project;
 - (iii) \$423,000.00 for the KPMG Redeployment project;
 - (iv) \$54,000.00 for the Asset Management Masonry and Concrete Rehabilitation sub-project;
 - (v) \$128,000.00 for the Training Facilities Renovation project;
 - (vi) \$1,250,000.00 for the CAD/RMS project;
 - (vii) \$135,000.00 for the Asset Management – Protective Repairs Interior;
 - (viii) \$125,000.00 for the Asset Management – Site Work;
 - (ix) \$190,000.00 for the Asset Management – Emergency Funding; and
 - (x) \$255,000.00 for the Asset Management – Doors and Windows Replacement;

Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Children's Services:

- (4) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Children's Services be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000.00 for upgrading playground equipment;

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Homes for the Aged:

- (5) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for the Homes for the Aged be approved;

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (6) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003-2012 Capital Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support be approved, subject to the adoption of the following adjustments, outlined in the (January 13, 2003) Briefing Note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support with respect to SCPI and Let's Build projects, under the heading "2003 Capital Budget Summary of Changes":

Capital Project Name	Original Submission	Revised Submission
Let's Build: Fred Victor – Transitional Housing Project	\$1,006,000.00	\$1,881,000.00 (Funding source for project increase: \$375,000.00 CRF \$500,000.00 SCPI)
Let's Build: Trellis Gardens - Transitional Housing Project	\$1,088,000.00	\$1,738,000.00 (Funding source for project increase: \$650,000.00 SCPI)
Hostel Services: Family Shelter II	\$4,300,000.00	\$2,100,000.00 (Project scope has been revised reducing overall project costs by \$2,200,000.00 with no 2003 capital funding requirement.)

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

Community Services Committee - 2003 Operating Budget

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (January 16, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee on January 9 and 16, 2003, reviewed the 2003 Operating Budgets under its purview, and recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee:

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Works and Emergency Services:

Emergency Management Plan:

- (1) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for the Emergency Management Plan be approved, subject to adding to Recommendation No. (1) under "Operations Planning" the amount of \$95.0 gross and net to add one Co-ordinator position for the Emergency Planning Program (referred to, but not recommended, in the Shelter, Housing and Support 2003 Operating Budget – New/Enhanced Actions under HS-N004); and further that funding for this position be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund;

Emergency Medical Services:

- (2) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Emergency Medical Services be approved, subject to the following amendments:
 - (i) that the position of Buyer – Materials Management be approved, subject to availability of funding within the Works and Emergency Services Department's operating budget, and with no increase to the EMT Recommended 2003 budget (referred to, but not recommended, in the Emergency Medical Services 2003 Operating Budget New/Enhanced under AM-N006); and
 - (ii) the EMT recommended 2003 Operating Budget reductions to Emergency Medical Services resulting in an establishment of 1,130 Approved Positions be increased by two to a revised total of 1,132 to reflect the deferral of two positions rather than the elimination of two positions as reflected in the Analyst Notes;

Fire Services:

- (3) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Fire Services be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000.00 gross and net to reverse a duplicate reduction for the same item, and that this increase be applied against Support and Technical Services allocation reductions currently not included in the EMT Recommended 2003 Operating Budget;

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Community and Neighbourhood Services:

Children's Services:

- (4) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for Children's Services be approved, subject to adding thereto the following amendments:
- (a) that \$2.677, being the City's net share of 1,816 child care spaces eliminated as a result of provincial cutbacks, be allocated from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund and reinvested to provide additional child care spaces;
 - (b) that the following Recommendation No. (ii)(m) contained in the communication dated January 13, 2003, from Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Policy Sub-Committee, Children and Youth Action Committee, summarizing the recommendations contained in the Action Plan for Children 2003, be adopted:
 - “(m) Expand child care subsidies by 2,000 spaces in 2003. (\$15 million gross; City's net share \$3 million)”;and further that funding for this expenditure, upon provincial approval, be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund; and
 - (c) that the \$100,000.00 saving from the York Before/After School Program be reallocated to provide for an After School Program at Highview Public School and St. Conrad Public School, due to these schools being in a high need area;

Homes for the Aged:

- (5) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for the Homes for the Aged be approved, subject to increasing such budget by \$1,886.00 gross and net to provide for the following:
- (i) that 31.9 FTE be added to Support Services;
 - (ii) that 8.1 FTE be added to Food Services;
 - (iii) that 3.0 FTE (gapped) be added to Painter Services, and that the appropriate staff of the Homes for the Aged continue current discussions with Labour Relations and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union Local 416 in this regard; and

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- (iv) that the funds required for pay equity be provided by reducing the non-program account contributing to the Employee Benefits Reserve Fund (the City's Pay Equity Reserve), according to the current CUPE Collective Agreement;

Shelter, Housing and Support:

- (6) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Shelter, Housing and Support be approved, subject to the following amendments:

- (i) that the following 2003 SCPI (gross, with no net impact) Operating Budget Summary of Changes, outlined in the attached (January 13, 2003) Briefing Note from the General Manager, Shelter, Housing and Support with respect to SCPI and Let's Build projects, be adopted:

SCPI Budget Category	Original 2003 Submission	Revised 2003 Submission
Emergency Shelter	\$3,000,000.00	\$4,209,389.00
Transitional Housing	\$11,470,000.00	\$16,684,186.00
Small Capital Improvements	\$1,530,000.00	\$3,313,670.00
Homeless Programs and Services	\$2,000,000.00	\$3,935,580.00
Administration	\$1,912,500.00	\$2,582,500.00
Total	\$19,912,500.00	\$30,725,325.00

- (ii) that a position of Director of Social Housing Administration (HS-N001) be approved in the amount of \$125.40 gross and net; and further that funding for this position be found from within the 2003 Operating Budget for Shelter, Housing and Support;
- (iii) that two Development Policy Officers for Hostel Head Office (HSN1-01) be approved in the amount of \$192.50 gross and net; and further that funding for these positions be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund; and

- (iv) that the Tenant Defence Fund be increased by \$25,000.00 from \$150,000.00 to \$175,000.00 to provide for grant payments only; and further that funding for this increase be provided from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund;

Social Development and Administration:

- (7) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget and New/Enhanced Services for Social Development and Administration be approved; and

Social Services:

- (8) that the EMT recommendations pertaining to the 2003 Operating Budget for Social Services be approved.

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

Review of City Expenditures on Seniors' Services

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

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

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

Release of Seniors' Advocate's Report: "Rebuilding Respect: A Progress Report for Seniors, November 2002"

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it a communication (December 9, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, directed that Clause No. 1 of Report No. 10 of The Community Services Committee, headed "Release of Seniors' Advocate's Report: "Rebuilding Respect: A Progress Report for Seniors, November 2002", be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the ABC Ad Hoc Committee for consideration.

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The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:25 p.m.

Chair