

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE**AGENDA
MEETING 7**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, September 13, 2004	Enquiry:	Betty Henderson
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		416-392-8088
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Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Economic Development and Parks Committee must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest Under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Confirmation of July 5, 2004 Minutes

Deputations/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

9:45 a.m. - Items 1 to 5

Communications/Reports

1. Proposal for Use of Unused Parks Building

(Deputation)

Communication (July 28, 2004) from Ms. Jean Godawa, Class Insecta, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to consider making some space available at Edwards Gardens to set up an “insectarium” and butterfly conservatory.

2. Alignment of Key Culture Plan Goals - Resources and Tools

(Deputation)

Communication (August 10, 2004) addressed to the Chair, of Economic Development and Parks Committee from Councillor Kyle Rae, Chair, Roundtable on Arts and Culture, requesting the Economic Development and Parks Committee to consider the following:

“The Mayor be requested to meet with the Prime Minister or his designate and the Premier of Ontario or his designate concerning the issues raised by the Members of the Roundtable on Arts and Culture, as outlined in the following submission dated July 22, 2004, from Mr. Brian Topp:

- (1) the issues raised regarding ‘Anywhere but Toronto’ policies by Ontario and Canadian governments:

for example:

- (a) Ontario ‘regional bonus’ tax policies (film);
- (b) Canadian Television Fund ‘regional bonus’ grant policies (film);
- (c) Toronto implications of employee status for performers; and
- (d) Similar policies by other agencies. City should ask for a joint Toronto Ontario and joint a Toronto-Federal government working group to review and consider ‘Anywhere but Toronto’ cultural policies; and

- (2) the film issues raised at the Roundtable meeting on July 22, 2004, i.e.:

- (a) Toronto: Resources and placement of Film Office; development of new studio; need for integration of Toronto-based film and culture policies;
- (b) Ontario: Tax non-competitiveness; regional bonuses; and
- (c) Canada: Canada CRTC 1999 broadcast policy; CTF fundraising and regional bonuses; telefilm 'Go USA' policy; foreign ownership of broadcasters."

3. Don Valley Brick Works - Memorandum of Understanding with Evergreen (Ward 29 Toronto-Danforth)

(Deputation)

Report to follow.

4. Harmonized Permit Allocation Policy and Permit Rates Framework (All Wards)

(Deputation)

Report (August 24, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, responding to the request for further information on the Permit Allocation Policy, and outlining a set of proposed principles and a framework for the development of a permit rate policy that will provide options for harmonized permit fees across the City.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Permit Allocation Policy, as outlined in Attachment 1, be adopted;
- (2) the Phase-in Process of the Permit Allocation Policy, as outlined in Attachment 2, be adopted;
- (3) the Permit Allocation Policy Appeals Process, as outlined in Attachment 3, be adopted;
- (4) the guiding principles of consistency, clarity, gradual transition, rates gauged to facility types and quality, access and equity, and reflective of Council and City priorities to guide the development of harmonized permit rates, be approved;
- (5) the proposed permit rate framework based on a revenue neutral scenario, be approved;
- (6) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting in November 2004 on options for specific rates for each category of facility usage, financial implications of the proposed rate structures, and associated implementation timelines and strategies; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. Recreation Facilities Report (All Wards)

(Presentation)

Report (August 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, presenting the Recreation Facilities Report which outlines directions for the planning and provision of the City's recreation facilities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

Aquatics

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report on an indoor pool provision strategy to the Economic Development and Parks Committee by year end of 2004;
- (2) the City not provide additional outdoor pools;
- (3) the City assess the need and viability of outdoor pools that require major investments to allow them to remain operational in light of pool requirements, including options for replacement with other facilities;

Community Centres

- (4) the City include the following areas as community centre projects in its capital plan for 2005-2009 in order of priority:
 - (a) York;
 - (b) Thorncliffe;
 - (c) North-east Scarborough
 - (d) Edithvale/North York Centre;
 - (e) Western North York;
 - (f) Victoria Village/O'Connor-Parkview; and
 - (g) Parkdale;
- (5) the City include the following areas as community centre projects in its capital plan for 2010-2014 in the approximate order of priority:
 - (a) Scarborough City Centre;
 - (b) Sheppard Corridor, Bayview to Don Mills;
 - (e) Sheppard Corridor, Don Mills to McCowan;
 - (f) Etobicoke City Centre;
 - (g) North Rexdale;
 - (h) Railway Lands; and
 - (i) Central Waterfront;
- (6) the City confirm and secure sites for proposed community centre facilities;
- (7) the City identify partnership opportunities for the development of community centre facilities, including joint-use facilities;

Ice Facilities

- (8) the City develop a long-term strategy for the City's provision of indoor ice, to be initiated in 2004 and completed in early 2005;
- (9) the City continue research into the use and role of outdoor artificial ice rinks as part of the City's supply of artificial ice facilities;
- (10) the City assess the need for and viability of outdoor artificial ice rinks where major investment is required to remain operational;
- (11) for any additional or replacement outdoor artificial ice facilities, the City consider low provision areas a priority and any such facilities focus on designs that emphasize pleasure skating;

Skateboarding

- (12) the City continue to monitor current trends, popularity of skateboarding, user profiles and satisfaction levels for Toronto's existing skateparks;
- (13) the City engage the skateboarding community through workshops, open houses, website or other venues to determine needs, quantify the extent of support and identify focus areas in the City for facilities;
- (14) the City focus on development of skateparks at the district and City-wide level to provide a limited number of higher quality facilities in the 2005-2009 timeframe, based on
 - (a) one City-wide facility (e.g. proposed facility on Ashbridge's Bay treatment plant lands); and
 - (b) minimum of three additional district level facilities (locations to be determined with respect to other facilities, potential locations currently identified include South Etobicoke and Exhibition Place);
- (15) the City consider other smaller skateboard facilities as opportunities arise (e.g. new park at Wychwood car barns site);;
- (16) the City monitor the use of skateboard facilities and demand over time to adjust the program of facility provision;

Specialized Sports - Bocce

- (17) the City monitor participation in bocce and potential facility requirements;

Specialized Sports - Golf

- (18) the City consider acquisition of existing golf courses for additional public golf or greenspace purposes if they become available for acquisition;
- (19) the City consider opportunities for land acquisition for public golf in north-east Scarborough;

Specialized Sports - Skiing and Snowboarding

- (20) the City pursue phased facility improvements at Centennial Park and Earl Bales Park ski facilities to improve service and attract users;

Sports Fields - Overview

- (21) the City monitor sports field use to improve understanding of current and future demands and ensure efficient allocation of sports fields;
- (22) the City pursue conversion of underused sports field to accommodate facilities that are in greater demand;
- (23) the City employ a range of design and development options that can increase sports field capacity, including lighting and artificial turf;
- (24) the City pursue partnership opportunities for provision of more sports fields;

Soccer

- (25) the City increase provision of soccer fields across the City, especially in areas where current provision is low and population growth is expected;
- (26) the identified needs for soccer fields, estimated at 89 fields at present and an additional 77 by 2021, be addressed through a variety of means, including partnerships with school boards and other agencies (e.g., Hydro);

Ball Diamonds

- (27) the provision of additional ball diamonds be considered primarily in areas of new development to offer basic access to these facilities;
- (28) the City evaluate existing ball diamonds for potential conversion to other field types that are experiencing greater demand;

Multi-Purpose Fields

- (29) the City establish a network of "multi-purpose" sports fields, to accommodate uses such as soccer, rugby, field hockey, football, and Ultimate (disc football) as part of the City's sports field inventory;

- (30) the City pursue the designation or development of 31 "multi-purpose" sports fields as part of sports field planning and implementation on City lands or in conjunction with school boards or other partners;
- (31) the City consider the introduction of artificial turf surfaces as part of the network of "multi-purpose" sports fields to promote land use efficiency and operational savings;

Cricket

- (32) the City support the establishment of a competitive cricket facility at Parc Downsview Park;
- (33) the City work with existing cricket groups/leagues to ensure efficient allocation of existing facilities and identify opportunities for additional facilities over time as confirmed demand supports;

Tennis

- (34) the City pursue conversion of under-used and deteriorated tennis facilities to other uses (e.g., multi-purpose sports pads);
- (35) the City consider the provision of additional tennis courts in areas of development where tennis courts do not exist to provide basic access to these facilities;

Trails

- (36) the City improve and expand its trail system through the following key areas:
 - (a) identify and address gaps in trail systems along the waterfront and in river valleys;
 - (b) identify existing and potential municipal interests in Hydro and rail corridors with respect to trail uses;
 - (c) coordinate trail planning, land acquisition and trail development activities with other agencies and neighbouring municipalities;
 - (d) develop and implement a trail signage program in parks, including the provision of reference markers for emergency services; and
 - (e) address issues related to the environmental impact of hiking and mountain biking on informal trails and in natural areas;
- (37) the City upgrade the existing trail network to address state-of-good-repair and to achieve current standards such as those identified in the Toronto Bike Plan;
- (38) the City develop the CP-PS Lead and the CN Leaside Spur properties for trail purposes as priorities within the 2005-2009 timeframe;

- (39) the City develop an implementation program for the Rouge Park Trail Development and Management Plan in consultation with Rouge Park partner groups;
- (40) the Recreation Facilities Report (Attachment 1) be used by staff to inform and direct the planning process with respect to future capital budget submissions (five to 10 year), capital project development, studies and analysis, and future land acquisition with respect to recreation facilities; and
- (41) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. Business Improvement Area (BIA)
2003-2006 Boards of Management Additions and Deletions - Report 3
(All Wards)**

Report (August 9, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism seeking authority to replace existing members of various BIAs with new nominees and make the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council appoint new members and remove existing members to the Boards of Management for seven Business Improvement Areas (BIA), as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) Council amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas", to alter the number of members and the number required for quorum for the BIAs, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report;
- (3) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**7. Intention to Designate the Queens Quay Business Improvement Area (BIA)
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

Report (August 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the Queens Quay Harbourfront Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment No. 1 (Maps 1 to 4), be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (3) Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare a legal description of the area, as described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (2) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the legal description prepared by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area as described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**8. Intention to Designate the Korea Town Business Improvement Area (BIA)
(Wards 19 and 20 Trinity Spadina)**

Report (August 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the Korean Town Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment 1 (Maps

1 to 3), as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;

- (3) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare a legal description of the area, as described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the legal description prepared by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area as described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**9. Assembly Hall Advisory Committee Status
(Ward 6 - Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

Report (August 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, requesting a change to the status of the Assembly Hall Advisory Committee from a Council appointed advisory body to a community program advisory body to be appointed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Assembly Hall Advisory Committee be re-established as a community program advisory body to be appointed at the discretion of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
- (2) the revised Assembly Hall Advisory Committee Terms of Reference (Attachment 1) be approved; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**10. Request for Proposal 0613-04-0196 – Operating Food and Beverage Services at Historic Fort York for the Culture Division
(Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)**

Report (August 12, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, recommending the award of the Request For Proposal (RFP) for operating food and beverage services at Historic Fort

York for the period from the award date to October 31, 2011, for the Culture Division of the Economic Development Culture and Tourism Department.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the proposal submitted by en Ville Event Design & Catering, be accepted from the award date to October 31, 2011, with projected net revenues to the City over the seven-year period estimated at \$712,109.00;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to negotiate a contract with en Ville Event Design and Catering in form and content consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

11. Consolidation of By-laws Regarding Toronto Parks (City-wide)

Report (August 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the consolidation of by-laws for enforcement in Toronto parks and establishment of the corresponding municipal code.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the consolidation of by-laws regarding Toronto parks, as outlined in Appendix "A";
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to introduce to Council, a bill generally in the form of the by-law attached as Appendix "A";
- (3) a copy of this report be sent to the Works and the Planning and Transportation Committees for its information; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

12. Archaeological Master Plan - Interim Report (All Wards)

Communication (July 12, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that Etobicoke York Community Council on July 6, 2004 agreed with the recommendations contained in Clause 2 of Report 3 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, as adopted by City Council on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004.

12(a). Communication (July 12, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that North York Community Council on July 6, 2004, referred the following recommendations to the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) that the recommendations contained in Clause 2 of Report 3 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, as amended by City Council on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004, be endorsed, in addition to the Black Creek Area between Black Creek Village and Black Creek Ravine, and the Parsons Site located directly south of York University being considered in the Archaeological Master Plan; and
- (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to do an assessment of the Baby Point Site to include the possibility of extending the study area to include the entire village of Tiaiaagon.

13. Toronto Arts Council 2003 Annual Grants Report

Communication (July 12, 2004) from Jim Garrard, Executive Director, Toronto Arts Council, forwarding the Toronto Arts Council's 2003 Annual Grants Report, providing a summary of the financial performance and a report on granting activities for the period January 1 to December 31, 2003.

**14. Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP)
Applicant/Project 2, CATA Alliance - TechAction Toronto:
Translating Strategy into Action**

Communication (July 28, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, considered Clause 27, of Report 6 of The Policy and Finance Committee, and directed that the Economic Development and Parks Committee appoint a Committee Member to act as co-chair of the Information Communication Technology (ICT) Advisory Committee.

15. Council's Priorities for 2003-2006 Term

Communication (July 26, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, adopted a recommendation that the Budget Advisory Committee, Standing Committees, Departments and Agencies, Boards and Commissioner be guided by the priorities set out in Clause 4 of Report 6 of The Policy and Finance Committee during the 2005 and 2006 budget processes.

**16. Request of the Toronto Transit Commission to Waive Street Closure Fees
for Dragonfest and Taste of India Bazaar**

Communication (July 29, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding a Motion, adopted, as amended, by City Council on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004, for consideration of this issue.

“WHEREAS spring and summer reconstruction of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) tracks on Gerrard Street has had a negative impact on business operations of the Gerrard India BIA and the East Chinatown Business District; and

WHEREAS the three-week strike aggravated the already difficult situation and caused increased economic hardship; and

WHEREAS each business district has had to postpone their annual festivals to accommodate reconstruction; and

WHEREAS the ‘Dragonfest’ and ‘Taste of Gerrard India Bazaar’ are intending to draw much needed customers back onto Gerrard Street East;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT all Toronto Transit Commission related issues for Dragonfest, Taste of India Bazaar and Roncesvalles Harvest Festival be dealt with directly by the TTC at the request of the Ward Councillors;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, due to the recent three-week strike on the Gerrard Street East Reconstruction and the hardship for the BIAs, the City fees for Dragonfest and the Taste of India Bazaar be waived;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT a copy of this Motion also be referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for its consideration of this issue.”

17. Appointment of the Second City of Toronto Poet Laureate (All Wards)

(In-Camera - personal matter about an identifiable individual)

Report (August 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism requesting City Council to appoint the second City of Toronto Poet Laureate, and because the subject matter deals with personal matters about an identifiable individual, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussion be held In-camera.

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Communications/Reports

3. Don Valley Brick Works - Memorandum of Understanding with Evergreen Ward 29 Toronto -Danforth

(Deputation)

Report (September 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval of a Memorandum of Understanding with the Evergreen Environmental Foundation (“Evergreen”) chosen by Council as the preferred proponent to adaptively re-use, program and manage the historic structures at the Don Valley Brick Works.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Memorandum of Understanding between the City, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and the Evergreen Environmental Foundation, as set out in Appendix “A” to this report, be approved;
- (2) authority be granted to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Commissioner of Corporate Services to negotiate a lease agreement with Evergreen for a period of 21 years less a day, on the terms and conditions set out in the Memorandum of Understanding;
- (3) the City continue to work collaboratively with Evergreen and the TRCA and support Evergreen by recognizing the site as a civic priority with third party funding sources, in order to make the necessary transformation of the heritage resources at the Don Valley Brick Works site possible;

- (4) in order to anticipate the cost obligations contained in the Memorandum of Understanding, the City should commence forecasting these obligations in the City's five-year capital plan, specifically:
 - (a) the Culture Division should investigate, quantify and articulate the remaining site remediation issues and budget appropriate amounts in its capital budget;
 - (b) Works and Emergency Services should undertake an analysis of the access requirements of this site and the uses anticipated by the Evergreen proposal and account for the servicing requirements, including the cost of a signalized intersection on Bayview Avenue at the entrance of the site in its capital budget; and
 - (c) the Parks and Recreation Division, working in co-operation with the TRCA, should devise the appropriate trail connection to the Don Valley trail system and links to Todmorden Mills and include the cost of implementing the connections in its capital budget;

implementing these capital improvements on behalf of the City is contingent on Evergreen demonstrating their fundraising success and exercising their lease options as described in the MOU;

- (5) Evergreen be responsible to pay any property taxes assessed at the Don Valley Brick Works resulting from their adaptive reuse of the site;
- (6) Council give due consideration to the needs of the Don Valley Brick Works site to be serviced by public transit when considering the Don Valley Corridor Master Plan report; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.