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Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 9

Monday, November 22, 2004

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, November 22, 2004, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:40 a.m. – 11:50 p.m.	2:05 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair	X	X
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice Chair	R	R
Councillor Maria Augimeri	X	X
Councillor Mike Feldman	R	R
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Peter Li Preti	X	X
Councillor Case Ootes	R	R
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Joe Mihevc
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Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on October 21, 2004 were confirmed.

9.1 Parks and Recreation Revenue Review - Status Report and Interim Findings related to the Welcome Policy (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following reports:

- (i) (September 29, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism providing a status report on the Revenue Review of the Parks and Recreation Services and on the interim findings related to the Welcome Policy that have implications on the achievement of budgeted revenue targets within the Parks and Recreation budget allocation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) an increase of \$2.5 million net to the Parks and Recreation Operating Budget, as a result of increased use of the Welcome Policy (unrealized revenues), be referred for consideration during the 2005 Budget process as an interim finding arising from one component of the overall revenue review;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, complete a comprehensive review of Parks and Recreation revenue types prior to the consideration of the 2006 budget;
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism ensure that the revenue review is undertaken in concert with 2005 report on User Fees for Children and Youth Programs (recommendation of Our Common Grounds – Strategic Plan) and also incorporates the User Fee, Welcome and Priority Centres Policies; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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- (ii) (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its October 7, 2004 meeting, on the Welcome Policy usage and unrealized revenues in the various recreation program categories.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Ann Fitzpatrick, Community Development Worker, Children's Aid Society, Toronto; and Kevin Gregory, Community Development Worker, Children's Aid Society, Scarborough, and filed a submission.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 1)

**9.2 "If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto" Report
Implications for Parks and Recreation (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following report and communication:

- (i) (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting, as requested by the Policy and Finance Committee at its July 8, 2004 meeting, on the Actions presented in the report "If Low Income Women of Colour Counted in Toronto" as it relates to Parks and Recreation.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for information.

- (ii) (July 8, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee, advising of the action taken by the Policy and Finance Committee on July 8, 2004.

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On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (a) received the report (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and directed that it be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for information; and
- (b) received the communication (July 8, 2004) from the Policy and Finance Committee.

(Policy and Finance; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - November 22, 2004)

(Report 8, Clause 17(a))

9.3 Result of an Expression of Interest for a Child Care Operator at Wellesley Community Centre and a License Agreement of the Child Care Centre Located Within the Wellesley Community Centre (Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following report and communication:

- (i) (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, outlining the results of the expression of interest process used to determine the child care operator for the Wellesley Child Care Centre and seeking authority to negotiate and enter into a license agreement for the child care centre with the proposed operator.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a license agreement with The Child Development Institute be approved for a five-year term, with the Tenant having the option to renew the license agreement for an additional term of five years, at a nominal rent and in accordance with the terms and conditions set out in the body of this report, as described in the proposed terms and conditions attached as Appendix "A", and on such other terms and conditions as may be satisfactory to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor;

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- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism shall administer and manage the license agreement including the provision of any consents, approvals, notices and notices of termination provided that the Commissioner may, at any time, refer consideration of such matter (including their content) to City Council for its determination and direction;
 - (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction on behalf of the City, including amending the commencement date of the license agreement to such earlier or later date as she considers reasonable; and
 - (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (November 10, 2004) from the Community Services Committee, advising that the Community Services Committee on November 10, 2004, recommended to the Economic Development and Parks Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report and received the communication.

(Report 8, Clause 2)

**9.4 Relocation, Restoration and Adaptive Reuse of the
Mimico Railway Station Request for Proposal 9155-04-7292
(Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 21, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising on the results of Request for Proposal (RFP) 9155-04-7292 for the relocation, restoration and adaptive reuse of the Mimico Railway Station (Station).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to negotiate and execute a License Agreement with Mimico Station Community Organization/Rotary Club of Etobicoke, the highest scoring Proponent, for a 20 year term commencing January 1, 2005, in a form and content, consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the City accept the donation of the Station from Renato Silva, the owner of 15 Judson Street, on which the station is currently located; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 3)

**9.5 Professional Services for the Operation of Beach Volleyball in
Ashbridge's Bay Park and Woodbine Beach Park
Request for Proposal 9155-04-7198
(Ward 32 Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 26, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising on the results of Request for Proposal (RFP) 9155-04-7198 for professional services to operate beach volleyball in Ashbridge's Bay Park and Woodbine Beach Park.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to negotiate and enter into a five-year seasonal License Agreement commencing May 1, 2005 and ending September 30, 2009, with Toronto East Sport and Social Club Inc., the highest overall scoring Proponent meeting the requirements for the operation of beach volleyball in Ashbridge's Bay Park and Woodbine Beach Park, with an option to renew the License Agreement for an additional five-year term;
- (2) the option to renew the License Agreement for the additional five-year term be exercised for the period May 1, 2010 to September 30, 2014, under the same terms and conditions, to be reviewed by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism in co-operation with the City Solicitor and

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Purchasing Agent, provided the previous term of the License Agreement was performed satisfactorily, to ensure it is feasible to extend the License Agreement;

- (3) provided that there is favourable review in accordance with Recommendation (2), the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be delegated authority to exercise the option to renew the contract for the additional five-year period on the terms and conditions set out above, and be authorized to instruct the Purchasing Agent to process the necessary contract; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Josh Gluskin, Sport on Sand Inc., operating as Beachblast, and filed a submission;
- John May;
- John Morrison, President; Toronto East Sports and Social Club; and
- Mark Reilly, Toronto East Sports and Social Club.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 4)

**9.6 Centennial Park Snow Centre - Service Improvement Initiative
(Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on service improvement initiatives and recommending funding for initial state of good repair improvements at the Centennial Park Snow Centre in the 2005 Capital Budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the development concept and actual physical improvements at Centennial Park Snow Centre to support the state of good repair request be approved in principle;

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- (2) the Centennial Ski Centre sub-project (ORC 105) in the 2005 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget request of \$300,000.00 be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2005 budget process;
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in the Spring of 2006 on ongoing service improvement efforts; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 5)

**9.7 Toronto Emergency Medical Services
Response to Calls from Park Areas (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 18, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the feasibility of developing a plan to provide route geo-location identification and a signage system in the City's parkland system, in order for Emergency Services (Ambulance, Fire, Police) vehicles to respond to emergency calls in a timely manner.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a working group from Works and Emergency Services (WES), Economic Development, Culture and Tourism (EDCT), Toronto Emergency Medical Services (TEMS), Toronto Police Services (TPS) and Toronto Fire Services (TFS) be formed to develop a comprehensive plan to provide route geo-location identification safety posts within the parks and recreation trail system; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 6)

9.8 Proposed Amendment of the Lease Agreement between the City of Toronto and Storefront Humber Inc. for use of Premises, known as 2445 Lakeshore Boulevard West (Ward 6 Etobicoke Lakeshore)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 28, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval to amend the Lease Agreement with Storefront Humber Inc. for the extension of the Lease Agreement for the use of 2445 Lakeshore Boulevard West and for the approval of an addition to the third floor of the premises.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the term of the Lease Agreement with Storefront Humber Inc., for the use of the property known as 2445 Lakeshore Boulevard West, be amended from 11 years to 20 years, commencing on June 1, 1996 and expiring on May 31, 2016;
- (2) the Lease Agreement, dated May 28, 1996, be amended to allow for the construction of an addition to the existing third floor, subject to the approval of all plans by the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
- (3) the City enter into a construction agreement with Storefront Humber Inc, satisfactory to the City Solicitor and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and must be entered into prior to the commencement of any construction; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 7)

**9.9 Taddle Creek Park - Park Improvement Plan and Fundraising Activities
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, seeking Council endorsement of fundraising activities by the local community for improvements to Taddle Creek Park, for authority to issue income tax receipts for cash donations made to the City towards such improvements, to establish an account to hold the revenues received, and to initiate detailed design and a Phase I park improvements from funds received.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council establish a reserve fund called the "Taddle Creek Park Reserve Fund", to be utilized to undertake park planning and various park improvements at Taddle Creek Park;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the "Taddle Creek Park Reserve Fund" to Schedule '9';
- (3) the first \$15,000.00 received in the fund be directed to an account for Taddle Creek Park in order to retain consultants to finalize the park improvement plan, and to develop presentation and working drawings in order to further fundraising efforts;
- (4) subsequent donated funds raised be directed to the account for "Taddle Creek Park" to be used to undertake park improvements, as identified in the park improvement plan, in \$100,000.00 for Phase I improvements, and \$50,000.00 increments as accumulated;
- (5) the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be directed to issue income tax receipts for eligible cash donations made to the City for improvements to Taddle Creek Park, in accordance with City policy respecting the issuance of income tax receipts;
- (6) that staff continue to work with the community surrounding Taddle Creek Park and other stakeholders to develop detailed designs and a phasing strategy; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

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On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Policy and Finance; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Chief Finance Officer and Treasurer - November 22, 2004)

(Report 8, Clause 17(b))

9.10 Amend 2004 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget to Provide for Work at Ted Reeve Arena (S.37 Funds) (Ward 32 Beaches-East York)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 27, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval to increase the 2004 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget by \$60,000.00 gross, zero net through adding a sub-project entitled "Ted Reeve Arena ER Meeting Room" funded from S. 37 funds.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2004 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget be increased by \$60,000.00 gross, and zero net through addition of a sub-project entitled "Ted Reeve Arena ER Meeting Room" funded from S.37 funds;
- (2) a new sub-project in the amount of \$44,217.00 gross, zero net for the completion of the meeting room/lounge area renovations at Ted Reeve Arena funded by S.37 funding be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration as a net zero addition to the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget during the 2005 budget process;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Policy and Finance; c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism - November 22, 2004)

(Report 8, Clause 17(c))

9.11 Appointment of Beaches BIA Board of Management and Additions/Deletions to Existing BIA Boards of Management (Various Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 19, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, seeking approval to appoint a Board of Management for the newly-established Beaches Business Improvement Area; replace existing members of various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management with new nominees; and to make the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council appoint the Board of Management for the recently-established Beaches BIA, as set out in Attachment 1 to this report, for the remainder of the 2003-2006 term;
- (2) Council appoint new members and remove existing members to the Boards of Management for four Business Improvement Areas (BIA), as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (3) Council amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas," to alter the number of BIA board members, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report;
- (4) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 8)

**9.12 Canadian National Exhibition Association (“CNEA”)
Appointments to The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (October 14, 2004) from the General Manager and CEO, Exhibition Place, seeking approval of the Canadian National Exhibition Association appointments to the Board of Governors of Exhibition Place.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Debbie Woodman (Honourary President), Knox Henry (First Vice-President) and Andre Tellier (Second Vice-President) be appointed to The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place for a term of office expiring on the date of the CNEA Annual Meeting of the Association in the fall of 2005, on October 27, 2005, or until their successors are duly appointed; and
- (2) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that:

- (1) Debbie Woodman (Honourary President), Knox Henry (First Vice-President) and Andre Tellier (Second Vice-President) be appointed to The Board of Governors of Exhibition Place for a term of office expiring on the date of the CNEA Annual Meeting of the Association in the Fall of 2005, on October 27, 2005, or until their successors are duly appointed; and
- (2) the appropriate Exhibition Place officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Report 8, Clause 9)

**9.13 Toronto Centre for the Arts Operations and Governance
(Ward 23 - Willowdale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (November 10, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending an operating and governance model for the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council authorize the Nominating Panel for the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors to commence the process for the recruitment of citizen nominees to the TCA Board;
- (2) the appointment of citizen members to the TCA Board of Directors follow Type 4 – Nomination by Invitation, as outlined in the Council approved policy for citizen nominations to City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations;
- (3) the Nominating Panel for citizen appointments to the TCA Board of Directors be comprised of the members of the Toronto Centre for the Arts Advisory Committee, the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and the Executive Director of Culture;
- (4) the composition of the TCA Board of Directors be amended so that of the 12 members of the Board, up to five may be Members of Council and the remainder shall be citizen members with at least three representatives of the business community and at least three representatives of the arts and culture community;
- (5) the policy for citizen nominations to City Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations be amended to replace S47 to the policy with the Agency Profile included in Attachment No. 1;
- (6) the TCA Board of Directors be requested, once it is in place, to enhance the operations of the Toronto Centre for the Arts by:
 - (a) increasing the usage of the Main Stage;
 - (b) securing a long-term resident cultural client who will sign a multi-year rental and cost-sharing agreement for one of the facilities in the TCA excluding the Weston Recital Hall; and

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- (c) securing a long-term naming agreement for the Toronto Centre for the Arts for the facility in whole or in part;
- (7) the TCA Board of Directors be requested, once it is in place, to explore the opportunities for joint operations with the Board of Directors of the Hummingbird Centre for the Performing Arts; and
- (8) 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.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 10)

Councillor Rae moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee meet privately to discuss the matter of Boards of Management for the Upper Village (Toronto) and Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Areas, having regard that the subject matter relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals, in accordance with the *Municipal Act*, which was carried.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recessed at 2:43 p.m. to meet in-camera.

9.14 Boards of Management for the Upper Village (Toronto) and Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Areas (BIAS) (Ward 21 St. Paul's)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its private meeting at 2:55 p.m. and immediately reconvened in public session with the following Members in attendance:

Members Present:

Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Suzan Hall
Councillor Peter Li Preti
Councillor Kyle Rae

Also Present:

Councillor Joe Mihevc

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The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, respecting Boards of Management for the Upper Village (Toronto) and Upper Village (York) Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) (Ward 21).

The following persons appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Alex Ling, Past Chair, Bloor West Village BIA, and filed a submission;
- Joseph Alberga, The Photographer Studios;
- Sheldon Kates, and filed a submission;
- Dr. George Milne;
- Gita Cale;
- Hans Van Ooijen;
- Mary Liao;
- Hei Young Hur;
- Steven Petroff; and
- Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21 St. Paul's.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the confidential report; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to:
 - (a) give consideration to amalgamating the Upper Village (Toronto) BIA and the Upper Village (York) BIA and report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
 - (b) communicate to the members of the Upper Village (York) and Upper Village (Toronto) Business Improvement Areas immediately after the City Council meeting explaining Council's decision.

(Report 8, Clause 11)

**9.15 Humanitas: Feasibility Study for a
New Cultural Attraction on Toronto's Waterfront
(Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on the results of the feasibility study for a new cultural attraction on Toronto's waterfront.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council endorse the concept for the Humanitas cultural attraction, a forum for civic engagement, story telling and dialogue about the realities, challenges and pleasures of our urban experience and humanity's aspirations for the future of cities; Humanitas will inspire people to build and sustain liveable cities;
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism move forward with the projects next steps, including stakeholder consultation on:
 - (i) governance leadership and fundraising;
 - (ii) production of a foundation document that will inform exhibit design, collections development, and outline main narrative transition points and connection themes; and
 - (iii) site finalisation, preparation and building design;
- (3) the Word Mark "Humanitas" be adopted and used as an official mark of the City of Toronto, and the City Solicitor be directed to request the Registrar of Trade-Marks to give public notice of its adoption and use; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee received a presentation by David Crombie and Culture staff.

Carl Thorpe, Executive Director, Multicultural History Society of Ontario, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report; and
- (2) received a presentation by David Crombie and Culture Staff.

(Report 8, Clause 12)

**9.16 Policy for Outdoor Community Tennis Club Operations (Interim)
(Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (November 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, on the implementation of a proposed policy for public tennis clubs across the new City of Toronto for the 2005 season.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Harmonized Tennis Club Policy (Attachment 1) be adopted as an interim policy for the 2005 season (one-year);
- (2) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report back in Fall 2005 on results of year one of implementation and recommend a fee schedule for 2006-08;
- (3) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to begin the implementation process immediately working with the Regional Tennis Organizations to ensure the policy is fully operational for the 2005 season; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto

David Davies, President, Kew Gardens Tennis Club, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Li Preti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 13)

**9.17 Private Tree By-law Resource Implications of the Accelerated Effective Date
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (November 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting as requested on the resource implications of the accelerated effective date of the Private Tree By-law.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the revised 2005 Parks and Recreation Operating Budget new request for implementation of the Harmonized Private Tree By-law of \$126,152.00 net, consisting of \$431,130.00 in expenditures and a revenue estimate of \$304,978.00, be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2005 budget process; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 14)

**9.18 Urban Forestry Services Backlog
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (November 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting as requested by Council on September 28, 29, 30, 2004, on the current backlog of tree maintenance and a strategy to eliminate the backlog.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Hall the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report.

(Report 8, Clause 17(d))

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**9.19 2005 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets
Report 1 (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (October 18, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, forwarding the Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIAs.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2005 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2005 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2005 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Beaches	139,000.00	110,000.00
Bloorcourt Village	97,010.00	77,000.00
Bloor-Yorkville	1,913,242.00	1,434,857.00
Church-Wellesley Village	279,891.00	271,600.00
Corso Italia	217,157.00	210,612.00
The Danforth	147,921.00	120,079.00
Dovercourt Village	11,797.00	6,797.00
Eglinton Hill	56,412.00	51,115.00
Eglinton Way	248,082.00	233,757.00
Emery Village	606,357.00	606,357.00
Forest Hill Village	78,362.00	74,927.00
Gerrard India Bazaar	159,088.00	119,130.00
Greektown on the Danforth	415,040.00	410,388.00
Hillcrest Village	46,553.00	34,148.00
Junction Gardens	432,301.00	303,726.00
Kennedy Road	254,033.00	247,500.00
Knob Hill Plaza	25,644.00	21,110.00
Lakeshore Village	71,641.00	48,741.00
Parkdale Village	258,589.00	245,293.00
Riverside (formerly Queen-Broadview Village)	157,780.00	71,500.00
Roncesvalles Village	149,041.00	114,250.00
St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood	217,109.00	72,786.00
Weston	151,378.00	66,128.00

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Wexford Heights	183,205.00	183,205.00
Yonge-Lawrence Village	175,155.00	160,873.00

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for its information;
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report.

(Report 8, Clause 15)

9.20 Communication from Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister Responsible for Status of Women

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (November 16, 2004) addressed to Councillor Brian Ashton, from the Office of the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister Responsible for Status of Women, advising that the Minister is unable to meet with Councillor Ashton at this time and suggesting that Councillor Ashton schedule a meeting with the Special Assistant (Ontario) to discuss the issues raised.

Councillor Ashton appointed Councillor Augimeri Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee forwarded the communication to the Mayor and requested him to speak with the Prime Minister directly concerning the lack of response to the Chair's request for a meeting with the Minister of Canadian Heritage and Minister Responsible for the Status of Women.

Councillor Ashton resumed the Chair.

(Report 8, Clause 17(e))

9.21 Developing a Reciprocal Agreement with the Toronto Catholic District School Board for Exchange of Services

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (November 22, 2004) from Councillor Maria Augimeri, Ward 9 York Centre:

On November 11, 2004, I gave a deputation at the Toronto Catholic District School Board, asking for a reciprocal agreement, much like what the former City of North York had with the former Metro Separate School Board—whereby the City gives ice time during the regular school day, at no cost, and the TCDSB, in turn, offers the City access to run Parks and Recreation programs out of their schools for summer camps.

The TCDSB voted unanimously for my suggested motion to instruct their staff to negotiate the feasibility of re-establishing such an agreement with the City.

At this time, I propose to move the following motion (November 22, 2004):

“that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be directed to meet with officials from the Toronto Catholic District School Board to examine opportunities for the development of an exchange of services agreement for the use of City of Toronto Skating Facilities and TCDSB School facilities to the mutual benefit of the community and both organizations; and report thereon directly to the City Council Meeting of November 30, 2004, with recommendations on how to accomplish this agreement for immediate implementation, including any financial or operational implications”.

I thank you for your consideration of this matter.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) submitted this matter to City Council without recommendation;
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:
 - (a) to meet with officials from the Toronto Catholic District School Board to examine opportunities for the development of an exchange of services agreement for the use of City of Toronto Skating Facilities and TCDSB School facilities to the mutual benefit of the community and both organizations;

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- (b) to report directly to the City Council meeting of November 30, 2004, with recommendations on how to accomplish this agreement for immediate implementation, including any financial or operational implications; and
- (c) to make arrangements to open the skating rinks immediately after approval by City Council.

(Report 8, Clause 16)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:00 p.m.

Chair