
**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PARKS COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 10**

Date of Meeting: December 13, 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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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 Minutes - November 22, 2004

Presentations/Speakers - A Complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

10:00 a.m. Items 1, 2 3 and 4.

Communications/Reports:

1. 2005 Capital Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Presentation - Time: 10:30 a.m.)

Staff presentations on the 2005 Capital Budgets under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Culture
- Economic Development
- Parks and Recreation
- Tourism
- Yonge Dundas Square

2. 2005 Operating Budgets - Economic Development and Parks Committee

(Presentation - Time: 10:30 a.m.)

Staff presentations on the 2005 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Culture
- Economic Development
- Heritage Toronto
- Parks and Recreation
- Customer and Business Support
- Tourism
- Community Partnership and Investment Programs
- Yonge Dundas Square

- (NOTE:**
- (a) Budget Material for Items 1 and 2 will be distributed as soon as it is available;**
 - (b) Members of the Public wishing to speak on the Budgets will be heard on Monday, January 10, 2005, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Toronto City Hall; and**
 - (c) Members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee are respectfully requested to retain their copies of the 2005 Operating and Capital Budget material for the Budget meeting scheduled to be held on January 10, 2005.)**

3. International Air Transport Association and Air Transport Association of Canada

(Speakers - Deferred from October 7, 2004 meeting - Time: 10:00 a.m.)

Communication (September 30, 2004) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair, Economic Development and Parks Committee, forwarding joint letter from International Air Transport Association and Air Transport Association of Canada requesting the City to participate in the resolution of Pearson International Airport's cost structure, competitiveness and governance.

**3(a). Toronto Pearson International Airport
International Air Transport Association (IATA) and
Air Transport Association of Canada (ATAC)
(All Wards)**

Report (December 1, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing input into the development of a new National Airports Act and the federal government review of Crown rents it charges the Greater Toronto Airport Authority for the use of land and facilities at Toronto Pearson International Airport.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council request the federal government, through the Minister of Transport and Minister of Finance, to substantially reduce or eliminate the Crown rent for TPIA;
- (2) Council request the Minister of Transport to give consideration to the principles recommended by IATA and ATAC to ensure transparency and accountability of fee setting by airport authorities;
- (3) Council request the Minister of Transport to consult with the City of Toronto and other affected stakeholders, in regard to the development of a new or revised National Airports Act; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. Toronto Trail's Festival Update

(Speakers - Time: 10:15 a.m.)

Communication (November 24, 2004 from Tom Fiore, Principal, Toronto Trails Festival, to provide an update on the Toronto Trails Festival program.

**5. High Park, South Humber Park and Lambton Park
Proposed Prescribed Burns, Spring 2005
(Ward 13, Parkdale - High Park; Ward 5, Etobicoke -Lakeshore)**

Report (November 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, informing City Council that Urban Forestry Services staff are continuing their efforts to restore and maintain provincially rare black oak savannah/woodland

vegetation communities in High Park, South Humber and Lambton Park by implementing prescribed burning as a proven management tool.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City Forester, in conjunction with the Fire Chief/General Manager, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with the implementation of a Prescribed Burn in High Park, Lambton Park and South Humber Park in Spring 2005;
- (2) the City Forester consult with the two local Ward Councillors regarding preparation of appropriate communications for distribution to the local communities;
- (3) the City Forester consult with the Park Supervisors, Fire Services and Toronto Police Services regarding safety issues;
- (4) in future years, the City Forester, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with implementation of prescribed burns in appropriate areas following consultation with local Councillors; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**6. Crothers' Woods Natural Area Management Master Plan
(Ward 29 Toronto-Danforth)**

Report (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as directed, on the development of a Natural Area Management Master Plan for Crothers' Woods.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a Natural Area Management Master Plan for Crothers' Woods be developed, by the Parks and Recreation in consultation with all relevant user groups, ratepayers and environmental group representatives, to set out management requirements to mitigate human impacts on the natural environment, preserve its unique character, and improve its environmental health, conditional on the approval of the Capital Budget request under the Environmental Initiatives Section – Don Valley Trail

Management and Restoration included in the 2005 Parks and Recreation submission;

- (2) the funding request of \$100,000.00 for a Master Plan and subsequent work at Crothers' Woods, included in the \$750,000.00 EMT Recommended Parks and Recreation Capital Budget sub-project entitled "City Wide Environmental Initiatives 2005", be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2005 budget process; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

7. Intention to Designate the College West Business Improvement Area (Ward 18 Davenport and Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)

Report (November 24, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the College West Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 2) 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 2), 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 2), and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the poll results 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 2), 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.

8. Intention to Designate the West Queen West Business Improvement Area (Ward 18 Davenport and Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)

Report (November 24, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the West Queen West Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 5) 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 5), 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 5), and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the poll results 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 5), 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. Transition of Audit Costs from the City to Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) (All Wards)

Report (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommending that the City of Toronto continue to provide rebates to help offset the audit costs now incurred directly by BIAs for 2005 and 2006 and that such rebates end in 2007.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council continue to issue rebates to the BIA's to help offset audit costs for the fiscal years 2004 through 2006, to a maximum amount of \$50,000.00 per year, and that such funding continue to be included in the Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism operating budget;
- (2) City Council require BIAs to assume the full cost of auditing financial statements beginning in 2007, at the end of a three-year transition period; and
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration.

**10. Review of Toronto Arts Council Operations Funding
(All Wards)**

Report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the Toronto Arts Council operations funding based on an analysis of staffing ratios and pay scale benchmarks.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Arts Council (TAC) Operations budget be submitted, reviewed and considered consistent with all the other operating program budgets in the City;
- (2) the TAC consult with the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism on its annual Operations budget request before it is submitted to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer;
- (3) any further budget enhancement over the 2005 EMT Recommended Budget should be submitted as a business case to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for inclusion in the operating budget process;
- (4) the TAC consult with the Corporate Grants Team on the feasibility of TAC using the new corporate grants information system; and

- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

**11. Major Cultural Organizations
Culture Plan Budget Target (All Wards)**

Report (November 19, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the budget required to implement increased funding for the Major Cultural Organizations as approved in the Culture Plan.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

**12. Hospitality Workers Resource Centre Task Force
(All Wards)**

Report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the conclusions and recommendations reached by the Task Force which was established by City Council at its meeting on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004 to devise a long term plan for the Hospitality Workers Resource Centre as part of a broader labour force development strategy in this key sector of the Toronto economy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to consult further with key stakeholders in the tourism sector, organizations representing labour and labour development interests, and service providers at all three levels of government and the educational system, and report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the actions needed to advance the recommendations of “The Tourism and Hospitality Sector in Toronto: Toronto Labour Force Development Readiness Plan 4”, paying particular attention to the following:
 - (a) the needs of the recent immigrant and less well-educated segments of the workforce;
 - (b) the need for additional services for the Hospitality Sector workforce such as were set out in the Hospitality Workers and Resource Centre’s October 2004 proposal; and

- (c) the service delivery model that was provided by the Hospitality Workers Resource Centre;
- (2) City Council continue to guide and participate in the consultation process and the determination of actions needed to advance labour force development within the hospitality sector as the “Task Force on Hospitality Sector Labour Force Development”; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**13. Premier-Ranked Tourist Destination Framework
(All Wards)**

Report (November 26, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, providing information regarding the Premier-Ranked Tourist Destination Framework (PRTD).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council support the City's participation in the Premier-Ranked Tourist Destination Framework (PRTD) process subject to consideration of the financial implications to be determined as part of the 2005 Operating Budget process; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**14. Tourism Action Plan: Year One Implementation and
Year Two Directions (All Wards)**

Report (November 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting as requested on the progress made in 2003/2004 in implementing the Five-Year Tourism Action Plan, adopted by Council June 24, 25 and 26, 2003.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council reaffirm the validity of the Five-Year Tourism Action Plan as a guide for strengthening Toronto's tourism industry, and endorse the proposed directions for 2005 to 2007 such as are summarized in Attachment 3; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

15. Reporting of Financial and Non-Financial Results of City Programs to Committees and Council

Communication (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that the City Council at its meeting on October 26, 27 and 28, 2004, considered Clause 2, Report 8 of the Policy and Finance Committee and directed that commencing with the 2005 report year, Commissioners provide a year-end report of non-financial information to their appropriate Standing Committee, in order to provide information on how programs progressed during the year in terms of performance and achievements; and requested that during the upcoming budget cycle the Standing Committees establish, by program area, bench marks which could be measured for service delivery.

16. 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submission

Communication (November 25, 2004) from the Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on October 18, 2004 and November 15, 2004 recommended to the Economic Development and Parks Committee that:

- (1) \$1.5 million be budgeted in the Pathway Upgrades budget item in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Capital Budget, to enhance the Bikeway Network;
- (2) \$48,500.00 be budgeted in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Capital Budget, to allow for Bikeway Network Route Signs to be erected along the Don Trail, Humber Trail, Taylor Creek Trail and the Beltline Trail;
- (3) a staff position be created in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Operating Budget, to be responsible for planning the Bikeway Network Trails in the Parks system and co-ordinating the work of the Parks and Recreation Department in implementing the Bikeway Network;
- (4) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism prepare a report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee which:
 - (a) identifies and consolidates all budget line items, in both the Capital and Current Budgets, that relate to cycling issues, such as pathway maintenance/upgrades, parks signage, trails, etc.; and

- (b) reports on the feasibility of including all the cycling related issues as a single line item in the Capital and Current Budgets, to allow for easier tracking; and
- (5) it consider increasing the resources allocated in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Current Budget, for the delivery of the CAN-Bike Program through the Parks and Recreation Department.

17. Storage Space for Theatre Companies

Communication (November 24, 2004) from the Chair, Economic Development and Parks Committee, forwarding a communication (undated) from Elizabeth Block, requesting assistance in finding storage space for a group of community theatre groups and a response from Brenda Librecz, Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation.



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Communications/Reports:

**18. Improved Service to the Public through
Introduction of “3-1-1” (All Wards)**

Communication (December 6, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on November 30, December 1 and December 2, 2004, referred Clause 24 of Report 9 of The Administration Committee respecting Improved Service to the Public through the Introduction of “3-1-1”, back to the Administration Committee for further consideration; and also adopted the following:

That a Councillor-Staff Working Group be struck with respect to 3-1-1, consisting of the Chair of the e-City Committee, one additional member of the e-City Committee and one member of each Standing Committee to be appointed by the Standing Committees.