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Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 6

Monday, July 4, 2005

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, July 4, 2005, 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. – 12:50 p.m.
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Vice Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	R
Councillor Mark Grimes	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Also Present:

Councillor Mike Feldman	Councillor Jane Pitfield
Councillor Peter Milczyn	Councillor Sylvia Watson
Councillor Frances Nunziata	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meetings held on May 7 and 30, 2005 were confirmed.

6.1 The Toronto Industry Network

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (May 19, 2005) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Ward 36 - Scarborough Southwest, forwarding the communication (May 11, 2005) from P. H. Scrivener, The Toronto Industry Network, requesting an opportunity to appear before the Committee, regarding the need for early consultation with the Industry respecting changes to policy and other matters affecting manufacturing in Toronto.

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

- Marion Axmith, Chair, The Toronto Industry Network;
- P. H. Scrivener, The Toronto Industry Network;
- Councillor Frances Nunziata, Ward 11 – York South-Weston; and
- Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 – Don Valley West.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the Deputy City Manager to report to the last meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee in 2005, on a general protocol on co-ordinating involvement between various divisions, and a general protocol with the industry and the public; and that members of the public be allowed to address the Committee at that time.

(P. H. Scrivener, The Toronto Industry Network - July 11, 2004)

(Report 7, Clause 22(a))

**6.2 Application by Cityscape Holdings Inc. and
Dundee Distillery District (GP) Inc. for a
"Tourist Area" Exemption for The Distillery Historic District
from the *Retail Business Holidays Act*
(Ward 28 - Toronto Center-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking City Council approval of a By-law to permit retail businesses within The Distillery Historic District to remain open on holidays identified in the *Retail Business Holidays Act* for the maintenance and development of tourism.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council enact a by-law, to be prepared by the City Solicitor, to permit retail businesses within The Distillery Historic District as detailed in the application submitted June 1, 2005 to open on holidays identified in the *Retail Business Holidays Act* commencing with the September 5, 2005 Labour Day Holiday;
- (2) City Council authorize the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture to recover advertising and any other associated costs incurred by the City respecting the application from Cityscape Holdings Inc. and Dundee Distillery District (GP) Inc.; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Notice of the proposed by-law was given in accordance with the *Retail Business Holidays Act*.

Mary Jane Thomson, Senior Property Manager, The Distillery Historic District, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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 (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 7, Clause 1)

**6.3 Event Enhancement Strategy
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking approval for the Event Enhancement Strategic Directions derived from the Council approved Tourism Action Plan developed by Tourism - Toronto Special Events in consultation with festival and event industry stakeholders.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Tourism Event Enhancement Strategic Directions contained in Attachment 1 be adopted;
- (2) the Deputy City Manager report to the October 24, 2005 Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on an implementation plan with associated costs for the recommendations contained in Attachment 1;
- (3) the Deputy City Manager work with the Chief Financial Officer and other Divisions to review all City fees and costs charged to festival and event organizers and report prior to Council consideration of the 2006 budget process;
- (4) the Deputy City Manager report back to the October 24, 2005 Economic Development and Parks Committee on future plans for the Celebrate Toronto Street Festival; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager;
- (2) a clear definition be determined of the difference between larger event co-ordinators and community groups;
- (3) the review be completed and the report submitted to the October 17, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and

- (4) in the interim, all existing practices for support of all events be maintained until the Deputy City Manager's report is submitted to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and approved by Council.

(Report 7, Clause 2)

**6.4 A Focused Revitalization Program in Support of
Toronto's Employment Districts and Employment Areas
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (May 27, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting on operational changes to the Employment Revitalization (ER) Program in order to provide more effective and focussed support to Toronto's Employment Districts and Employment Areas as set out in the City's Official Plan.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council endorse modifications to the Employment Revitalization (ER) Program which focus future capital resources on Employment Districts as set out in the City's Official Plan (Map 1) and other employment lands subject to the area selection criteria described in this report;
- (2) City Council endorse modifications to the Commercial Façade Improvement Program which redirects future funding to Business Improvement Areas;
- (3) that the Executive Director of Economic Development report as part of the 2006 budget process on the criteria, implementation schedule, and Program budget requirements for a revised ER Program and BIA Commercial Façade Improvement Program to ensure an effective Program within the City's affordability guidelines;
- (4) the Executive Director of Economic Development, in consultation with the Chief Planner, report on the best mechanism to implement a Commercial Façade Improvement Program for the City's Business Improvement Areas; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Alex Ling, Past President and John Wakulat, President, Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA), appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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 (May 27, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 7 – Clause 3)

**6.5 Public Art Project at 339 Queens Quay West
- Technical Amendment
(Ward 20 - Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking City Council authority for direct administration by the Culture Division of the public art component associated with 339 Queens Quay West.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the public art budget of \$160,000.00+GST be separated from the overall project budget for 339 Queens Quay West and be administered by the Culture Division with both the artist and art consultant contracted directly by the City of Toronto;
- (2) authority be granted to enter into any necessary agreements to complete the public art project; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 7, Clause 4)

**6.6 Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP)
and the Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI) - Appeals Report
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting, as requested, on referred appeals regarding the 2005 Economic Development Sectors Initiatives Program (EDSIP).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Bata Shoe Museum be allocated an additional \$7,265.00 from the Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) appeal fund;
- (2) the McLuhan Global Network Conferences be allocated an additional \$2,735.00 from the Economic Development Sector Initiatives Program (EDSIP) appeal fund;
- (3) the McLuhan Global Network Conferences be allocated an additional \$2,000.00 from the Commercial Research Grant Program appeal fund; 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 that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 14, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 7, Clause 5)

**6.7 Toronto Arts Council 2005 First Quarter Report
(All Wards)**

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

- (i) (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, providing comments from staff, on revenues and expenditures reported to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, submitted by the Toronto Arts Council for the quarter year covering January 1 to March 31, 2005 inclusive.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report and the 2005 First Quarter Report submitted by the Toronto Arts Council be received for information.

- (ii) (May 10, 2005) from the Toronto Arts Council, reporting on the period January 1 to March 31, 2005.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (June 6, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and communication (May 10, 2005) from the Toronto Arts Council.

(Report 7, Clause 22(b))

**6.8 Ongoing Care, Maintenance and Enhancement of the
Katyn Monument, Toronto**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following communications:

- (i) (May 20, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the Motion by Councillor Milczyn, which City Council at its meeting on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005, referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

“WHEREAS the Katyn Monument on Roncesvalles Avenue, at the intersection of King Street, was erected and dedicated in 1980 and was the first in the world on public property; and

WHEREAS the Katyn Monument is in remembrance of the Polish prisoners of war, including over 20,000 Polish officers who were executed in 1940 from camps in the former USSR at Kozelsk/ Ostashkov/Starobelsk. Of these, over four thousand were later discovered in mass graves at Katyn near Smolensk, murdered by the Soviet State Security Police; and

WHEREAS, although the monument is cleaned annually, the Polish community of Toronto has voiced their concerns that the lighting, security, flags and surrounding landscaping at this Toronto memorial are not being regularly maintained; and

WHEREAS Councillor Watson has co-ordinated, with City staff, the renewal of the area surrounding the Katyn Monument with new landscaping, as part of the City of Toronto’s Clean and Beautiful City initiative; and

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WHEREAS the Polish Community has expressed the desire to combine two adjoining areas at Roncesvalles Avenue and King Street, one containing the Katyn Monument and the other containing the Siberian monument commemorating the transportation of Polish citizens to Siberia and their deaths arising from this transportation, so as to create a Commemorative Square for the Polish Community;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct appropriate City staff to ensure that proper and ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the Katyn Monument is arranged for and scheduled on a regular basis, including the maintenance of the flags, lighting and landscaping;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Economic Development and Culture Division work with the Ward 14 Councillor, the Canadian Polish Congress National Office, the Canadian Polish Congress District Office, Polish Veterans, Polish Scouting, Canadian Polish Women's Foundation and other community groups to redesign and rebuild the area surrounding the Katyn and Siberian monuments, so as to create a Commemorative Square and focal point for gatherings of the Polish community.”; and

- (ii) (June 24, 2005) from Deputy Mayor and Toronto Tree Advocate Pantalone, requesting that the Chief Planner be directed to consult with the Toronto Transit Commission and report back to the Committee on the future right-of-way requirements for the Harbourfront West street car extension to the Queensway (in the area surrounding the Katyn and Siberian monuments) so as to determine what land is available for the proposed commemorative square while protecting for the development of this important transit link.

Councillor Sylvia Watson, Ward 14 - Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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

- (1) referred the Motion by Councillor Milczyn contained in the communication from City Council to the Deputy City Manager for report:

“That appropriate City staff be directed to ensure that proper and ongoing maintenance and cleaning of the Katyn Monument is arranged for and scheduled on a regular basis, including the maintenance of the flags, lighting and landscaping; and

That the Economic Development and Culture Division work with the Ward 14 Councillor, the Canadian Polish Congress National Office, the Canadian Polish Congress District Office, Polish Veterans, Polish Scouting, Canadian Polish Women's Foundation and other community groups to redesign and rebuild the area surrounding the Katyn and Siberian monuments, so as to create a Commemorative Square and focal point for gatherings of the Polish community.”; and

- (2) requested the Chief Planner and Executive Director to consult with the Toronto Transit Commission and report back to the Committee on the future right-of-way requirements for the Harbourfront West street car extension to the Queensway (in the area surrounding the Katyn and Siberian monuments) so as to determine what land is available for the proposed commemorative square while protecting for the development of this important transit link;

and that the requested reports be submitted to the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on September 12, 2005.

(Report 7, Clause 22(c))

**6.9 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Revenue Review - Phase II
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 21, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the revenue review of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation in consultation with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer as directed by City Council that a comprehensive review of revenue types be done prior to the consideration of the 2006 Budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation undertake Phase III of the Revenue Review that focuses on key revenue shortfall areas - recreation program offerings, golf, ferry, and concessions, leases and agreements for the purpose of developing remedial business strategies that include costing models, pricing thresholds and new revenue opportunities, as well as reflect the policy framework regarding user fees;

- (2) an adjustment of \$3.25 million to Parks, Forestry and Recreation's revenue budget to reflect revenue loss incurred as a result of Welcome Policy be considered during the program's 2006 Operating Budget deliberation;
- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, report back on an analysis on the administration and policies with regard to the Welcome Policy and priority centres;
- (4) Parks, Forestry and Recreation include an analysis of the status of the variance between the revenue budgets and actuals in the 2005 third quarter operating variance report;
- (5) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration;
- (6) 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 (June 21, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 7)

**6.10 Interim Report on Options for Free Recreation Programs
for Children and Youth
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 21, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an initial response to City Council's request to review options for free recreation programs for children and youth, and a process for consulting with the community and staff on preliminary options.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation consult with the community and staff on preliminary options for free recreation programs for children and youth, reporting back in spring 2006 with a final set of options for City Council's consideration; and

- (2) 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 (June 21, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 8)

**6.11 2005 Recreation Grants Program - Recommendations and Appeals
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 15, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing the recommended grant allocations for all community organizations that have applied for municipal support in the Recreation Grants Program for 2005 and for any applicant who appealed their recommendation and made a deputation at the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on May 30, 2005.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Minor Recreation Grant allocations totalling \$347,459.00 to 126 community organizations listed in Attachment 1 and described in Attachment 4 be approved;
- (2) Major Recreation Grant allocations totalling \$905,586.00 to 23 community organizations listed in Attachment 2 and described in Attachment 5, be approved;
- (3) Lawn Bowling Grant allocations totalling \$27,325.00 to nine lawn bowling clubs listed in Attachment 3 and described in Attachment 6, be approved;
- (4) Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend to Budget Advisory Committee that given the need within the Recreation Grants Program, an increase in Recreation Grants funding be considered during the 2006 Budget Process; and
- (5) 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 (June 15, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 9)

**6.12 2005 Community Festivals and Special Events Grants Program Appeals
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the recommended allocations for the community organizations who have appealed their grant recommendation and who have made a deputation at the May 30, 2005 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) appeal allocations totalling \$4,460.00 as listed in Attachment 1 and described in Attachment 2 be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 9, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 10)

**6.13 Contribution of a Portion of the Funds Required for the Construction of an Outdoor Sports Pad and Baseball Diamond on Property Owned by the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) - Rose Avenue Public School and Entering into an Agreement with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for the Shared Use of the Facility
(Ward 28 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking permission for the City to contribute funds for a portion of the costs required for the construction of a sports pad and a baseball diamond on property owned by the Toronto District School Board located at Rose Avenue Public School and to finalize a nominal sum license agreement with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for the shared use of the facility.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to execute a nominal sum License Agreement with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) for the shared use of the proposed sports facility in accordance with terms acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (2) City Council approve the contribution of \$60,000.00 towards the construction costs of the sports pad and \$100,000.00 towards the construction costs of the baseball diamond on property owned by the TDSB located at Rose Avenue Public School contingent on the City entering into a satisfactory shared use agreement with the TDSB for the use of the facility; and
- (3) 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 (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 11)

**6.14 Closure of the Chalkfarm Community Recreation Centre
- Relocation of Recreation Programs and Services
(Ward 7 - York West)**

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

- (i) (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, informing the Committee and City Council of the impact to the community with the closure of the Chalkfarm Community Recreation Centre, which is a Priority Centre offering free recreational programs, due to the current owner 2021349 Ontario Limited changing the original terms of the agreement from \$2.00 per year in rent to up to \$180,000.00 per year.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the annual impact of this relocation be considered during 2006 Operating Budget;
- (2) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff continue to negotiate with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board to determine if there is available space to provide some or all of the Recreation programs and services currently being provided at the Chalkfarm Community Recreation Centre site;
- (3) City Council express dissatisfaction with the current owner, 2021349 Ontario Limited for not complying with the 1974 agreement which requires the owner to provide a community centre for the use by the community at large and that the City Solicitor be authorized to take appropriate actions to compel the current owner to comply with the 1974 agreement;
- (4) a follow-up report to Council be provided outlining the services, programs, and cost requirements to provide a similar level of priority centre programs currently being offered at the Chalkfarm Community Recreation Centre site and be considered during 2006 Operating Budget process; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

- (ii) (June 29, 2005) from Ann Dembinski, President, CUPE Local 79, expressing concern regarding the closure of the Chalkfarm Community Recreation Centre and its effects on the local community.

David Kidd, Membership Secretary, CUPE Local 79, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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

- (1) submitted this matter to Council without recommendation;
- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to:
 - (a) meet with the current landlord and the Ward Councillor and report to Council on July 19, 2005, outlining key considerations; and
 - (b) continue discussions with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, in the interim, regarding provision of space and submit a status report to Council on July 19, 2005.

(Report 7, Clause 12)

6.15 Provincial Property Tax Pass-Through for Recreational Leases in Hydro Corridor Lands (City-Wide)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the review of financial impacts on Parks, Forestry and Recreation as a result of the recent changes made by the Province with regard to property tax pass-through for municipal uses in leased hydro corridor lands.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council request the Province to waive the requirement for the property tax pass-through payments by the City of Toronto on all existing leases that have or will be expired and will be renewed, provided that these leased Hydro Corridor segments are used for park and recreational purposes;
- (2) in the event that the Province does not agree to waive this requirement, the City negotiate municipal capital agreements with the Province for the use of hydro corridor lands for park and recreational purposes as a Municipal Capital Facility, under Section 110 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (3) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with appropriate City staff, be directed to enter into discussions with the Province in order to expedite the negotiation of agreements for the provision of hydro corridors as Municipal Capital Facilities, including all associated property tax benefits, as provided for under Section 110 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (4) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on the results of these discussions; and
- (5) 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 to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 20, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation - July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(d))

**6.16 Ways and Means to Improve Completion Rate for Capital Projects
(City-Wide)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on possible changes related to the completion of Parks, Forestry and Recreation capital projects, and ways and means to improve the completion rate for these projects.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26 - Don Valley West, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (June 14, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 22(e))

**6.17 Amend Dollar Amount of Blanket Contract 47008228
Quotation Request No. 1201-03-5086 for Electrical Services at
Various Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Facilities and Parks**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 15, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, requesting authority to increase the dollar amount of the City's blanket contract 47008228 by \$576,955.00.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City's blanket contract 47008228 with Kudlak-Baird (1982) Limited be increased by \$576,955.00 under the same price terms and conditions established for this contract through a competitive bidding process; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take any 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 (June 15, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 13)

**6.18 Proposed Construction and Management of a
Jewish War Memorial in Earl Bales Park
(Ward 10 – York Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking City Council approval to: (i) enter into a Construction Agreement and a Management Agreement with the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Region) for the construction and management of a Jewish War Memorial in Earl Bales Park; (ii) accept the donation of the Jewish War Memorial, upon completion, from the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Region); and (iii) establish a reserve fund to hold funds for the operation and maintenance of the War Memorial and grounds.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to negotiate and execute a Construction Agreement with the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Region) and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA), in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to be entered into prior to the commencement of any construction;
- (2) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to negotiate and execute a Management Agreement with the Jewish War Veterans of Canada (Toronto Region) and the TRCA, for the operation and management of the War Memorial, in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (3) the City accept the donation of the Jewish War Memorial upon completion of construction;
- (4) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “Jewish War Memorial Maintenance and Operation Reserve Fund”, to provide for the ongoing facility and grounds maintenance and operation of the War Memorial in Earl Bales Park;
- (5) Municipal Code Chapter 227 (Reserves and Reserve Funds) be amended by adding the “Jewish War Memorial Maintenance and Operation Reserve Fund” to Schedule 14 - Third Party Agreements Reserve Fund;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration;
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.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 9, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.
(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation - July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(f))

6.19 Education Campaign Respecting Tree Care and Maintenance

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 20, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the Motion by Councillor Bill Saundercook, which City Council at its meeting on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005, referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

“WHEREAS trees in our urban environment provide countless benefits, which include improving air quality, providing us with oxygen, moderating the air temperature, providing habitat for wildlife, protecting us from the sun’s rays, preventing soil erosion, and reducing noise pollution; and

WHEREAS the incident of the falling tree that occurred on June 7, 2005, on Beresford Avenue in Ward 13 served as a ‘wake up’ call to us all, and we observed the damage that a large tree can cause if it falls; and

WHEREAS the incident on Beresford Avenue fortunately did not result in any serious injuries; and

WHEREAS the City of Toronto is responsible for trees in public areas; and

WHEREAS property owners are responsible for trees on their own properties; and

WHEREAS property owners must be made aware that they need to monitor the health and safety of the trees on their private property; and

WHEREAS the most effective and accurate way of monitoring the health and safety of trees is to have them inspected by a professional, certified tree arborist;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, through a public education campaign, make property owners aware of their responsibilities as they relate to tree care, and that regular attention and maintenance is critical for their trees;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, as part of the education campaign, suggest that property owners be encouraged to have a professional tree arborist assess the health of all large trees on their property, every five to seven years, or five to ten years, depending on the type of tree;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, as part of the education campaign, make our residents aware that they can contact the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, should they suspect that a tree on someone else's property is overgrown and potentially unsafe, and the complaint will be investigated and appropriate action taken.”

Council also considered the Fiscal Impact Statement (June 15, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the motion by Councillor Saundercook to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for report to the Committee as soon as possible.

(Report 7, Clause 22(g))

6.20 Operation of Beverage Services for Cold Drink Vending Machines and Pouring Rights - Request for Proposal (RFP) 0604-05-0151 (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 16, 2005) from the Treasurer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, advising on the results of Request for Proposal (RFP) for the operation of beverage services for cold drink vending machines and pouring rights within the Parks, Forestry and Recreation facility locations, and requesting authority to negotiate and enter into a five-year License Agreement for the period from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010 with a three-year renewal option, for the period November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2013 with the recommended proponent.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) the Proposal submitted by The Pepsi Bottling Group is accepted from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010 with guaranteed and projected revenues to the City over the five-year period estimated at \$2,448,000.00. In addition the proponent will also provide non-cash community benefits over the five-year term from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010 for the youth soccer program, community and special events and a recycling program estimated at up to \$1,150,000.00;
- (2) authority be delegated to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and execute a License Agreement with The Pepsi Bottling Group in form and content, consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor for the period from November 1, 2005 to October 31, 2010 and be delegated to exercise the three-year option License Agreement with The Pepsi Bottling Group, under the same terms conditions, provided that the operation of beverage services were performed at a satisfactory level; and in the form and content, consistent with the RFP and acceptable to the City Solicitor for the period from November 1, 2010 to October 31, 2013; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- Michael Clarke, Area Vice-President, The Coca Cola Company; and
- George Harrison, The Pepsi Bottling Group.

- A. Councillor Walker moved that the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommend that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 16, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Carried)

(Carried on the following Recorded Vote:

**FOR: Councillors Augimeri, Grimes, Hall, Lindsay
Luby, Rae and Walker**

AGAINST: Councillor Mammoliti)

B. Councillor Mammoliti moved that:

(1) the Chief Financial Officer be requested to report on the City adopting a policy that when issuing an RFP, one of the criteria be that the proponents have their facilities in the City of Toronto and employ residents of the City of Toronto;

(Lost)

(2) a new RFP be issued, and that the 50 percent requirement be reduced to zero sugar content.

(Lost)

(Lost on the following Recorded Vote:

FOR: Councillor Mammoliti

AGAINST: Councillors Augimeri, Grimes, Hall, Lindsay Luby, Rae and Walker)

C. Councillor Walker moved that Councillor Mammoliti's second motion be referred to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for report.

(Lost)

(Lost on the following Recorded Vote:

FOR: Councillors Augimeri, Grimes and Walker

AGAINST: Councillors Hall, Lindsay Luby, Mammoliti and Rae)

(Report 7, Clause 14)

6.21 Cash-In-Lieu of Parklands

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (May 31, 2005) from Councillor Brian Ashton, Ward 36 - Scarborough Southwest, requesting staff to report on the current Cash-In-Lieu for Parklands policy and its impact on park development and implications.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Committee on Councillor Ashton's request as soon as possible.

(Report 7, Clause 22(h))

6.22 Designation of a Graffiti Art Area in the City of Toronto

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 20, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the Motion by Councillor Cliff Jenkins, which City Council at its meeting on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005, referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

“WHEREAS Graffiti culture is evolving in the City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS Graffiti art is frequently used as a method of communication and self expression for young artists; and

WHEREAS Graffiti art should not be confused with Gang Related/Vandalism Graffiti; and

WHEREAS the tragic death of Bardia Bryan Zargham, one of Toronto's prominent graffiti artists, otherwise known as Alfa, has increased awareness for the need for more outlets for young artists to legally channel their talents in a positive way and to promote individual self-development; and

WHEREAS many cities across the world have used graffiti in a positive way;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the General Manager of Economic Development and Culture and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, initiate a public consultation process, including the Toronto Police Service, youth, youth outreach workers, community youth organizations, and graffiti artists, to discuss and develop a plan with potential options and models for a Graffiti Art Area in order to provide opportunities for artists to express themselves in art;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, in consultation with the Economic Development and Culture and the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Divisions, be directed to report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee with the outcome of the public consultation process and with recommendations on potential options and models for a graffiti art area in the City of Toronto.”

Council also considered the Fiscal Impact Statement (June 15, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication (June 20, 2005) from the City Clerk.

(Report 7, Clause 22(i))

**6.23 Status Report: Toronto Parking Authority
Parking Operations**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2005) from the President, Toronto Parking Authority, advising the Economic Development and Parks Committee of the status of activity and revenue levels at Toronto Parking Authority Facilities for the current calendar year.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee deferred consideration of the report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on September 12, 2005, and requested the President of the Toronto Parking Authority to give a presentation, incorporating the increase in the use of TTC (Toronto Transit Commission).

(President, Toronto Parking Authority - July 19, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(j))

**6.24 Proposed Financing Model for the Bloor Street Transformation Project
(Ward 27 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 24, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, seeking approval for a financing model for the Bloor Street Transformation Project which involves the City advance financing for the construction costs for the project and recovering all costs by way of a Business Improvement Area (BIA) levy on commercial property owners along Bloor Street.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the appropriate City officials be directed to take the necessary actions to create a Business Improvement Area (BIA) in the project area within the current Bloor Yorkville BIA including:
 - (i) holding a formal meeting in the area to confirm the boundaries and gauge support for the creation a new BIA;
 - (ii) provided there is sufficient support for creating a new BIA, the City Clerk be directed to send notice of City Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;
 - (iii) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll, prepare a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*; and
 - (iv) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare a legal description and maps of the proposed BIA area and to submit the description to the City Solicitor;
- (2) subject to the establishment of the new BIA within the Bloor Yorkville BIA, City Council support advanced financing of the capital costs for the Bloor Street Transformation Project, up to a maximum of \$25 million with \$20 million (plus interest and a maintenance reserve), being recovered, over a 20-year period, from benefiting property owners along Bloor Street within the new BIA, and the remaining \$5 million being covered by the Bloor Street Transformation Reserve Fund which was established to accumulate funds acquired by the City through Section 37 contributions made in connection with area developments;
- (3) following establishment of the BIA, staff report back on the details of the financial and legal requirements to implement the recommended cost-recovery financing model;
- (4) the Acting General Manager of Transportation Services be directed to include the project for consideration in the 2006 and future year's capital budget, such that the project is phased over multiple years with the design work to be undertaken in 2006 and construction to commence in 2007;
- (5) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and

- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of any necessary bills.

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 (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 24, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(k))

**6.25 Poll Results - Proposed Designation of the
Mirvish Village Business Improvement Area
(Ward 19 - Trinity-Spadina and Ward 20 - Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 16, 2005) from the City Clerk, reporting on the results of the poll for the proposed designation of the Mirvish Village Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) based upon the results of the poll, City Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 and 2) as a business improvement area under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; 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 (June 16, 2005) from the City Clerk.

(Report 7, Clause 6)

**6.26 Major Recreation Grants Program - Variety - The Children's Charity
(Ward 36 - Scarborough Southwest)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing information on Variety - The Children's Charity and their inclusion in the Major Recreation Grants Program for 2006 and future years.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee endorse Variety - The Children's Charity as a Major Recreation Grant applicant in 2006 and future years;
- (2) new funding in the amount of \$125,000.00 be included in the Recreation Grants Program funding envelope within the 2006 Operating Budget submission for the Community Partnership and Investment Program;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Budget Process;
- (4) staff continue to monitor the operational and financial viability of Variety Village and report back on the on-going viability of Variety Village during the 2006 Budget Process; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

David Allen, Executive Director, Variety - The Children's Charity, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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 (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 15)

**6.27 Update Report on Toronto Trails Festival and
Parks, Forestry and Recreation
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update to City Council on the ongoing relationship between the Toronto Trails Festival event and Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division continue to work with the Platform Group to continue the Toronto Trails Festival program by assisting in the staging of various walking events and to support the efforts of the Platform Group to search for external sources of funding; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and
- (2) directed that the report be forwarded to the Board of Health for its information.

(Board of Health; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
- July 8, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 16)

6.28 Licensing of City-Owned Lands Adjacent to the Palais Royale for the Construction of a Shared Use Parking Facility, a Vehicle Turn-around and Improvements to the Martin Goodman Trail (Ward 14 - Parkdale-High Park)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking City Council authority for the construction of a shared use parking facility on City-owned lands adjacent to the eastern facade of the Palais Royale, improvements to the Martin Goodman Trail and for the construction of a vehicle turn-around on City-owned lands adjacent to the western facade of the Palais Royale; and to negotiate and enter into a License Agreement with Shoreline Entertainment Corporation, the current operators of the Palais Royale, for the shared use of the parking facility.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to negotiate and enter into a 15-year License Agreement, commencing on August 1, 2005 and ending on December 10, 2020, with Shoreline Entertainment Corporation; with Shoreline Entertainment Corporation investing approximately \$600,000.00, including all applicable charges and taxes, for the construction of a parking facility; and with Shoreline paying an annual License fee of \$29,000.00 commencing January 1, 2006; and with terms and conditions acceptable to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the detailed design and construction plan, tree preservation and landscape plan be subject to approval from the City Forester in consultation with the Ward Councillor and the Tree Advocate;
- (3) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2006 Operating Budget be adjusted to reflect the additional revenue of \$29,000.00; 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.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 24, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 17)

**6.29 Terms of Reference - Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, outlining the Terms of Reference for the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Terms of Reference be approved;
- (2) Economic Development and Parks Committee name members to the advisory committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to amending Recommendation (2) to read:

- “(2) Councillors Augimeri and Hall, members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, and Councillor Davis, a member of the Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education, be appointed to the advisory committee as outlined in the Terms of Reference; and”.

(Report 7, Clause 18)

**6.30 Amendment to Parks By-law as it Relates to Professional Dog Walkers
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the Parks By-law as it relates to professional dog walkers.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 7, Clause 22(l))

**6.31 2005 Capital Budget Adjustment for Harbourfront Park Development
(Ward 20 - Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the confidential report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, respecting the 2005 Capital Budget Adjustment for Harbourfront Park Development, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

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 Confidential report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, respecting the 2005 Capital Budget Adjustment for Harbourfront Park Development, and because the advice involves security of the property of the Municipality, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation - July 6, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22 (m))

6.32 3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy: 2005 Capital Budget Request and 2006/2007 Capital Budget Progress Report

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 22, 2005) from the e-City Committee advising that the e-City Committee on June 20, 2005, recommended to the Administration Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5), (6) and (8) in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 17, 2005) from the City Manager; and in accordance with staff Recommendation (7) in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 17, 2005) from the City Manager, the e-City Committee directed that this report be forwarded to all Standing Committees for information, followed by presentations from the e-City Chair in conjunction with the 3-1-1 Project Management Office reflecting the priority City Council has given to 3-1-1.

Councillor Peter Milczyn, Chair, e-City Committee, gave a presentation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Suzan Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication and thanked Councillor Peter Milczyn for his presentation.

(Report 7 – Clause 22(n))

6.33 Appointments to the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following confidential communications:

- (a) (June 22, 2005) from the Nominating Panel for the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors, forwarding the candidates for appointment to the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors, and because the subject relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera; and
- (b) (June 22, 2005) from the Executive Manager of the Toronto Centre for the Arts, respecting the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board appointments, and because the subject relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera.

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

- (i) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the confidential communication (June 22, 2005) from the Nominating Panel for the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors, forwarding the candidates for appointment to the Toronto Centre for the Arts Board of Directors, and because the subject relates to personal matters about identifiable individuals, under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussions be held In-Camera; and
- (ii) received the confidential communication (June 22, 2005) from the Executive Manager of the Toronto Centre for the Arts.

(Report 7, Clause 20)

6.34 Toronto Bike Plan - Year 3 Progress Report (2004)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 22, 2005) from the Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on June 20, 2005, recommended that:

- (1) the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, be forwarded to the Board of Health for information;
- (2) the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to:
 - (a) assist the Toronto Cycling Committee in promoting cycling as one of the means to reduce smog and improve air quality; and
 - (b) arrange a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee by Toronto Public Health staff regarding:
 - (i) air quality;
 - (ii) fitness;
 - (iii) injury prevention; and
 - (iv) disease prevention

as it relates to promoting cycling as one of the tools to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of Toronto;

- (3) the Works Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee, be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee endorses the proposed work plan to develop the Strategy for Accelerating the Toronto Bike Plan as outlined in the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division;

- (4) City Council be requested to address the shortfalls in capital funding, the insufficient human resources and the difficulties in the bicycle lane approval process that have stalled the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan; and
- (5) the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be requested to incorporate the strategy proposed in the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, into their 2006 budget process, in order to assist in the acceleration of the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the communication to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation for necessary action.

(Report 7, Clause 22(o))

**6.35 Toronto Heritage Grant Program - Proposed Restructuring
(City-Wide)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 28, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Committee, advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee on June 27, 2005, referred the report (June 2, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration at its meeting on July 4, 2005, which recommended that:

- (1) City Council approve the proposed restructuring of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program as set out in (a) of the Comments section of this report;
- (2) staff report back to City Council early in 2006 on the implementation of the Toronto Heritage Grant Program in 2005 and recommend a long-term funding strategy for the Program;
- (3) the Chief Planner and Executive Director of the City Planning Division be authorized to sign Letters of Understanding in the form or substantially in the form of Attachment 2 of this report, with Toronto Heritage Grant Program award recipients;
- (4) authority be granted by City Council for the execution of a Heritage Easement Agreement under Section 37 of the *Ontario Heritage Act* with any property owner receiving \$20,000.00 or more in total funding from the Toronto Heritage Grant Program;

- (5) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for information; and
- (6) 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.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 2, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director.

(Report 7, Clause 21)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee waived the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to permit introduction of the following:

**6.36 Harmonization of Insurance Requirements for
Community Groups and Parks, Forestry and Recreation Permits**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 27, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, requesting authority for Parks, Forestry and Recreation to purchase liability insurance for specific eligible permit holders and community groups who use Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to provide liability insurance for eligible permit holders and community group users of Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities through the purchase of a user group liability insurance policy covering those events deemed to require insurance as outlined in Appendix A;
- (2) Parks, Forestry and Recreation develop insurance requirements for special and community events in parks and report back on the implementation requirement; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 27, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer and the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and
- (2) in the interim, all existing practices and policies regarding insurance for events be maintained until the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation's report is submitted to Economic Development and Parks Committee and approved by Council.

(Report 7, Clause 19)

6.37 Authority for the City to Receive Donations of Cash for the Planning, Design and Development of a BMX Bicycle Racetrack Facility at Marilyn Bell Park (Ward 14 - Parkdale-High Park)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, seeking authority to receive cash donations from Michael Heaton and other interested BMX advocates toward the planning, design, and development of an Olympic-sized BMX racecourse in Marilyn Bell Park; and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* and City policy in this regard and requesting authorization for the establishment of a reserve fund to hold the cash donations.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to Michael Heaton on behalf of the City of Toronto, to seek private donations for development of the BMX facility at Marilyn Bell Park;
- (2) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the "Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack Reserve Fund" the purpose of which is to receive donations for the BMX Racetrack at Marilyn Bell Park, to fund the planning, design and development of the Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack;

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- (3) Municipal Code Chapter 227, Reserves and Reserve funds, be amended by adding the “Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9, Donations Funds;
- (4) all donations received for the Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack development, by the City of Toronto, will be held separately in the “Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack Reserve Fund” designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to donors in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (6) 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.

Councillor Sylvia Watson, Ward 14 - Parkdale-High Park, appeared before the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, 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 (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, subject to:

- (a) amending Recommendation (1) by inserting the words “and extreme sports” after “BMX” and before “facility”, so that Recommendation (1) now reads:
 - “(1) authority be given to Michael Heaton on behalf of the City of Toronto, to seek private donations for development of the BMX and extreme sports facility at Marilyn Bell Park;”;
- (b) amending Recommendation (2) by inserting the words “and extreme sports facility” between the words “Racetrack” and “Reserve”; and after “Racetrack” in lines 2 and 4, so that Recommendation (2) now reads:
 - “(2) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports Facility Reserve Fund” the purpose of which is to receive donations for the BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports

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Facility at Marilyn Bell Park, to fund the planning, design and development of the Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports Facility;”;

- (c) amending Recommendation (3) by inserting the words “and Extreme Sports Facility” between “Racetrack” and “Reserve”, so that Recommendation (3) now reads:

“(3) Municipal Code Chapter 227, Reserves and Reserve funds, be amended by adding the “Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports Facility Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9, Donations Funds;”;

- (d) amending Recommendation (4) by inserting the words “and Extreme Sports Facility” after “Racetrack” in lines 1 and 2, so that Recommendation (4) now reads:

“(4) all donations received for the Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports Facility development, by the City of Toronto, will be held separately in the “Marilyn Bell Park BMX Racetrack and Extreme Sports Facility Reserve Fund” designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to donors in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*;”;

- (e) adding the following Recommendations:

“(7) staff of Parks, Forestry and Recreation work with the Ward Councillor and Michael Heaton to design an eight lane dirt/clay BMX race course, 1,100 feet long and approximately 25 feet wide, with an automated starting gate, to be constructed at Marilyn Bell Park, such design to be completed by July 18, 2005;

(8) construction of the course be commenced as soon as the design is complete and there are sufficient funds and/or in-kind donations are available to complete the required work;

(9) staff of Parks, Forestry and Recreation work with Michael Heaton (whose services are given on a volunteer basis) and the Ward Councillor to plan and design additional community and sports facilities for Marilyn Bell Park, including a permanent skateboard park and a freestyle

BMX facility, such design to be completed by the end of 2005; and

- (10) staff of Parks, Forestry and Recreation participate in community consultations as arranged by the Ward Councillor.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(p))

6.38 Authority for the “A Bunch of Guys” to Receive Donations for the Planning, Design and Redevelopment of the Oriole Park Playground (Ward 22 - St. Paul’s)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, seeking authority to receive donations from a local playground group known as “A Bunch of Guys” toward the planning, design, and redevelopment of the Oriole Park Playground; and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* and City policy in this regard and requesting authority for the establishment of a reserve fund to hold the cash donations.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be given to “A Bunch of Guys” on behalf of the City of Toronto, to seek private donations for improvements to the playground at Oriole Park;
- (2) City Council grant permission to rename the playground portion of the Park to “Neshama Playground”, derived from Hebrew meaning “Good Soul”, as requested by “A Bunch of Guys”;
- (3) Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “Neshama Playground Reserve Fund” the purpose of which is to receive donations for the playground at Oriole Park, to fund the planning, design, and redevelopment of the Neshama Playground, which is to be a portion of Oriole Park;

- (4) Municipal Code Chapter 227, Reserves and Reserve Funds, be amended by adding the “Neshama Playground Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9, Donation Reserve Funds;
- (5) all donations received for the Neshama Playground redevelopment, by the City of Toronto, will be held separately in the “Neshama Playground Reserve Fund” designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to donors in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; 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.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4), (5) and (7) contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(q))

**6.39 Theatre Market Research Project
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 28, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking authority for the City of Toronto to make a financial contribution to the Theatre Market Research project being led by the Canadian Stage Company.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto contribute \$25,000.00 to the Theatre Market Research project being led by the Canadian Stage Company, subject to the financial participation of the Provincial and Federal governments;

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- (2) the 2005 Operating Budget of the Culture Division be increased by \$25,000.00 gross to cover the City's contribution to the Theatre Market Research project and the Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager/Chief Financial Officer identify and report back through the quarterly variance report on a reallocation of funds for this purpose;
- (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 Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt the staff Recommendations (1), (2) and (4) contained in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 28, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. Deputy City Manager – July 5, 2005)

(Report 7, Clause 22(r))

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:50 p.m.

Chair