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**MINUTES OF A SPECIAL MEETING
OF THE COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF TORONTO**

THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2003

City Council met in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Toronto.

CALL TO ORDER - 9:42 a.m.

S5.1 Deputy Mayor Ootes took the Chair and called the Members to order.

The meeting opened with O Canada.

S5.2 NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Deputy Mayor Ootes read the following Notice of Special Meeting:

“Pursuant to the authority granted under §27-5 of Chapter 27, Council Procedures, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Mayor Mel Lastman has directed that a Special Meeting of City Council be held on Thursday, April 24, 2003, in the Council Chamber, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto at 9:30 a.m., for the following purposes:

- (1) to consider Board of Health Report No. 2, Clause No. 2a, headed ‘Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)’;
- (2) to consider Notice of Motion F(1), headed ‘Impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on Employment and the Economy’, moved by Councillor Miller, seconded by Councillor Chow;

- (3) to consider Notice of Motion F(2), headed 'City of Toronto Initiative to Counter the Negative Perception of Toronto as a Tourist Destination and to Stimulate Local Business Development', moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Chow; and
- (4) to consider and enact a Bill to confirm the proceedings of this Special Meeting."

PRESENTATION OF REPORT

S5.3 Councillor Mihevc presented the following Report for consideration by Council:

Board of Health Report No. 2, Deferred Clause 2a,

and moved, seconded by Councillor Soknacki, that Council now give consideration to such Report, which carried.

S5.4 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORTS

CLAUSES RELEASED OR HELD FOR FURTHER CONSIDERATION

S5.5 **The following Clause was held by Council for further consideration:**

Board of Health Report No. 2, Deferred Clause 2a.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT

CLAUSE WITH MOTIONS, VOTES, ETC.

S5.6 **Clause No. 2a of Report No. 2 of The Board of Health, headed "Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS)".**

Councillor Hall in the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Ootes in the Chair.

Councillor Hall in the Chair.

Deputy Mayor Ootes in the Chair.

Having regard that the Clause was submitted to Council without recommendation:

Motions:

- (a) Mayor Lastman, seconded by Councillor Sutherland moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to each provide funding in the amount of \$10 million and the City of Toronto provide \$5 million for a total of \$25 million, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto and to provide that advertising be targeted to key cities whose residents are known to visit Toronto, such funds to be spent once the 20-day period of no new SARS cases has elapsed;
- (2) the appropriate City staff be authorized to commence the necessary program expenditures, once funding is available, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto; and
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee on a recommended source of financing for the City of Toronto’s share of funding for 2003.”

- (b) Councillor Miller moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the recommendations embodied in the Public Statement (undated) issued by Local 75 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, thereby requesting immediate action to be taken on the following initiatives:
 - (a) emergency Employment Insurance funds to be made available through Human Resources Development Canada, with the provision of necessary funding and relaxed eligibility requirements, in order to allow more workers to qualify for benefits (including the 10 percent unemployment rate threshold), including:

- (i) the elimination of the two-week waiting period;
 - (ii) a reduced number of hours of work needed within the previous 52-week period so more hotel workers can quality; and
 - (iii) an extended benefit period so low-wage workers will not run out of Employment Insurance in only a few months;
 - (b) a provincial top-up to bring Employment Insurance benefits to a 100 percent level, with payments available for training and skills upgrading during this downturn, which has resulted in reduced hours of work for hospitality sector employees;
 - (c) additional Provincial funding for:
 - (i) the protection of medical benefits of laid-off workers;
 - (ii) the provision of training programs for hospitality workers while laid off;
 - (iii) a hotel tax to pay for future destination marketing; and
 - (iv) emergency protection from evictions for laid-off hospitality workers who are unable to pay their rent; and
 - (d) support by the City of Toronto for hospitality sector employees:
 - (i) who are tenants threatened with eviction; and
 - (ii) by allowing them and their families access to the City's dental program should they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid-off; and
- (2) the following motion be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:

'It is recommended that a portion of the \$25 million requested of the Provincial and Federal Governments and the City of Toronto be used to clean the streets of litter and unsightly graffiti.' "

Councillor Nunziata in the Chair.

- (c) Councillor Mihevc moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the following motion:

‘**WHEREAS** the SARS outbreak has put severe pressure on the public health system in the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario, and compromised delivery of all mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure for public health response to emerging infections is under-resourced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) the Provincial Government be requested to increase its internal capacity to identify, monitor and respond to emerging infectious diseases;
- (b) the Provincial Government be requested to provide increased financial resources to the Toronto Public Health Department to develop and sustain sufficient local capacity to manage emerging infectious diseases;
- (c) the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit a report back to the Board of Health, City Council, and the Mayor for discussion with the Task Force, on a proposal to develop an enhanced local capacity for identification, monitoring and responding to emerging infectious diseases, including the option of creating a SARS program within Public Health; and
- (d) SARS-affected workers and their immediate families be allowed to access the City of Toronto’s dental program if they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid off, and further, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report on the amount of funds required to facilitate such a program to the Board of Health, and to the Mayor, for discussion with his Task Force.’;

- (2) Council adopt the following motion:

‘**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** due to the catastrophic impact on employees in the hospitality and tourism industry, the City of Toronto request the Federal Government to take immediate steps to ensure full access to employment insurance benefits for all affected workers, including waiving the waiting period, and extending coverage and support to full benefit levels for those whose hours of work have been drastically reduced;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Toronto City Council request the Provincial Government to undertake the following initiatives:

- (a) emergency funding to protect the medical benefits of laid-off workers;
 - (b) training programs for hospitality workers while laid off;
 - (c) a hotel tax to pay for future destination marketing; and
 - (d) emergency protection from evictions for laid-off workers who are unable to pay their rent.';
- (3) the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with Corporate Communications staff, be requested to hold a press conference specifically for the Ethnic Media, in order to communicate information with respect to SARS and the City's economic revitalization strategy;
- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to submit a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the possibility of providing additional funding for promotional purposes for City of Toronto summer events, including PRIDE and Caribana; and
- (5) the Mayor be requested to:
- (a) include the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission on the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor; and
 - (b) write to the President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to inform him of City Council's opposition to the internal directive of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to suspend all non-essential travel to Toronto."
- (d) Councillor Duguid moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- "It is recommended that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to expeditiously assist Scarborough Hospital and the Rouge Valley Health System (Centenary Site), as well as other health care providers and institutions in Toronto, in identifying and securing potential locations in Toronto for SARS-related and/or infectious disease clinics and facilities, and that appropriate City-owned properties be considered for this use."

- (e) Councillor Cho moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto pronounce ‘TORONTO – “The Best City” ’ Celebration Weekend. (The date to be chosen by the Health Department, the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the City of Toronto and the Toronto Board of Trade)

Toronto: Safe to live – Safe to visit

Just as in New York City after 9-11, the City celebrated overcoming the crisis, Toronto can celebrate the return to normal life after the SARS crisis. Activities to include:

- (a) entertainment;
 - (b) multicultural festivities;
 - (c) visitations from all key members from all levels of government; and
 - (d) businesses (restaurants, hotels, airlines, trains, buses, TTC, etc.) will attempt to draw customers back again with special incentive discount offers;
- (2) the City of Toronto create an immediate SARS Emergency Relief Fund, with money to come immediately from the Federal and Provincial Governments, in order to help in the provision of relief for small business owners so they could avoid bankruptcy and other daily expenses/costs that the City is experiencing in treating and dealing with the SARS crisis;
- (3) the City of Toronto create a SARS Business Hotline for the purpose of individual companies to phone in and report:
- (a) overall loss in business since SARS first surfaced in City of Toronto;
 - (b) overall loss in dollars and patronage; and
 - (c) whether in immediate need of financial assistance, i.e., interest-free or low-interest loans from financial institutions, Chambers of Commerce, etc.;
- (4) the City of Toronto create a SARS Community Hotline for members of the community who have come in contact with SARS, are quarantined and/or have symptoms, to phone in to report to the City if they are in need of financial assistance, groceries, medical help, or other types of assistance, such as deferring property tax payments;
- (5) the City of Toronto Council declare its support for the South Asian Heritage Month and the subsequent activities that will take place in the City of Toronto at various venues commencing on May 2, 2003, at the Bright Pearl Restaurant in Toronto, to the culmination of the activities at Nathan Phillips Square on May 31, 2003;

- (6) a supply of thermometers and masks be made available to Members of City Council, in order that local constituents, who request same, may have their health worries eased by requesting thermometers and masks from the local Councillor's office, in order to monitor and protect their own families; and
 - (7) a Toronto Tourism communiqué be translated into French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Korean, for tour operators."
- (f) Councillor Mammoliti moved that:
- (1) motion (e) by Councillor Cho be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor; and
 - (2) Council adopt the following recommendations:

"It is recommended that:
 - (a) the City of Toronto Department of Public Health and the Corporate Services Department be requested to work with Members of Council to release a generic information package to be delivered to all residences in the City of Toronto, funding for which to be found from the Council Budget; and
 - (b) representatives of each of the City's major attractions be included in the Tourism Industry Crisis Committee."
- (g) Councillor Holyday moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:
- "It is recommended that:
- (1) Council request the Government of Canada to withdraw any funding support they provide to the World Health Organization (WHO), unless WHO immediately comes to the City of Toronto to assess the management of the SARS situation by the City's Department of Public Health, and reconsiders its travel advisory; and
 - (2) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to seek a qualified opinion from another organization, such as The Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, in opposition to that expressed by the World Health Organization (WHO), on the SARS situation as it relates to visitors to the City of Toronto."

- (h) Councillor Di Giorgio moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:

“It is recommended that the following motions be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:

‘It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto City urge casualty insurance companies to give consideration to providing relief to businesses by viewing loss of business due to SARS as qualified business interruption losses; and
- (2) to the extent possible, the City of Toronto ensure that travellers leaving Toronto for other parts of Canada, North America or the rest of the world be given yellow advisory forms, similar to those being given to incoming travellers.’ ”

Deputy Mayor Ootes in the Chair.

- (i) Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) Council adopt the following motion (moved on behalf of Councillor Balkissoon):

‘**WHEREAS** the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA) was encouraged to have its 2003 Conference in Toronto by the City’s own Auditor General; and

WHEREAS this Conference, scheduled for June 2003, expects to attract over 400 participants; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization’s recent announcement has concerned the Board of Directors of NALGA to the point of desperation to make a decision; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has been trying his best to convince his colleagues that the WHO release is not based on fact; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto Council can show leadership in keeping this Conference on track;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in co-operation with the Auditor General, be directed to intervene on behalf of our city businesses and invite two Executive Members of NALGA to visit the City of Toronto immediately, at the City's expense, so that this Organization can experience first-hand that the City of Toronto is safe and that 2.6 million people are living and working in Toronto and carrying on with their normal lives.';

- (2) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to ensure that press releases respecting SARS are more widely distributed to the ethnic media and community newspapers in the City of Toronto;
 - (3) the Mayor or his designate be requested to meet with representatives from:
 - (a) Lester B. Pearson International Airport and the Federal Ministry of Transportation, in order to determine what measures are being taken to ensure that possible SARS carriers do not enter our Country; and
 - (b) the Consul General of the Peoples' Republic of China, in order to determine what measures are being taken by the Chinese authorities to ensure that possible SARS carriers do not leave that country for destinations abroad; and
 - (4) copies of all staff presentation material distributed at this meeting of Council be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health and Ministers responsible for economic development, for their information.”
- (j) Councillor Pitfield moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
 - (a) ensure that all shelters and drop-in facilities are immediately equipped with adequate hand sanitizers, soap and paper towels; and
 - (b) ensure that trained personnel, equipment and protocols are in place to screen and refer ill patrons in the shelter system and to minimize the risk of transmission of undetected SARS cases;

- (2) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to monitor the adequacy of the Kingston Road quarantine facility for homeless persons affected by SARS;
 - (3) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to consider new shelter spaces to lower occupancy and sleeping distances between clients;
 - (4) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to continue to work with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to ensure increased levels of sanitation and hygiene facilities and promote increased awareness of personal hygiene; and
 - (5) the Mayor be requested to accept the invitation of the World Travel and Tourism Council to attend their 3rd Annual Global Travel and Tourism Conference, to be held May 15 to 17, 2003, in Portugal, inasmuch as Mayor Lastman is the only international Mayor to be so invited, in order to address and reassure the international tourism industry as to the safety of Toronto as a tourist destination.”
- (k) Councillor Bussin moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:
- “It is recommended that:
- (1) the Premier be requested to:
 - (a) recall the Provincial Legislature to provide a Provincial response to the economic impact on business and tourism sectors in the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) provide funding to offset the City’s exceptional costs during this crisis;
 - (2) the Mayor be requested to include the following on the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:
 - (a) Councillor Sandra Bussin; and
 - (b) representatives of Locals 79 and 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees; and
 - (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to create a daily ‘Good News’ international media alert on events and success stories happening in the City of Toronto.”

- (l) Councillor Pantalone moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to expeditiously develop a protocol of communication to deal with the West Nile Virus and any other unforeseen crisis, so that officials and the community can be engaged in dealing with the given crisis while not exaggerating the issue in such a way that it does serious, if not irreparable damage to the economy and the image of the City of Toronto.”
- (m) Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Tziretas, moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that Toronto City Council thank and commend the staff of Toronto Public Health for their outstanding and dedicated efforts over the last several weeks in combating SARS in Toronto and, most particularly, extend its appreciation to Dr. Sheela Basrur, the Medical Officer of Health, for her calm, reasoned and brilliant handling of the SARS crisis to date.”
- (n) Councillor Tziretas, seconded by Councillor Walker, moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that Toronto Public Health (TPH) and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to immediately develop, establish, and communicate an Infection Prevention Code of Conduct for the City of Toronto, community agencies, non-profit organizations, and private organizations, so that all employees in workplaces in the City of Toronto have consistent, accurate, and standardized infection control information to access and follow.”
- (o) Councillor Moscoe moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that the City of Toronto urge the Province to implement a dedicated hotel room tax to raise the funds necessary to promote economic recovery in the tourist industry in Ontario, as supported by Tourism Toronto and the Hotel Association.”
- (p) Councillor Hall moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with Federal officials, request Air Canada to:
- (a) refrain from encouraging citizens to delay their flights to Toronto; and

(b) consult with the proper health authorities prior to advising passengers about the possibility of delaying their flight to Toronto.”

(q) Councillor Irene Jones moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Federal government be requested to implement a health screening program at international airports within Canada;
- (2) Toronto City Council authorize a reduction in staff gapping in the Public Health Department to the average for City departments;
- (3) the Province of Ontario be requested to co-ordinate the provision of medical and surgical procedures to other hospitals to address the backlog of surgeries and medical procedures;
- (4) the City of Toronto develop a program for the homeless population to ensure that SARS is not spread; and
- (5) funding continue to be provided for non-profit community agencies to deliver groceries and medications, if needed, to those in quarantine or afflicted by SARS.”

(r) Councillor Li Preti moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:

“It is recommended that the Mayor and the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as soon as possible, to make a formal presentation to the World Health Organization, and that Ambassador Marchi, Canada’s representative at the World Trade Organization, be requested to facilitate this meeting.”

Councillor Lindsay Luby in the Chair.

(s) Councillor Berardinetti moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:

“It is recommended that the Mayor, in consultation with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, be requested to contact the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and request that, in light of the information provided to City Council by the City’s Medical Officer of Health on April 24, 2003, the AACR re-consider hosting their convention in Toronto.”

(t) Councillor Rae moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, on:
 - (a) deferral of property tax payments for all hospitality-related businesses for a period of 60 days from the issuance of the final 2003 property tax bills; and
 - (b) financing by the Province of Ontario of the financial impact of delayed payment related to the education portion of the tax bills; and
- (2) the Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to defer payment of PST and GST for hospitality-related businesses for 60 days.”

- (u) Councillor Laura Jones moved that Council adopt the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) permit fees and user fees for special events throughout the City of Toronto between now and the fall of this year, such as the Taste of the Danforth and Canada Day in Riverdale Park East, be waived by the appropriate City departments; and
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor be requested to give consideration to providing grants to business communities throughout the City who wish to organize promotional activities to combat the negative commercial impacts that have resulted from SARS, and that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a report on this matter to the Policy and Finance Committee at its next meeting.”

Deputy Mayor Ootes in the Chair.

- (v) Councillor Johnston moved that the following motions be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:
- (1) Part (1)(d) of motion (b) by Councillor Miller;
 - (2) Part (2) of motion (b) by Councillor Miller;
 - (3) Part (1)(d) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc;
 - (4) Part (1) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho;
 - (5) Part (2) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho;
 - (6) Part (3) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho;
 - (7) Part (4) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho;
 - (8) Part (6) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho;
 - (9) Part (2)(a) of motion (f) by Councillor Mammoliti;
 - (10) Part (2) of motion (h) by Councillor Di Giorgio;
 - (11) Part (3) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield;
 - (12) Part (3) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin;

- (13) Part (2) of motion (q) by Councillor Irene Jones;
 - (14) motion (r) by Councillor Li Preti;
 - (15) Part (1) of motion (u) by Councillor Laura Jones; and
 - (16) Part (2) of motion (u) by Councillor Laura Jones.
- (w) Councillor Shaw moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that since the City of Toronto’s motto is ‘Diversity - Our Strength’, in order to address the stigmatization being experienced by the Chinese Canadian Community in Toronto and in other affected areas, both businesses and the residential population, the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor and the Community Advisory Committee on Race and Ethnic Relations be requested to develop concrete initiatives and an outreach strategy to alleviate and curb any further discrimination and negative backlash that have been outlined by our Chinese Canadian Communities and other geographic affected areas such as Scarborough-Agincourt, Dundas-Spadina, and Gerrard-Broadview.”
- (x) Councillor Feldman moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that the members of the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor be requested to advise the Mayor on whether they believe the membership of such Task Force should be increased.”
- (y) Councillor Soknacki moved that Council adopt the following recommendation:
- “It is recommended that the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to:
- (1) report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, as soon as possible, on the viability of establishing a fund along the lines of the ‘Courage Fund’ established by the City of Singapore, such report to include, but not be limited to:
 - (a) naming of the fund;
 - (b) fundraising from the public and private sectors;
 - (c) patronage of the fund;
 - (d) publicity for donors to the fund;
 - (e) tax relief for donors; and
 - (f) recipients for the fund; and
 - (2) review the SARS initiatives undertaken in other jurisdictions and report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor on the applicability of those initiatives to the City of Toronto.”

- (z) Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that Part (1) of motion (a) by Mayor Lastman, seconded by Councillor Sutherland, be amended by adding thereto the words “a portion of funding to be used for a local campaign”.

Votes:

Parts (2), (3), (4), (5), (6), (7), (8), (9), (10), (11) and (14) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston carried.

Adoption of Part (1) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston:

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| Yes - 21 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pitfield, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 12 Councillors: Bussin, Chow, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Moscoe, Pantalone, Rae, Shaw |

Carried by a majority of 9.

Adoption of Part (12) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston:

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| Yes - 13 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Duguid, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Soknacki, Sutherland |
| No - 20 Councillors: Bussin, Chow, Di Giorgio, Feldman, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Moscoe, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Tziretas, Walker |

Lost by a majority of 7.

Part (3) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin carried.

Adoption of Part (13) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston:

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| Yes - 19 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas |
| No - 14 Councillors: | Berardinetti, Bussin, Chow, Flint, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Moscoe, Rae, Shaw, Walker |

Carried by a majority of 5.

Adoption of Part (15) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston:

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| Yes - 22 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 11 Councillors: | Bussin, Chow, Flint, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Moscoe, Rae, Shaw |

Carried by a majority of 11.

Adoption of Part (16) of motion (v) by Councillor Johnston:

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| Yes - 17 Councillors: | Altobello, Bussin, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pitfield, Rae, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas |
| No - 17 Councillors: | Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Chow, Di Giorgio, Flint, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Moscoe, Pantalone, Shaw, Walker |

Lost, there being an equal division of votes.

Adoption of Part (2) of motion (u) by Councillor Laura Jones:

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| Yes - 30 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Pantalone, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 4 Councillors: Holyday, Li Preti, Ootes, Pitfield |

Carried by a majority of 26.

Parts (1)(a), (b) and (c) of motion (b) by Councillor Miller carried.

Parts (1)(a), (b) and (c) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc carried.

Parts (1), (3), (4) and (5) of motion (q) by Councillor Jones carried.

Motion (z) by Councillor Minnan-Wong carried.

Adoption of motion (a) by Mayor Lastman, seconded by Councillor Sutherland, and, in the absence of Mayor Lastman, moved by Councillor Sutherland, as amended:

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| Yes - 35 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 |

Carried, without dissent.

Deputy Mayor Ootes, having regard to the foregoing decisions of Council, declared Part (2) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc, redundant.

Parts (3) and (4) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc carried.

Adoption of Part (5)(a) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc:

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| Yes - 33 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 1 Councillor: | Ootes |

Carried by a majority of 32.

Adoption of Part (5)(b) of motion (c) by Councillor Mihevc:

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| Yes - 34 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 | |

Carried, without dissent.

Motion (d) by Councillor Duguid carried.

Adoption of Part (5) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho:

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| Yes - 33 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 | |

Carried, without dissent.

Adoption of Part (1) of motion (f) by Councillor Mammoliti, insofar as it pertains to Part (7) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho, and, in the absence of Councillor Mammoliti, moved by Councillor Moscoe:

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| Yes - 30 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 5 | |
| Councillors: | Cho, Flint, I. Jones, McConnell, Mihevc |

Carried by a majority of 25.

Deputy Mayor Ootes, having regard to the foregoing decisions of Council, declared the balance of Part (1) of motion (f) by Councillor Mammoliti, moved by Councillor Moscoe in the absence of Councillor Mammoliti, insofar as it pertains to Parts (1) to (6) of motion (e) by Councillor Cho, redundant.

Councillor Moscoe, with the permission of Council, moved that Part (2)(b) of motion (f) by Councillor Mammoliti, moved by Councillor Moscoe in the absence of Councillor Mammoliti, be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, which carried.

Adoption of Part (1) of motion (g) by Councillor Holyday:

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| Yes - 13 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Berardinetti, Bussin, Duguid, Holyday, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pitfield, Shaw, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 21 | |
| Councillors: | Ashton, Augimeri, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Li Preti, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Moscoe, Pantalone, Rae, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland |

Lost by a majority of 8.

Adoption of Part (2) of motion (g) by Councillor Holyday:

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| Yes - 23 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Holyday, Johnston, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 11 Councillors: Augimeri, Chow, Flint, Hall, I. Jones, L. Jones, Li Preti, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Moscoe |

Carried by a majority of 12.

Part (1) of motion (h) by Councillor Di Giorgio carried.

Procedural Motion:

Councillor Flint moved that all motions remaining before Council on this matter be read by the City Clerk, in their entirety, prior to the vote being taken thereon, the vote upon which was taken as follows:

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| Yes - 28 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 7 Councillors: Di Giorgio, Flint, Johnston, Milczyn, Miller, Pantalone, Tziretas |

Carried by a majority of 21.

Votes:

Adoption of Part (1) of motion (i) by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, moved on behalf of Councillor Balkissoon:

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| Yes - 33 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
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| No - 2 Councillors: Holyday, Li Preti |
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Carried by a majority of 31.

Part (2) of motion (i) by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski carried.

Ruling by Deputy Mayor:

Deputy Mayor Ootes, having regard to the nature of Part (3)(b) of motion (i) by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski, ruled such Part ultra vires.

Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski challenged the ruling of the Deputy Mayor.

Vote to Uphold Ruling of Deputy Mayor:

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| Yes - 25 Councillors: Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, I. Jones, L. Jones, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Soknacki |
| No - 10 Councillors: Altobello, Flint, Johnston, Korwin-Kuczynski, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Shiner, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |

Carried by a majority of 15.

Votes:

Part (3)(a) of motion (i) by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski carried.

Part (4) of motion (i) by Councillor Korwin-Kuczynski carried.

Part (1)(a) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield carried.

Part (1)(b) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield carried.

Part (2) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield carried.

Part (4) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield carried.

Part (5) of motion (j) by Councillor Pitfield carried.

Part (1)(a) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin carried.

Adoption of Part (1)(b) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin:

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| Yes - 35 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 |

Carried, without dissent.

Adoption of Part (2)(a) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin:

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| Yes - 31 Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Moscoe, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 4 Councillors: Holyday, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Sutherland |

Carried by a majority of 27.

Adoption of Part (2)(b) of motion (k) by Councillor Bussin:

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| Yes - 21 Councillors: Altobello, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Duguid, Flint, Johnston, I. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Miller, Moscoe, Pantalone, Rae, Shaw, Tziretas, Walker |
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| Councillors: | Ashton, Di Giorgio, Feldman, Hall, Holyday, L. Jones, Li Preti, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pitfield, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland |
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Carried by a majority of 7.

Motion (l) by Councillor Pantalone carried.

Adoption of motion (m) by Councillor Walker, seconded by Councillor Tziretas:

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| Yes - 35 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 | |

Carried, without dissent.

Adoption of motion (n) by Councillor Tziretas, seconded by Councillor Walker:

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| Yes - 35 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas, Walker |
| No - 0 | |

Carried, without dissent.

Motion (o) by Councillor Moscoe carried.

Motion (p) by Councillor Hall carried.

Motion (s) by Councillor Berardinetti carried.

Motion (t) by Councillor Rae carried.

Adoption of motion (w) by Councillor Shaw:

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| Yes - 35 |
| Mayor: Lastman |
| Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 0 |

Carried, without dissent.

Adoption of motion (x) by Councillor Feldman:

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| Yes - 31 |
| Mayor: Lastman |
| Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland |
| No - 4 |
| Councillors: L. Jones, McConnell, Moscoe, Walker |

Carried by a majority of 27.

Part (1) of motion (y) by Councillor Soknacki carried.

Part (2) of motion (y) by Councillor Soknacki carried.

Adoption of Clause, as amended:

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| Yes - 35 |
| Mayor: Lastman |
| Councillors: Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 0 |

Carried, without dissent.

In summary, Council adopted the following recommendations:

“It is recommended that:

- (1) the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to each provide funding in the amount of \$10 million and the City of Toronto provide \$5 million, for a total of \$25 million, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto and to provide that advertising be targeted to key cities whose residents are known to visit Toronto, such funds to be spent once the 20-day period of no new SARS cases has elapsed, a portion of funding to be used for a local campaign;
- (2) the appropriate City staff be authorized to commence the necessary program expenditures, once funding is available, to assist with the economic recovery of businesses in the City of Toronto;
- (3) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to the Budget Advisory Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee on a recommended source of financing for the City of Toronto’s share of funding for 2003;
- (4) the Premier be requested to:
 - (a) recall the Provincial Legislature to provide a Provincial response to the economic impact on business and tourism sectors in the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) provide funding to offset the City’s exceptional costs during this crisis;
- (5) the Provincial and Federal Governments be requested to defer payment of PST and GST for hospitality-related businesses for 60 days;
- (6) the City of Toronto urge the Province to implement a dedicated hotel room tax to raise the funds necessary to promote economic recovery in the tourist industry in Ontario, as supported by Tourism Toronto and the Hotel Association;
- (7) the Federal government be requested to implement a health screening program at international airports within Canada;
- (8) the Province of Ontario be requested to co-ordinate the provision of medical and surgical procedures to other hospitals to address the backlog of surgeries and medical procedures;

- (9) Council adopt the recommendations embodied in the Public Statement (undated) issued by Local 75 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, thereby requesting immediate action to be taken on the following initiatives:
- (a) emergency Employment Insurance funds to be made available through Human Resources Development Canada, with the provision of necessary funding and relaxed eligibility requirements, in order to allow more workers to qualify for benefits (including the 10 percent unemployment rate threshold), including:
 - (i) the elimination of the two-week waiting period;
 - (ii) a reduced number of hours of work needed within the previous 52-week period so more hotel workers can qualify; and
 - (iii) an extended benefit period so low-wage workers will not run out of Employment Insurance in only a few months;
 - (b) a provincial top-up to bring Employment Insurance benefits to a 100 percent level, with payments available for training and skills upgrading during this downturn, which has resulted in reduced hours of work for hospitality sector employees;
 - (c) additional Provincial funding for:
 - (i) the protection of medical benefits of laid-off workers;
 - (ii) the provision of training programs for hospitality workers while laid off;
 - (iii) a hotel tax to pay for future destination marketing; and
 - (iv) emergency protection from evictions for laid-off hospitality workers who are unable to pay their rent;
- (10) Council adopt the following motion:

‘WHEREAS the SARS outbreak has put severe pressure on the public health system in the City of Toronto and the Province of Ontario, and compromised delivery of all mandatory programs; and

WHEREAS the infrastructure for public health response to emerging infections is under-resourced;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

- (a) the Provincial Government be requested to increase its internal capacity to identify, monitor and respond to emerging infectious diseases;
 - (b) the Provincial Government be requested to provide increased financial resources to the Toronto Public Health Department to develop and sustain sufficient local capacity to manage emerging infectious diseases; and
 - (c) the Medical Officer of Health be directed to submit a report back to the Board of Health, City Council, and the Mayor for discussion with the Task Force, on a proposal to develop an enhanced local capacity for identification, monitoring and responding to emerging infectious diseases, including the option of creating a SARS program within Public Health.’;
- (11) copies of all staff presentation material distributed at this meeting of Council be forwarded to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Health and Ministers responsible for economic development, for their information;
- (12) Council adopt the following motion:

‘**WHEREAS** the National Association of Local Government Auditors (NALGA) was encouraged to have its 2003 Conference in Toronto by the City’s own Auditor General; and

WHEREAS this Conference, scheduled for June 2003, expects to attract over 400 participants; and

WHEREAS the World Health Organization’s recent announcement has concerned the Board of Directors of NALGA to the point of desperation to make a decision; and

WHEREAS the Auditor General has been trying his best to convince his colleagues that the WHO release is not based on fact; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto Council can show leadership in keeping

this Conference on track;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in co-operation with the Auditor General, be directed to intervene on behalf of our city businesses and invite two Executive Members of NALGA to visit the City of Toronto immediately, at the City's expense, so that this Organization can experience first-hand that the City of Toronto is safe and that 2.6 million people are living and working in Toronto and carrying on with their normal lives.';

- (13) the City of Toronto Council declare its support for the South Asian Heritage Month and the subsequent activities that will take place in the City of Toronto at various venues commencing on May 2, 2003, at the Bright Pearl Restaurant in Toronto, to the culmination of the activities at Nathan Phillips Square on May 31, 2003;
- (14) funding continue to be provided for non-profit community agencies to deliver groceries and medications, if needed, to those in quarantine or afflicted by SARS;
- (15) the Mayor be requested to include the following on the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:
 - (a) the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission;
 - (b) Councillor Sandra Bussin; and
 - (c) representatives of Locals 79 and 416 of the Canadian Union of Public Employees;
- (16) the members of the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor be requested to advise the Mayor on whether they believe the membership of such Task Force should be increased;
- (17) the Mayor be requested to write to the President of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to inform him of City Council's opposition to the internal directive of the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation to suspend all non-essential travel to Toronto;
- (18) the Mayor, in consultation with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, be requested to contact the American Association for Cancer Research (AACR), and request that, in light of the information provided to City Council by the City's Medical Officer of Health on April 24, 2003, the AACR re-consider hosting their convention in Toronto;

- (19) the Mayor be requested to accept the invitation of the World Travel and Tourism Council to attend their 3rd Annual Global Travel and Tourism Conference, to be held May 15 to 17, 2003, in Portugal, inasmuch as Mayor Lastman is the only international Mayor to be so invited, in order to address and reassure the international tourism industry as to the safety of Toronto as a tourist destination;
- (20) the Mayor, or his designate, be requested to meet with representatives from Lester B. Pearson International Airport and the Federal Ministry of Transportation, in order to determine what measures are being taken to ensure that possible SARS carriers do not enter our Country;
- (21) Toronto Public Health (TPH) and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to immediately develop, establish, and communicate an Infection Prevention Code of Conduct for the City of Toronto, community agencies, non-profit organizations, and private organizations, so that all employees in workplaces in the City of Toronto have consistent, accurate, and standardized infection control information to access and follow;
- (22) the Medical Officer of Health be requested to:
- (a) seek a qualified opinion from another organization, such as The Centres for Disease Control in Atlanta, Georgia, in opposition to that expressed by the World Health Organization (WHO), on the SARS situation as it relates to visitors to the City of Toronto;
 - (b) ensure that press releases respecting SARS are more widely distributed to the ethnic media and community newspapers in the City of Toronto; and
 - (c) continue to work with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to ensure increased levels of sanitation and hygiene facilities and promote increased awareness of personal hygiene;
- (23) the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with Federal officials, request Air Canada to:
- (a) refrain from encouraging citizens to delay their flights to Toronto; and
 - (b) consult with the proper health authorities prior to advising passengers about the possibility of delaying their flight to Toronto;
- (24) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Mayor be requested to give consideration

to providing grants to business communities throughout the City who wish to organize promotional activities to combat the negative commercial impacts that have resulted from SARS, and that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a report on this matter to the Policy and Finance Committee at its next meeting;

- (25) since the City of Toronto's motto is 'Diversity - Our Strength', in order to address the stigmatization being experienced by the Chinese Canadian Community in Toronto and in other affected areas, both businesses and the residential population, the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor and the Community Advisory Committee on Race and Ethnic Relations be requested to develop concrete initiatives and an outreach strategy to alleviate and curb any further discrimination and negative backlash that have been outlined by our Chinese Canadian Communities and other geographic affected areas such as Scarborough-Agincourt, Dundas-Spadina, and Gerrard-Broadview;
- (26) the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Medical Officer of Health be requested to expeditiously develop a protocol of communication to deal with the West Nile Virus and any other unforeseen crisis, so that officials and the community can be engaged in dealing with the given crisis while not exaggerating the issue in such a way that it does serious, if not irreparable damage to the economy and the image of the City of Toronto;
- (27) the Chief Administrative Officer be requested to:
- (a) review the SARS initiatives undertaken in other jurisdictions and report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor on the applicability of those initiatives to the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) report to the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, as soon as possible, on the viability of establishing a fund along the lines of the 'Courage Fund' established by the City of Singapore, such report to include, but not be limited to:
 - (i) naming of the fund;
 - (ii) fundraising from the public and private sectors;
 - (iii) patronage of the fund;
 - (iv) publicity for donors to the fund;
 - (v) tax relief for donors; and
 - (vi) recipients for the fund;

- (28) the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with Corporate Communications staff, be requested to hold a press conference specifically for the Ethnic Media, in order to communicate information with respect to SARS and the City's economic revitalization strategy;
- (29) the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to expeditiously assist Scarborough Hospital and the Rouge Valley Health System (Centenary Site), as well as other health care providers and institutions in Toronto, in identifying and securing potential locations in Toronto for SARS-related and/or infectious disease clinics and facilities, and that appropriate City-owned properties be considered for this use;
- (30) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to:
- (a) create a daily 'Good News' international media alert on events and success stories happening in the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) submit a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, on the possibility of providing additional funding for promotional purposes for City of Toronto summer events, including PRIDE and Caribana;
- (31) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health, be requested to monitor the adequacy of the Kingston Road quarantine facility for homeless persons affected by SARS;
- (32) the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to:
- (a) ensure that all shelters and drop-in facilities are immediately equipped with adequate hand sanitizers, soap and paper towels; and
 - (b) ensure that trained personnel, equipment and protocols are in place to screen and refer ill patrons in the shelter system and to minimize the risk of transmission of undetected SARS cases;
- (33) the City of Toronto develop a program for the homeless population to ensure that SARS is not spread;
- (34) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to submit a report to Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, on:

- (a) deferral of property tax payments for all hospitality-related businesses for a period of 60 days from the issuance of the final 2003 property tax bills; and
 - (b) financing by the Province of Ontario of the financial impact of delayed payment related to the education portion of the tax bills;
- (35) the following motions be referred to the Mayor for discussion with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor:

Moved by Councillor Cho:

‘It is recommended that:

- (a) the City of Toronto pronounce ‘TORONTO – “The Best City” ’ Celebration Weekend. (The date to be chosen by the Health Department, the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the City of Toronto and the Toronto Board of Trade)

Toronto: Safe to live – Safe to visit

Just as in New York City after 9-11, the City celebrated overcoming the crisis, Toronto can celebrate the return to normal life after the SARS crisis. Activities to include:

- (i) entertainment;
 - (ii) multicultural festivities;
 - (iii) visitations from all key members from all levels of government; and
 - (iv) businesses (restaurants, hotels, airlines, trains, buses, TTC, etc.) will attempt to draw customers back again with special incentive discount offers;
- (b) the City of Toronto create an immediate SARS Emergency Relief Fund, with money to come immediately from the Federal and Provincial Governments, in order to help in the provision of relief for small business owners so they could avoid bankruptcy and other daily expenses/costs that the City is experiencing in treating and dealing with the SARS crisis;
 - (c) the City of Toronto create a SARS Business Hotline for the purpose of individual companies to phone in and report:

- (i) overall loss in business since SARS first surfaced in City of Toronto;
 - (ii) overall loss in dollars and patronage; and
 - (iii) whether in immediate need of financial assistance, i.e., interest-free or low-interest loans from financial institutions, Chambers of Commerce, etc.;
- (d) the City of Toronto create a SARS Community Hotline for members of the community who have come in contact with SARS, are quarantined and/or have symptoms, to phone in to report to the City if they are in need of financial assistance, groceries, medical help, or other types of assistance, such as deferring property tax payments;
- (e) a supply of thermometers and masks be made available to Members of City Council, in order that local constituents, who request same, may have their health worries eased by requesting thermometers and masks from the local Councillor's office, in order to monitor and protect their own families; and
- (f) a Toronto Tourism communiqué be translated into French, German, Japanese, Spanish and Korean, for tour operators.'

Moved by Councillor Di Giorgio:

'It is recommended that:

- (a) to the extent possible, the City of Toronto ensure that travellers leaving Toronto for other parts of Canada, North America or the rest of the world be given yellow advisory forms, similar to those being given to incoming travellers; and
- (b) the City of Toronto City urge casualty insurance companies to give consideration to providing relief to businesses by viewing loss of business due to SARS as qualified business interruption losses.'

Moved by Councillor Irene Jones:

'It is recommended that Toronto City Council authorize a reduction in staff gapping in the Public Health Department to the average for City departments.'

Moved by Councillor Laura Jones:

‘It is recommended that permit fees and user fees for special events throughout the City of Toronto between now and the fall of this year, such as the Taste of the Danforth and Canada Day in Riverdale Park East, be waived by the appropriate City departments.’

Moved by Councillor Li Preti:

‘It is recommended that the Mayor and the Medical Officer of Health be authorized to travel to Geneva, Switzerland, as soon as possible, to make a formal presentation to the World Health Organization, and that Ambassador Marchi, Canada’s representative at the World Trade Organization, be requested to facilitate this meeting.’

Moved by Councillor Mihevc:

‘It is recommended that SARS-affected workers and their immediate families be allowed to access the City of Toronto’s dental program if they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid off, and further, the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be requested to report on the amount of funds required to facilitate such a program to the Board of Health, and to the Mayor, for discussion with his Task Force.’

Moved by Councillor Miller:

‘It is recommended that:

(a) Council adopt the recommendations embodied in the Public Statement (undated) issued by Local 75 of the Hotel Employees and Restaurant Employees International Union, thereby requesting immediate action to be taken on the following initiative:

“(4) support by the City of Toronto for hospitality sector employees:

- (i) who are tenants threatened with eviction; and
- (ii) by allowing them and their families access to the City’s dental program should they lose their medical and dental benefits while laid-off.”; and

- (b) a portion of the \$25 million requested of the Provincial and Federal Governments and the City of Toronto be used to clean the streets of litter and unsightly graffiti. '

Moved by Councillor Moscoe for Councillor Mammoliti:

'It is recommended that the City of Toronto Department of Public Health and the Corporate Services Department be requested to work with Members of Council to release a generic information package to be delivered to all residences in the City of Toronto, funding for which to be found from the Council Budget.'

Moved by Councillor Pitfield:

'It is recommended that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to consider new shelter spaces to lower occupancy and sleeping distances between clients.'; and

- (36) the following motion be referred to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

Moved by Councillor Moscoe on behalf of Councillor Mammoliti:

'It is recommended that representatives of each of the City's major attractions be included in the Tourism Industry Crisis Committee.'; and

- (37) Toronto City Council thank and commend the staff of Toronto Public Health for their outstanding and dedicated efforts over the last several weeks in combating SARS in Toronto and, most particularly, extend its appreciation to Dr. Sheela Basrur, the Medical Officer of Health, for her calm, reasoned and brilliant handling of the SARS crisis to date."

MOTIONS (NOTICE PREVIOUSLY GIVEN) AND NOTICES OF MOTION

S5.7 Impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS) on Employment and the Economy

Deputy Mayor Ootes called upon Notice of Motion F(1) appearing on the Order Paper, as follows:

Moved by: Councillor Miller

Seconded by: Councillor Chow

“**WHEREAS** the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Parks, in conjunction with the Toronto Chinese Business Association and other interested organizations and Councillors should be given the authority to implement a plan that would promote shopping and dining locally; and

WHEREAS the Ministry of Labour has access to contact information for all employers and unions in the Province; and

WHEREAS SARS is a Provincial, as well as a local issue; and

WHEREAS the best mechanism to prevent the spread of SARS is by quarantining people who have been in direct contact with a SARS case and by those people strictly adhering to their quarantine;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto request that the Ministry of Labour communicate to all employers and unions in the province that people in quarantine must stay home for the full duration of their quarantine and that their jobs will not be in jeopardy as a result of not being at work for this period;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Ministry of Labour be requested to remind employers of their legal obligation to provide appropriate compensation for people who need to be quarantined;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Federal and Provincial Governments be requested to determine the possibilities for compensation for affected businesses;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Parks, together with Tourism Toronto develop an immediate action plan to encourage international visitors to our safe and vibrant City.”

Vote:

Motion F(1) was adopted, without amendment.

S5.8 City of Toronto Initiative to Counter the Negative Perception of Toronto as a Tourist Destination and to Stimulate Local Business Development

Deputy Mayor Ootes called upon Notice of Motion F(2) appearing on the Order Paper, as follows:

Moved by: **Councillor Minnan-Wong**

Seconded by: **Councillor Chow**

“**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto is Canada’s leading tourist destination, receiving over 16 million visitors annually; and

WHEREAS the tourism industry in Toronto generates over \$7.2 billion in economic impact and supports 95,000 jobs; and

WHEREAS the tourism industry in Toronto has suffered direct economic losses of revenues and hotel sector employees are being laid off, as a direct result of the impact of Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome (SARS); and

WHEREAS local businesses, including restaurants, theatres and retail operations across the City of Toronto, are also negatively impacted; and

WHEREAS the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention in Atlanta and the World Health Organizations are not warning against travel to Toronto, but do warn about travelling to certain Asian countries where SARS is a more immediate public health issue; and

WHEREAS the epidemiology of SARS in Canada is significantly different than in Asia, with regard to community transmission; and

WHEREAS the period of May through September is the peak season for visitation and revenue generation for the tourist industry; and

WHEREAS Toronto attracts close to two million visitors annually from the border state region of the United States of America and the months of May and June are the key months in the vacation decision making process of Border States travellers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council authorize the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation and collaboration with key stakeholders, including Tourism Toronto, the Ontario Tourism Marketing Partnership Corporation and the Canadian Tourism Commission, to engage the services of a communications agency to initiate a program that will counter the negative perception of Toronto and endeavour to preserve tourism revenues from key US Border States and stimulate the local market;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT City Council authorize expenditures, in an amount up to \$500,000.00 for this initiative, and that Federal and Provincial partners be requested to contribute at least an equivalent amount for this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the local and national print, radio and TV media partners of the City of Toronto be invited to participate in this civic initiative, through public service announcements and other contributions;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, in conjunction with the Toronto Chinese Business Association, other interested organizations and Councillors, a plan be implemented that would promote shopping and dining locally;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Budget Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommend the source of funding for this initiative;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report back to Council, through the Economic Development and Parks Committee, on the actions and results.”

Motion:

Councillor Minnan-Wong moved that Motion F(2) be adopted, subject to deleting the second Operative Paragraph and inserting in lieu thereof the following:

“**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** City Council authorize expenditures in an amount up to \$500,000.00, as a seed fund to deal with the SARS situation and to develop a comprehensive action plan to address the economic and tourism impacts on the City of Toronto, and the Chief Administrative Officer, in consultation with the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, determine the allocation of this fund;”.

Votes:

Adoption of the motion by Councillor Minnan-Wong:

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| Yes - 27 | |
| Mayor: | Lastman |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Chow, Duguid, Feldman, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Shaw, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 8 | |
| Councillors: | Bussin, Cho, Di Giorgio, Li Preti, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shiner |

Carried by a majority of 19.

Motion F(2), as amended, carried.

S5.9 **Declaring the Distillery Jazz Festival an Event of Municipal Significance**

Councillor McConnell moved that the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction of the following Notice of Motion J(1), which carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative:

Moved by: Councillor McConnell

Seconded by: Councillor Rae

“WHEREAS the Distillery Jazz Festival will be taking place at the Distillery District from May 22 to June 1, 2003; and

WHEREAS the Festival will be a significant and positive addition to this evolving and exciting neighbourhood, to Toronto’s downtown core and to the entire City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS music lovers from the area and around the world will be drawn to this, the second year of the Festival, bringing interest and attention, not only to the Festival’s program of alternative music but also to the Distillery District, the downtown southeast and the whole City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS the Festival is receiving support from the Tourism Enterprise Marketing Partnership with Tourism Ontario, among other sponsors; and

WHEREAS the Festival is presenting over 100 jazz and world music acts over ten days, as well as children’s jazz programming and modern dance; and

WHEREAS as many opportunities as possible for promoting tourism and community spirit at this time should be supported;

WHEREAS pursuant to Section 40 of the Regulations of the Ontario Liquor Licence Act, an application for a special occasion permit for an event that is a community festival must be accompanied by a Resolution approving an event as a community festival made by the local Council for the Municipality in which the event is to occur;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the City of Toronto deem the Distillery Jazz Festival to be a community festival and the Alcohol and Gaming

Commission be so advised.”

Advice by Deputy Mayor:

Deputy Mayor Ootes advised the Council that the provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code requiring the referral of Motion J(1) to the Toronto East York Community Council would have to be waived in order to now consider such Motion.

Procedural Vote:

The vote to waive referral of Motion J(1) to the Toronto East York Community Council carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative.

Vote:

Motion J(1) was adopted, without amendment.

S5.10 Proposed Referendum Question on the 2003 Municipal Elections Ballot

Councillor Moscoe moved that the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code be waived to permit introduction of the following Notice of Motion J(2):

Moved by: Councillor Moscoe

Seconded by: Councillor Shiner

“**WHEREAS** the Toronto Transit Commission requires extensive financial resources to undertake important capital initiatives; and

WHEREAS subsection 8(1) of the Municipal Elections Act, 1996 (the ‘Act’) permits Council to pass a by-law to submit a question to the electors; and

WHEREAS May 14, 2003, is the last date for passing a by-law to enable the question to appear on the ballot for the 2003 election; and

WHEREAS subsection 8.1(3) of the ‘Act’ requires that, prior to passing a by-law, the City Clerk must give at least ten (10) days notice of Council’s intention to pass a by-law and Council must hold at least one public meeting to consider the matter;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council consider enacting a by law to submit a referendum question to the electors during the 2003 election for a dedicated tax increase for public transit capital expansion programs at a Special Meeting of Council to be held on Tuesday, May 13, 2003 at 9:30 a.m.;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council consider enacting a by-law to submit the following referendum question to the electors during the 2003 election:

‘Are you in favour of a one (1) per cent tax increase per year in each of the years 2004, 2005 and 2006, for the purpose of funding a Toronto Transit Commission Capital expansion program?’;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk give notice of Council’s intention to pass a by-law to authorize a referendum question.”,

the vote upon which was taken as follows:

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| Yes - 23 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Flint, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Moscoe, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 8 Mayor: Councillors: | Lastman Augimeri, Chow, Hall, Holyday, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Soknacki |

Carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative.

Advice by Deputy Mayor:

Deputy Mayor Ootes advised the Council that the provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code requiring the referral of Motion J(2) to the Policy and Finance Committee would have to be waived in order to now consider such Motion.

Procedural Vote:

The vote to waive referral of Motion J(2) to the Policy and Finance Committee was taken as follows:

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| Yes - 21 Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Bussin, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Flint, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Moscoe, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland |
| No - 10 Mayor: Councillors: | Lastman Augimeri, Cho, Chow, Hall, Holyday, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Walker |

Carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative.

Fiscal Impact Statement:

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer advised the Council that there would be a financial impact of approximately \$15,000.00 on the 2003 Operating Budget of the City Clerk resulting from the adoption of this Motion.

Council also had before it, during consideration of Motion J(2), a Briefing Note (undated) outlining the procedures, under the Municipal Elections Act, which would have to be followed by City Council, in order to include a question on the ballot for the next municipal election. (See Attachment No. 1, Page)

Vote:

Adoption of Motion J(2), without amendment:

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| Yes - 20 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Di Giorgio, Flint, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Moscoe, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland |
| No - 10 | |
| Mayor: | Lastman |
| Councillors: | Augimeri, Chow, Hall, Holyday, Lindsay Luby, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Walker |

Carried by a majority of 10.

BILL AND BY-LAW

S5.11 On April 24, 2003, at 8:04 p.m., Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor Holyday, moved that leave be granted to introduce the following Bill, and that this Bill, prepared for this meeting of Council, be passed and hereby declared as a By-law:

Bill No. 348

By-law No. 353-2003

To confirm the proceedings of the Council at its Special meeting held on the 24th day of April, 2003,

the vote upon which was taken as follows:

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| Yes - 30 | |
| Mayor: | Lastman |

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| Councillors: | Altobello, Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Bussin, Cho, Chow, Di Giorgio, Flint, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
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Carried, without dissent.

OFFICIAL RECOGNITIONS:

S5.12 Presentations/Introductions/Announcements:

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Sheela Basrur, during the morning session of the Special meeting, made a presentation to the Council regarding the public health aspects of SARS.

Councillor Miller, with the permission of Council, during the morning session of the meeting, introduced the students from High Park Alternative School, present at the Special meeting.

Deputy Mayor Ootes, during the morning session of the meeting, introduced the students from the Centre of Information and Community Services, present at the Special meeting.

Councillor Mihevc, during the morning session of the meeting, with the permission of Council, addressed the Council regarding the extraordinary efforts of the Medical Officer of Health during the SARS crisis; extended, on behalf of Council, the appreciation of Council to Dr. Basrur and her staff; and, to mark the occasion, presented a bouquet of flowers to the Medical Officer of Health.

Mayor Lastman, during the morning session of the meeting, addressed the Council and advised that he had struck the SARS Advisory Task Force to the Mayor, comprised of Deputy Mayor Ootes and Councillors Altobello, Chow, Duguid, Mihevc, Minnan-Wong, Shaw and Shiner, which will meet daily in the Office of the Mayor. Mayor Lastman further advised that his Advisory Task Force would be a 'clearing house' for all City initiatives and, as soon as the SARS crisis was over, would be making recommendations to stimulate the economy of the City of Toronto.

The Chief Administrative Officer and the Executive Director, Technical Services, Works and Emergency Services, during the afternoon session of the Special meeting, made a presentation to the Council on the impact of SARS, on behalf of the Office of Emergency Management.

The Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, during the afternoon session of the Special meeting, made a presentation to the Council on the economic impacts of SARS on the City of Toronto.

Deputy Mayor Ootes, during the afternoon session of the meeting, introduced Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty and the Members of the Liberal Caucus, present at the meeting.

Councillor Milczyn, with the permission of Council, during the afternoon session of the meeting, advised the Council that there had been an explosion at Bloor Street West and Poplar Avenue which had destroyed a commercial establishment with eight apartments above and that there were, currently, eight people missing. Councillor Milczyn requested that City staff to do whatever was possible to assist survivors and residents of homes in the area.

Councillor Pitfield, with the permission of Council, at the conclusion of the Special meeting, on behalf of all Members of Council present, extended the congratulations of Council to Marilyn Toft, Manager, Council Secretariat Support, for her exemplary and efficient performance in facilitating this Special meeting of City Council.

S5.13 MOTIONS TO VARY ORDER OR WAIVE PROCEDURE

Vary the proceedings of Council:

Deputy Mayor Ootes, during the afternoon session of the Special meeting, moved that the proceedings of Council be varied to permit Mayor Ken Boschcoff, Mayor of Thunder Bay and President of the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to address this Special meeting of Council, which carried.

Mayor Boschcoff addressed the Special meeting and introduced the following members of the Executive of the Association of the Municipalities of Ontario present at the meeting:

- Ann Mulvale, Mayor, Town of Oakville;
- Sandra Hames, Councillor, City of Brampton;
- Richard Adams, Councillor, Town of Parry Sound; and
- Ingrid Parkes, Councillor, City of Kenora.

Councillor Ashton, during the afternoon session of the Special meeting, with the permission of Council, moved that the proceedings of Council be varied to permit the Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty to address this Special meeting of Council, which carried.

Ontario Liberal Leader Dalton McGuinty addressed the Special meeting of Council.

Councillor Bussin, during the afternoon session of the Special meeting, with the permission of Council, moved that the proceedings of Council be varied to permit Marilyn Churley, MPP, Toronto-Danforth, to address this Special meeting of Council, which carried.

Marilyn Churley, MPP, Toronto-Danforth, addressed the Special meeting of Council.

Vary the order of the proceedings of Council:

Councillor Moscoe, at 6:05 p.m., moved that Council vary the order of its proceedings to permit him to now introduce a Notice of Motion.

Ruling of Deputy Mayor:

Deputy Mayor Ootes, having regard that this Special meeting had been called to consider only matters related to SARS, ruled that, until Council had concluded its consideration of all matters on the Order Paper related to SARS, no other issues would be considered.

Councillor Moscoe challenged the ruling of the Deputy Mayor.

Vote to Uphold Ruling of Deputy Mayor:

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| Yes - 10 | |
| Councillors: | Chow, Duguid, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, Minnan-Wong, Ootes, Pitfield, Soknacki, Sutherland, Walker |
| No - 17 | |
| Councillors: | Altobello, Berardinetti, Bussin, Di Giorgio, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, McConnell, Mihevc, Moscoe, Pantalone, Rae, Shaw, Shiner |

Lost by a majority of 7.

Waive the provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code related to meeting times:

Councillor Holyday, at 11:20 a.m., moved that, in accordance with the provisions of §27-11F, Adjournment, of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council waive the requirement of the 12:30 p.m. recess, and that Council continue in session, in order to conclude consideration of all matters on the Order Paper for this Special meeting of Council, the vote upon which was taken as follows:

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| Yes - 28 | |
| Mayor: | Lastman |
| Councillors: | Ashton, Augimeri, Berardinetti, Cho, Chow, Duguid, Filion, Flint, Ford, Hall, Holyday, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Kelly, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Miller, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pitfield, Shaw, Soknacki, Sutherland, Tziretas |
| No - 8 | |

Councillors: Altobello, Balkissoon, Bussin, Di Giorgio, Feldman, Pantalone, Silva, Walker

Carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative.

Councillor Chow, at 6:02 p.m., moved that, in accordance with the provisions of §27-11F, Adjournment, of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Council waive the requirement to adjourn this Special meeting at 7:30 p.m., and that Council continue in session in order to complete all matters on the Order Paper for this Special meeting, the vote upon which was taken as follows:

Yes - 27
 Councillors: Altobello, Berardinetti, Bussin, Chow, Di Giorgio, Duguid, Flint, Hall, Johnston, I. Jones, L. Jones, Korwin-Kuczynski, Li Preti, Lindsay Luby, McConnell, Mihevc, Milczyn, Minnan-Wong, Moscoe, Ootes, Pantalone, Pitfield, Rae, Shaw, Shiner, Soknacki, Walker

No - 0

Carried, more than two-thirds of Members present having voted in the affirmative.

S5.14 ATTENDANCE

Councillor Pitfield, seconded by Councillor Rae, moved that the absence of Councillor Moeser from this Special meeting of Council be excused, which carried.

| April 24, 2003 | 9:42 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.* | Roll Call 12:29 p.m. | Roll Call 1:26 p.m. | 1:30 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.* | Roll Call 3:42 p.m. | Roll Call 4:53 p.m. |
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| Lastman | x | x | - | x | x | x |
| Altobello | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Ashton | x | - | x | x | x | x |
| Augimeri | x | - | - | x | x | x |
| Balkissoon | x | x | - | x | - | x |
| Berardinetti | x | - | - | x | x | - |
| Bussin | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Cho | x | x | x | x | - | - |

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| Chow | x | x | - | x | x | x |
| Di Giorgio | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Duguid | x | x | x | x | - | x |
| Feldman | x | - | - | x | x | x |
| Filion | x | x | x | x | - | - |
| Flint | x | x | - | x | x | - |
| Ford | x | - | - | x | - | - |
| Hall | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Holyday | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Johnston | x | x | x | x | - | x |
| Jones, I. | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Jones, L. | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Kelly | x | - | x | x | x | x |
| Korwin- Kuczynski | x | x | - | x | x | x |
| Li Preti | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Lindsay Luby | x | - | - | x | x | x |
| Mammoliti | x | - | - | x | x | x |
| McConnell | x | x | x | x | x | - |
| Mihevc | x | x | - | x | x | - |
| Milczyn | x | - | x | x | - | - |
| Miller | x | x | x | x | - | - |
| Minnan-Wong | x | x | x | x | - | x |
| Moeser | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Moscoe | x | x | - | x | x | x |
| Nunziata | x | - | - | x | x | - |
| Ootes | x | x | x | x | - | x |

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| Pantalone | x | - | - | x | - | x |
| Pitfield | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Rae | x | x | x | x | x | - |
| Shaw | x | x | x | x | x | x |
| Shiner | x | - | - | x | - | x |
| Silva | x | - | - | x | - | x |
| Soknacki | x | x | x | x | - | - |
| Sutherland | x | x | - | x | - | x |
| Tziretas | x | x | x | x | x | - |
| Walker | x | - | - | x | x | x |
| Total | 43 | 29 | 24 | 43 | 28 | 30 |

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

COUNCIL ADJOURNED AT 8:05 P.M.

MEL LASTMAN,
Mayor

ULLI S. WATKISS,
City Clerk

ATTACHMENT NO. 1 [Notice of Motion J(2)]

Briefing Note (undated) outlining the procedures, under the Municipal Elections Act, which would have to be followed by City Council, in order to include a question on the ballot for the next municipal election. (See Minute No. S5.10, Page)

(1) The Toronto Transit Commission is considering requesting Council to include a question on the ballot for the next municipal election regarding transit funding.

(2) The Director of Elections Services, City of Toronto, has advised the following:

The Municipal Elections Act requires that City Council would have to meet by May 14, 2003, which is a minimum of 180 days prior to the Municipal Election, to approve a Resolution agreeing to place a question on the ballot. The question must be within the purview of City Council.

The next City Council meeting is scheduled for May 21, 2003, less than the required 180 days.

(3) The attached motion calls for a Special Meeting of Council on May 13, 2003, at which time Council will decide if it wants to place a question on the ballot.

The motion allows the Clerk to place an advertisement, as required under the Municipal Elections Act, indicating Council will be holding a special public meeting to consider a ballot question a minimum of 10 day prior to the meeting (May 13, 2003).