

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Budget Advisory Committee**

**Meeting No. 7**

**Wednesday, February 12, 2003**

The Budget Advisory Committee met on Wednesday, February 12, 2003, in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 2:14 p.m.

Attendance

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

	2:14 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Councillor David Shiner, Chair	X
Councillor David Soknacki, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	X
Councillor Ron Moeser	X
Councillor Joe Pantalone	X
Councillor Jane Pitfield	X
Councillor Michael Tziretas	X

Also Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton	Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor David Miller	Councillor Paul Sutherland

## **7.1 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets**

### **Fleet Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital Budget for Fleet Services.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Fire Chief to provide the Budget Advisory Committee, for its meeting on Friday, February 14, 2003, with an expanded Chart with regard to the vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program, including vehicles to be ordered in 2003 and projected for 2004.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; Fire Chief - February 14, 2003)

### **Court Services**

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

- A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget, as recommended by the Administration Committee, subject to adding \$2,594.5 million in net revenue, to include the Toronto Police Service Traffic Safety Initiative for a revised total net budget of \$4,422.6 million.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner of Corporate Services to negotiate with the Province as to how the City can implement a more cost effective Appeal system.

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer - February 12, 2003)

### **Facilities and Real Estate**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital Budget for Facilities and Real Estate.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Budget Advisory Committee requested the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to the Administration Committee in May 2003 on what type of staircase could be installed in an elevator shaft at City Hall, including a spiral staircase, to gain access to the Council Chamber.

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; c. Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer; Committee Administrator, Administration Committee - February 12, 2003)

### **Urban Development Services**

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

A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to the following amendment:

(1) increased the revenue for Building Permits by \$1 million for total 2003 revenues of \$47.383 million.

**(Carried)**

B. Councillor Tziretas moved that Councillor Pantalone's motion A. be amended by adding the following:

“(2) increased the New and Enhanced 2003 Budget by \$200,000.00 gross and “0” net for three permanent training instructors, funded by recoveries from current license fees, in order to reduce the waiting period for taxi training from 14 months to six and one-half months by 2004.”

**(Carried)**

### **Waterfront Revitalization Project**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital Budget for the Waterfront Revitalization Project.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (January 23, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Policy and Finance Committee, at its meeting held on January 23, 2003, referred the report (January 20, 2003) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled "Review of Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation's (TWRC) Proposed Business Strategy and Development Plan", to the Budget Advisory Committee for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) amended the 2003 Capital Budget for the Waterfront Revitalization Project as follows:
  - (a) adding \$15 million gross and \$5 million net for the Waterfront Revitalization Project for priority projects, pursuant to Clause No. 2, Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, adopted by Council at its meeting of February 4 to 11, 2003; and
  - (b) adding \$9.6 million gross and 3.2 million net for 2006 and \$65.0 million gross and \$21.667 million net for 2007 for the Front Street Extension Project, pursuant to Clause No. 4, Report No. 1 of The Policy and Finance Committee, adopted by Council at its meeting of February 4 to 11, 2003; and
- (2) received the aforementioned communication for information.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

### **Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

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

#### **Capital**

- A. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

**(Carried)**

#### **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 for the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

**(Carried)**

### **Toronto Transit Commission**

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

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

- (a) (November 18, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting held on November 15, 2002, gave consideration to the report (November 15, 2002), entitled "2003-2007 Capital Program and 10-year Capital Forecast", and approved the following Recommendation Nos. (1)-(6), subject to the amendments outlined in the communication:
- (1) the 2003-2007 Capital Program in the amount of \$1.97 billion as detailed in this Commission Report and its attachments, as well as in the following accompanying documents:
- (a) TTC 2003-2007 Capital Program Overview; and  
(b) TTC 2003-2007 Capital Program (Blue Books);

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- (2) the 10-Year Capital Forecast in the amount of \$3.77 billion as shown in the attached report;
  - (3) this report be considered in concert with the following:
    - (a) the 2003 TTC Operating Budget;
    - (b) the 2003 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget;
    - (c) the 2003 Departmental Goals and Objectives;
    - (d) the 2003 Organization Charts;
  - (4) this report be forwarded to the City of Toronto for Council approval of the 2003-2007 Capital Program and approval of the 10 year forecast;
  - (5) this report be forwarded to the Province of Ontario for confirmation of funding eligibility of the projects contained within the 2003-2007 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast; and
  - (6) this report be forwarded to the Government of Canada for confirmation of funding eligibility of the projects contained within the 2003-2007 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast;
- (b) (November 18, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting held on November 15, 2002, gave consideration to the report (November 15, 2002), entitled "2003 TTC Operating Budget", and approved the following Recommendations Nos. (1), (2), (3) and (6):
- (1) the 2003 TTC Operating Budget be approved as described in this report and the following accompanying reports:
    - (a) Toronto Transit Commission 2003 Operating Budget Overview;
    - (b) Toronto Transit Commission 2003 Departmental Goals and Objectives;
    - (c) Toronto Transit Commission 2003 Organization Charts; and
    - (d) Toronto Transit Commission 2003 Detailed Operating Budget (Blue Book);
  - (2) this report be considered in concert with:
    - (a) the 2003 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget; and
    - (b) the 2003-2007 Capital Program and 10-year Capital Forecast;

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- (3) the TTC 2003 Operating Budget includes a budget shortfall of about \$78 million, based on City of Toronto 2002 budgeted operating subsidy levels as summarized below:

Expenditures	\$918.5 million;
Revenues	\$688.1 million;
Subsidy Needed	\$230.4 million;
Operating Subsidy	\$152.2 million (2002 budgeted level from City); and
Shortfall	\$ 78.2 million; and

- (6) this report be forwarded to the Province of Ontario for approval of the “ramp up” subsidy for the Sheppard Subway;
- (c) (November 18, 2002) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting held on November 15, 2002, gave consideration to the report (November 15, 2002), entitled “2003 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget”, and approved the following recommendations:
- (1) 2003 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget of \$45.7M be provided for in this report and companion documents which includes \$48.2M for service partially offset through revenues of \$2.5M, resulting in a subsidy increase of \$1.2M over the approved 2002 budget;
- (2) Wheel-Trans Service Plan which encompasses the following key factors:
- (a) Eligibility Criteria and Application Process remain unchanged;
  - (b) registrant base increases by 10.7 percent to 30,100;
  - (c) trip demand increasing by 5 percent to 1,658,600;
  - (d) unaccommodated rate remains at 2 percent;
  - (e) trips provided by accessible vehicles increase from 85 percent to 88 percent;
  - (f) workforce increases by two; and
  - (g) on-time delivery of service improved from 96 percent to 97 percent;

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- (3) this report be considered in concert with the following:
- (a) the 2003 TTC Operating Budget; and
  - (b) 2003-2007 TTC Capital Program which includes in 2003 \$5.4M for the purchase of 12 ELF buses (\$3.3M) as well as facility improvements and scheduling enhancements (\$2.1M); and
- (4) this report be forwarded to the City of Toronto Council for approval and to the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) for information;
- (d) (January 20, 2003) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, responding to a request concerning the feasibility of exempting the TTC's properties from property taxes; and recommending that this report be received for information;
- (e) (January 29, 2003) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting held on January 24, 2003, gave consideration to the report (January 24, 2003), entitled "Additional Project Approval Project 3.9 Buildings and Structures - Eglinton Bus Garage (Comstock)" and approved the following recommendations:
- "(1) authorize proceeding with the activities and expenditures required to address the functional deficiencies as identified in this report for the Eglinton Bus Garage (Comstock) project;
  - (2) approve an increase in project approval to the 3.9 Buildings and Structures - Eglinton Bus Garage project in the amount of \$1,350,000.00 bring the total project cost to \$42,165,000.00; and
  - (3) forward this report for consideration by City of Toronto Council requesting confirmation of increased project commitment.";
- and forwarded same to the Budget Advisory Committee requesting confirmation of increased project commitment as detailed in Recommendation No. (2); and
- (f) (February 6, 2003) from the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, providing a status update on the Toronto Transit Commission's 2003 Operating Budget and 2003 to 2007 Capital Program.



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

- Mr. Richard Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission;
- Councillor Brian Ashton, Ward 36 Scarborough Southwest; and
- Councillor Paul Sutherland, Ward 33 Don Valley East.

**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 for the Toronto Transit Commission in the amount of \$319.870 million, subject to adding \$500,000.00 be included in the Capital Budget for a full environmental assessment on the Bus Rapid Transit Line between Downsview Station and Steeles Avenue, such funding to be absorbed within the Budget Advisory Committee recommended budget.

**(Carried)**

**Operating**

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

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:
- (1) approve the operating budget and request the TTC to report back on the composition of the \$5.8 million unspecified reduction; and
  - (2) defer further consideration of the Toronto Transit Commission Operating Budget until the Budget Advisory Committee meeting on February 13, 2003.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

### **Association of Community Centres**

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

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the EMT Recommended 2003 Operating Budgets for the following Community Centres:

- (1) Scadding Court - \$564,950.00 gross and \$564,950.00 net, subject to adding \$16,600.00 gross and net to increase the hours of the Bookkeeper; and
- (2) Ralph Thornton Community Centre - \$494,002.00 gross and \$446,902.00 net, with the addition of a part time Volunteer Co-ordinator to be considered during the 2004 budget process.

### **Arena Boards of Management**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for the Arena Boards of Management.

On motion by Councillor Tziretas, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the Arena Boards of Management.

### **Theatres**

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

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 EMT Recommended Operating Budget for the following Theatres:

- (1) Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts;

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- (2) St. Lawrence Centre for the Arts, subject to adding \$81,400.00 for two additional staff due to legislative changes; and
- (3) Toronto Centre for the Arts.

### **Toronto Public Library**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for the Toronto Public Library.

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

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 the Toronto Public Library, subject to adding \$200,000.00 for the ALA/CLA Conference.

### **Solid Waste Management Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management Services.

- A. Councillor Tziretas moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2003 Operating Budget be amended as follows:
  - (1) \$3.921 million to reflect anticipated under expenditures and higher revenues based on preliminary 2002 Year End projections for the following items:
    - (i) elimination of \$1.721 million provision for net GST payments on the Michigan disposal contracts;
    - (ii) reduction of \$0.700 million in Payment in Lieu of Taxes expenditures; and
    - (iii) increase of \$1.500 million for increased revenue from sale of recyclables; and

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- (2) \$0.340 million savings as a result of bids to receive mixed broken glass from the City at a price lower than what was assumed in the 2003 Operating Budget.

**(Carried)**

- B. Councillor Pantalone moved that Councillor Tziretas' motion A. be amended to add the following:

“(3) including \$262,400.00 net for a re-award of a bulk waste contract to be absorbed within the 2003 Recommended Operating Budget;

(4) including \$100,000.00 for an outreach program to encourage participation by the commercial sector in the Green Bin Program with funding to be absorbed within the 2003 Recommended Operating Budget; and

(5) \$40,000.00 for the expansion of the Tire Recycling Program is deferred to 2004.”

**(Carried)**

### **Transportation Services**

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

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

- (a) (December 9, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 13 of The Works Committee, headed “Increase in Set Fines for Disabled Parking Offences”; and in so doing adopted the following, in principle, “recommended that the funds derived from the fines for offences related to parking for persons with disabilities be placed in a separate account, such account to be used for disability-related projects and that the matter be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget; and
- (b) (February 4, 2003) from Ms. Jacquelyn Hayward, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator, Black Creek Regional Transportation Management Association, expressing concern regarding the 2003 Operating Budget.

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Councillor David Miller, Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

A. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2003 Operating Budget for Transportation Services be amended as follows:

- (1) reinstate \$1.950 million gross for repair of sidewalks with concrete instead of asphalt;
- (2) reinstate \$0.900 million gross for the 'in-house' summer road maintenance service;
- (3) a reduction of \$2.85 million in the winter maintenance program to offset the reinstatement of the sidewalk and summer maintenance programs; and
- (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to draw up to \$2.85 million from the winter maintenance stabilization Reserve Fund if sufficient funding is not available in the Transportation Division Budget to cover the reduced winter maintenance expenditures related to the sidewalk and summer maintenance programs.

**(Carried)**

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

B. Councillor Shiner moved that:

- (1) Councillor Pantalone's motion A. be amended to add the following:
  - “(5) delete the Works Committee Recommendation to implement a modified Leaf Pick up Program in District 2 for \$350,000.00; and
  - (6) City Council be requested to reconsider the Bulk Leaf Policy prior to the 2004 Budget deliberations.”;

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- (2) the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (December 9, 2002) from the City Clerk; and
- (3) the communication (February 4, 2003) from Ms. Jacquelyn Hayward, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator, Black Creek Regional Transportation Management Association, be received.

(Carried)

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

### **WES - Technical Services**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for WES - Technical Services.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a joint report (February 6, 2003) from the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, providing information on Air Quality and Greenhouse Gas (GHG) emissions reduction activities in the Corporation of the City of Toronto and a breakdown of related expenditures and savings; and recommending that this report be received for information.

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

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the WES Technical Services Operating Budget be amended by deleting the following:
  - (a) \$78,800.00 for an Air Quality Engineer in Environmental Services; and
  - (b) \$177,500.00 increase for the Better Buildings Partnership Program; and
- (2) received the aforementioned joint report for information.

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

### **Water and Wastewater Services**

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

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, that the 2003 Water and Wastewater Operating Budget be amended by:

- (1) adding \$225,000.00 gross and net to provide for the implementation of the Water Efficiency Program;
- (2) adding \$82,400.00 to hire one staff person to develop a coherent City wide strategy for public education to increase awareness of pesticide risks and alternatives and to reduce non-essential use of pesticides; and
- (3) adjusting the contribution to Capital by \$307,400.00 gross and net to reflect the amendments made for the Water Efficiency and Pesticides initiatives.

**(Carried)**

### **Fire Services**

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

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (January 9, 2003) from the City Clerk, advising that the Community Services Committee, at that portion of its meeting on January 9, 2003, endorsed, in principle, the Toronto Fire Services Five-Year Apparatus Replacement Plan outlined in the joint report (December 18, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, and directed that such report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2003 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 Fire Services, subject to increasing such budget by \$500,000.00 gross and net to reverse a duplicate reduction for the same item.

**(Carried)**

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

B. Councillor Shiner moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) request the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Fire Chief to provide the Budget Advisory Committee, for its meeting of Friday, February 14, 2003, an expanded Chart with regard to the vehicle and Equipment Replacement Program, including vehicles to be ordered in 2003 and projected for 2004; and
- (2) receive the aforementioned communication for information.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner of Corporate Services; Fire Chief - February 14, 2003)

### **Toronto Parking Authority**

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

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (January 7, 2003) from the President, Toronto Parking Authority, providing additional information on the 2003 Operating Budget submission as requested by the Budget Advisory Committee on December 5, 2002.

### **Capital**

- A. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Capital Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority.

**(Carried)**

### **Operating**

B. Councillor Moeser moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority, subject to adding \$900,000.00



for the Courtesy Envelope revenue related to the Parking Tag Operations funding in Non Program; and

- (2) receive the aforementioned report for information.

**(Carried)**

### **Toronto Atmospheric Fund**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund.

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

- (a) (February 7, 2003) from the Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, advising that the Toronto Atmospheric Fund Board will be giving consideration to the following recommendations regarding funding for the Green Energy Purchase Program at its meeting scheduled to be held on March 24, 2003:

“It is recommending that the TAF Board approve:

- (1) a grant of \$250,000.00 to the City of Toronto to assist in the City’s inaugural purchase of green power in 2003, subject to the following:
- (a) that the funds be used to acquire green power that is certified by the Environment Canada’s EcoLogo program;
  - (b) that the funds be applied only to the premium cost component above 4.3¢ per kilowatt-hour, the provincial rate cap until 2006; and
  - (c) this is a one-time only contribution for this specific purpose; and
- (2) no-interest loan financing up to \$250,000.00 over a term of three years for the engineering costs associated with the development of a portfolio of green energy capital projects in the City’s own facilities as proposed by individual departments, subject to the following:
- (a) all projects would be reviewed by the City’s TIE Committee to ensure consistency with the Council-approved Environmental Plan, Energy Management Program (EMP) for City Facilities, and related policies;

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- (b) priority would be given to projects that integrate an energy efficiency component that maximizes economic and financial benefits to the City;
  - (c) when methane is used as a fuel, it should be sourced from biogenic sources;
  - (d) when a study financed by TAF eventually results in capitalization of a project, TAF will be fully repaid as a part of such capitalization for the engineering costs that it contributed that led to the project's development; and
  - (e) creation of an inter-departmental agreement with TAF to implement the above provisions and to ensure accountability.”; and
- (b) (February 6, 2003) from the Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, providing additional information on the TTC's capital budget item requesting capital funds for Overhead Speeding Doors in TTC garages, which was referred by the Committee to Toronto Atmospheric Fund for consideration.

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, subject to endorsing the recommendations embodied in the report (February 7, 2003) from the Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, wherein it is recommended:
  - (a) a grant of \$250,000.00 to the City of Toronto to assist in the City's inaugural purchase of green power in 2003, subject to the following:
    - (i) that the funds be used to acquire green power that is certified by the Environment Canada's EcoLogo program;
    - (ii) that the funds be applied only to the premium cost component above 4.3¢ per kilowatt-hour, the provincial rate cap until 2006; and
    - (iii) that this is a one-time only contribution for this specific purpose; and

- (b) no-interest loan financing up to \$250,000.00 over a term of three years for the engineering costs associated with the development of a portfolio of green energy capital projects in the City's own facilities as proposed by individual departments, subject to the following:
  - (i) all projects would be reviewed by the City's TIE Committee to ensure consistency with the Council approved Environmental Plan, Energy Management Program (EMP) for City Facilities, and related policies;
  - (ii) priority would be given to projects that integrate an energy efficiency component that maximizes economic and financial benefits to the City;
  - (iii) when methane is used as a fuel, it should be sourced from biogenic sources;
  - (iv) when a study financed by TAF eventually results in capitalization of a project, TAF will be fully repaid as a part of such capitalization for the engineering costs that it contributed that led to the project's development; and
  - (v) creation of an inter-departmental agreement with TAF to implement the above provisions and to ensure accountability; and
  
- (2) received the aforementioned report (February 6, 2003) from the Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, for information.

## **Culture**

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

Councillor Kyle Rae, Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale, appeared before the Budget Advisory Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

### **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 for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following amendments:

- (1) 2001 and Prior Carryforward;
- (2) 2001 and Prior Related Deferrals/Cuts; and
- (3) 2002 Carryforward and Other.

**(Carried)**

### **Operating**

- B. Councillor Pitfield moved that the Budget Advisory Committee recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for the Culture Division, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to adding \$250,000.00 as one time only funding to develop small and medium size cultural facilities across the City.

**(Carried)**

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

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

“and further the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to review the criteria of the disbursement of such funds to ensure the organizations do not have surplus funds that could be used for development.”

**(Carried)**

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

### **Economic Development**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Operating Budget for Economic Development.

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The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (December 2, 2002) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 26, 27 and 28, 2002, adopted Clause No. 1 of Report No. 10 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "Increasing Toronto's Profile Internationally and at Home (All Wards)", and recommending that:

- (1) the funding for the Branding Strategy be considered as a high priority during the 2003 Budget deliberations and strongly encouraged by the Budget Advisory Committee and Council; and
- (2) the new program request of \$500,000.00 be referred for consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget.

On motion by Councillor Soknacki, the Budget Advisory Committee:

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Economic Development, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to adding that the Local Awareness and International Branding Campaign be funded in the amount of \$215,000.00, said amount to include the previously approved \$77,000.00; and
- (2) received the aforementioned communication for information.

### **Parks and Recreation**

The Budget Advisory Committee had before it the 2003 Capital and Operating Budgets for Parks and Recreation.

The Budget Advisory Committee also had before it a report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information on any financial implications associated with the comprehensive study of arsenic in playgrounds containing structures constructed of wood treated with Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA); and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to implement the Integrated Management Strategy as set out in this report and that funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 be added to the Parks and Recreation 2003 budget as a one-time cost to undertake the work;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to retain the services of an environmental consultant to undertake annual comprehensive testing of those sites subject to the Integrated Management

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Strategy and report back as part of the annual budget process on the results of the testing and any further costs associated with applying the Strategy to sites identified for remediation and those sites where the test results indicate readings within 10 percent of the criterion and that funds in the amount of \$25,000.00 be added to the Parks and Recreation 2003 base budget to cover these costs on an ongoing basis;

- (3) appropriate funding source(s) for the \$225,000.00 be considered as part of the 2003 budget deliberations including considerations of the potential for any available 2002 surplus in order to maximize the 2003 operating budget impact;
- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be authorized to share the results of the playground testing with Health Canada and the Medical Officer of Health be directed to monitor the actions of the Health Canada Pest Management Regulatory Agency with respect to this issue;
- (5) the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for their information; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### **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 for Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following:

- (1) the adoption of the technical amendments
  - (a) 2002 and Prior Carryforward; and
  - (b) 2002 Carryforward and Other.

**(Carried)**

Councillor Shiner resumed the Chair.

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

“(2) approving only \$100,000.00 for the Lamport Stadium Project for masonry and related work; deferring other proposed work to 2004; and requesting a report from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism on future options on Lamport Stadium by April 2003; and

(3) the Change of Scope for Victoria Village be adopted in the amount of \$200,000.00 with the \$1.8 million requested for 2004 to be considered during the 2004 budget deliberations and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism being requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee prior to such deliberations on the outcome of the study.”

**(Carried)**

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

“(4) reinstate the Millwood Parking Lot Project in the amount of \$150,000.00 such upgrade to be carried out in an environmentally friendly manner, i.e. water would not be fed into storm sewers but would be treated through a porous surface so that the water would dissipate safely; and

(5) the Glen Agar Park Project in the amount of \$100,000.00 to pave the gravel lot be deferred for consideration in 2004.”

**(Carried)**

### **Operating**

D. Councillor Pantalone moved that the Budget Advisory Committee:

(1) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Parks and Recreation, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following amendments:

(a) the Parks and Recreation General Programs be restored to nine weeks and the budget be increased by \$250,000.00 accordingly;

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- (b) there be no additional increase of \$1.00 applied to golf rates;
  - (c) adding \$184,000.00 to restore the health of rivers, streams and the waterfront, with funds being directed to the base program;
  - (d) the adjustment in funding in Fleet for additional gapping be approved;
  - (e) the planned contribution to Vehicle Reserve in Parks and Recreation be reduced by \$600,000.00 in 2003 and deferred in 2004; and
  - (f) the Parks and Recreation Fleet Maintenance budget be reduced by \$150,000.00 in 2003 and that the savings be achieved through the utilization of external service providers for basic services such as oil changes;
- (2) recommend to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
- (3) request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee by May 2003 on the following:
- (a) the potential for selling advertising space on the inside of City Ferries as a new revenue source for Parks and Recreation;
  - (b) any energy efficiency projects in arenas which could be fast-tracked by taking advantage of the Better Building Partnerships program;
  - (c) the potential to establish a savings target for overtime as a result of reduced employee sick time;
  - (d) savings which can be generated by increasing the use of external contracts and trade halls for Parks Technical Services;



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- (e) the Parks and Recreation strategy for the purchase of alternative fuel vehicles;
- (f) a continuing review seeking additional opportunities for best practices and savings using the framework that was developed during the 2003 budget process in consortium with the Finance Department; and
- (g) a policy for 2004 on parking charges in regional parks along with a criteria to be used, i.e. transit accessibility, park usage, etc.

**(Carried)**

E. Councillor Moeser moved that Councillor Pantalone's motion D.(1) be amended to add the following:

- “(g) the adoption of the funding component of the report (January 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled “Playground Structures – Lumber Pressure Treated With Chromated Copper Arsenate (CCA), in the amount of \$225,000.00 in total comprising of \$200,000.00 in one time funding and \$25,000.00 being continued for the remediation of Playground Structures with CCA treated wood; and
- (h) one time funding in the amount of \$130,000.00 for an expanded Goose Control Program.”

**(Carried)**

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Chief Administrative Officer; Committee Administrator, Economic Development and Parks Committee - February 12, 2003)

## **Tourism**

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

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Budget Advisory Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, and Council, the adoption of the 2003 Operating Budget for Tourism, as recommended by the Economic Development and Parks Committee, subject to the following amendments:

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- (1) adding that savings from a duplication of service in tourism research and product innovations be taken and that \$100,000.00 be reinvested in cost shared designation marketing by Tourism Toronto; and
- (2) the Greater Toronto Hotel Association being encouraged to levy the voluntary room promotion tax similar to its request for a room tax to the Provincial government.

The Budget Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:25 p.m.

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Chair