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**TORONTO CITY COUNCIL DECISION DOCUMENT**  
**SPECIAL MEETING ON MARCH 29 and 30, 2006**

**City Council's actions on each Clause in the following Report and Notices of Motions considered at the meeting are contained in this Decision Document. Declarations of Interest, if any, are included and all additional material noted in this document is on file in the City Clerk's Office, Toronto City Hall. Please refer to the Council Minutes for the official record of Council's proceedings.**

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**New Report:****Policy and Finance Committee Report 2****1 City of Toronto 2006 Budget Advisory Committee Recommended Tax Supported Operating Budget**

City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, amended this Clause as follows:

- (1) by deleting from Appendix 4, headed “2006 User Fee Analysis, User Fee Change - BAC Proposed Rate Increase in 2006”, to the report (March 23, 2006), entitled “City of Toronto 2006 Recommended Tax Supported Operating Budget” from the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [as referenced in Recommendation (A)(8) of the Policy and Finance Committee], the following fees, as they were included in error:
  - (a) Application Fee for A-Frame Sign;
  - (b) Renewal Fee for A-Frame Sign;
  - (c) Application Fee for Mobile Sign; and
  - (d) Application Fee for Mobile Sign - Minimum;
- (2) by amending the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, as follows:

**Citizen Centred Services - A****Affordable Housing**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Children’s Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Court Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Culture**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Economic Development**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Emergency Medical Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Homes for the Aged**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Parks, Forestry and Recreation**

City Council amended the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) by adding to Recommendation (A)(21) of the Policy and Finance Committee, after the words “highest priorities”, the words “and equity between the four administrative districts”, so that Recommendation (A)(21) now reads as follows:

“(21) Parks, Forestry and Recreation’s future new service priorities be considered in the context of Council’s highest priorities and equity between the four administrative districts, and within an affordable fiscal framework.”;

- (2) to provide that the Youth Apprenticeship program “Training in the Trades”, be given the highest priority amongst the list of youth programs that the City is forwarding for funding consideration under the recently announced provincial youth-at-risk initiatives, and staff be directed to do as much as possible to prepare for start-up of this program to be implemented as soon as Provincial funds are allocated (See also Social Development, Finance and Administration, Page 3); and

- (3) by adding the following:

“That the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (a) by June 2006, on the progress of the implementation of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's new structure based on the Common Grounds report; and
- (b) on re-establishing, with the Toronto District School Board, an exchange of service agreement that will result in returning schools to communities as 'community assets' that allow recreation programs for children and youth to be expanded in their communities and reduces costs to provide these programs."

### **Shelter, Support and Housing Administration**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Social Development, Finance and Administration**

City Council amended the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee:

- (1) by amending Recommendation (A)(26) of the Policy and Finance Committee to include programs for youth at risk, provided by the following Local Arts Service Organizations, in the new and enhanced requests for youth programs and services:
  - (a) Scarborough Arts Council;
  - (b) Urban Arts;
  - (c) Arts Etobicoke; and
  - (d) Lakeshore Arts;
- (2) to provide that the Youth Apprenticeship program "Training in the Trades", be given the highest priority amongst the list of youth programs that the City is forwarding for funding consideration under the recently announced provincial youth-at-risk initiatives, and staff be directed to do as much as possible to prepare for start-up of this program to be implemented as soon as Provincial funds are allocated (See also Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Page 2); and

(3) by adding the following:

“That:

- (a) the City Manager be directed to develop appropriate performance measures on the outcomes of City and community programming in priority neighbourhoods, in conjunction with the Centre of Criminology and other relevant research initiatives, and report to Council, through the Community Services Committee, on the implementation of these performance measures as part of the report on the implementation of the Toronto Strong Neighbourhoods Strategy coming forward in June 2006; and
- (b) with the approval of the new/enhanced funding of Neighbourhood Action Community Development in the Social Development, Finance and Administration budget to allow the City to begin implementing the Neighbourhood Action Plans in all the thirteen priority neighbourhoods, City staff ensure the local police divisions, the local Councillor and communities are directly involved in the planning process.”

### **Social Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Tourism**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **3-1-1 Customer Service Strategy**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

### **Citizen Centred Services - B**

#### **Building Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Business Support Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**City Planning**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Fire Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Municipal Licensing and Standards**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Solid Waste Management Services**

City Council amended the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by adding the following:

“That the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, be requested to report to the Works Committee on how a managed competition could be held for the residential garbage collection in the former City of North York.”

**Transportation Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Technical Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.



**Waterfront Secretariat**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Internal Services****Office of the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Office of the Treasurer**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Corporate Communications**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Facilities and Real Estate**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Fleet Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Information and Technology**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**City Manager****City Manager's Office**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Human Resources**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Other City Programs****City Clerk's Office**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Legal Services**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Auditor General's Office**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Mayor's Office**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**City Council**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Agencies, Boards and Commissions****Public Health**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Public Library**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Association of Community Centres**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Exhibition Place**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Heritage Toronto**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Theatres**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Zoo**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Arena Boards of Management**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Yonge-Dundas Square**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Parking Tag Enforcement and Operations**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Atmospheric Fund**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto and Region Conservation Authority**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Transit Commission - Conventional**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Transit Commission - Wheel-Trans**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Police Service**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Toronto Police Services Board**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

**Corporate Accounts****Community Partnership and Investment Program**

City Council amended the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, by:

- (1) deleting Recommendation (A)(143) of the Policy and Finance Committee and inserting instead the following:

“(143) additional funding of \$25,000.00 for the Toronto Region Research Alliance (TRRA) be conditional on TEDCO matching the amount resulting in \$50,000.00 funding to TRRA; and that \$25,000.00 of that be used in support of the Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Sector Marketing Program approved by City Council and that TRRA work with the City and the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance (GTMA) on the development of the program;”; and

- (2) adding the following:

“That \$100,000.00 of funding from the Major Cultural Organizations Grants Program within the 2006 Approved Budget for the Community Partnership and Investment Program designated to Pride Toronto be immediately released, pending an appropriate application being submitted and all the grant criteria being met.”

### **Capital and Corporate Financing/Non-Program**

City Council amended the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, to provide that the Mayor’s Homeless Initiative Reserve draw of \$1.469 million and the Capital Revolving Fund Reserve draw of \$9.525 million recommended in Appendix C of Report 3, entitled “Reserve Contribution to the 2006 Operating Budget”, be reversed and replaced by a draw of \$9.525 million from the Homes for the Aged Capital Reserve Fund and a further draw of \$1.469 million from the Social Housing Stabilization Reserve Fund.

### **Non-Levy Operations**

#### **Toronto Parking Authority**

City Council adopted the Program Recommendations, as recommended by the Policy and Finance Committee, without amendment.

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- (3) by adding the following:

“That:

- (a) the City Manager be requested to:
- (i) report to the next meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on the progress and status of performance measures for services performed by the City;
  - (ii) report to the July 25, 2006 meeting of City Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee, providing a list of the following:
    - (1) services that are performed by the City and its agencies, boards and commissions;

- (2) services that are provided by the private sector for the City and its agencies, boards and commissions; and
- (3) services in Part (1), above, that could also be provided by the private sector;
- (iii) report to the Policy and Finance Committee on opportunities for zero-based Budgeting within the City and all of its divisions, agencies, boards and commissions, and all divisions, agencies, boards and commissions being reviewed on a three-year, rolling basis;
- (iv) report to the Policy and Finance Committee on possible opportunities in the new '*City of Toronto Act*' (Bill 53), to raise revenue to be used for the establishment of a reserve fund to address 'Emergency City Safety' issues, as it relates to crime and violence, in the City of Toronto; and
- (b) the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to:
  - (i) report to Council for its meeting on June 27, 2006, through the Policy and Finance Committee, outlining their recommendations on service priorities and a plan to review our current service delivery models, prior to consideration of the 2007 budget; and
  - (ii) report through the 2007 Operating Budget process, on any proposed service changes which may be required to achieve a '0' base budget for 2007."

This Clause, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

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Council also considered the following:

- Communication (March 28, 2006) from Mayor Miller and Councillor Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee [Communication 1(a)].
  - Communication (March 28, 2006) from the Director, Financial Planning Division [Communication 2(a)].
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- Presentation Material (March 29, 2006) entitled “City of Toronto 2006 BAC Recommended Operating Budget”, submitted by the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 3(a)].  
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  - News Releases submitted by Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26, Don Valley West [Communication 4(a)]:
    - (March 28, 2006) headed “Small Business Urges City to Freeze Business Property Taxes”;
    - (March 28, 2006) from Canada’s Association for the 50 Plus, headed “Making Toronto Senior-Friendly”; and
    - (March 28, 2006) from the Canadian Taxpayers Federation, headed “End Toronto’s Fiscal Incompetence”.  
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  - Chart (undated) headed “Toronto Inflation Increases (1989-2006) and Comparison to Toronto Tax Hikes (2004-2006)”, submitted by Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward 26, Don Valley West [Communication 5(a)].  
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  - Extract from the Minutes of the Special Public Meeting of the Toronto Police Services Board held on February 2, 2006, submitted by Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28, Toronto Centre-Rosedale [Communication 6(a)].  
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  - Article (March 10, 2006) from The National Post, headed “Toronto’s Spendthrifts”, submitted by Councillor Doug Holyday, Ward 3, Etobicoke Centre [Communication 7(a)].  
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  - Confidential communication (March 27, 2006) from the Policy and Finance Committee [Confidential Communication C.1(a)]. The following recommendation of the Policy and Finance Committee is now public and the balance of the communication remains confidential, in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as it contains information related to labour relations or employee negotiations and security of the property of the municipality:

“That the Toronto Transit Commission (Conventional System) contribution to the TTC Stabilization Reserve Fund set aside in 2005 for an employee liability provision, be considered as part of the 2005 year-end budget variance reports.”

  
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Councillor Kelly declared an interest in this Clause, as it pertains to the Budget for the Toronto Police Service Administrative Command [Recommendation (A)(133)], in that his spouse is employed as a translator.

Councillor Mihevc declared an interest in this Clause, as it pertains to the Budget for the Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Division [Recommendation (A)(24)], in that his spouse is employed at the East York Family Resource Centre in that it receives funding.

Councillor Shiner declared an interest in this Clause, as it pertains to the Budget for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division [Recommendation (A)(17)], in that a member of his family is employed by the Division for the summer.

Councillor Walker declared an interest in this Clause, as it pertains to the Toronto Port Authority, in that his daughter is employed in a management position with the Authority.

## 2 2006 Tax Levy By-laws and Related Matters

City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted the following:

“That:

- (1) the following staff recommendations contained in the Recommendations Section of the supplementary report (March 30, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, be adopted:

‘It is recommended that:

- (1) the 2006 tax ratios shown in Column II (before budgetary levy increase) for each of the property classes shown in Column I, as set out below, be adopted, wherein the adoption of such ratios together with the 2006 municipal budgetary tax levy increase provided for in Recommendation (3)(b) will result in the 2006 ending tax ratios shown in Column III (after budgetary levy increase):

Column I	Column II	Column III
<u>Property Class</u>	<u>2006 Tax Ratio (before budgetary levy increase)</u>	<u>2006 Ending Ratios (after budgetary levy increase)</u>
Residential	1.000000	1.000000
Multi-Residential	3.706951	3.634972
New Multi-Residential	1.000000	1.000000
Commercial	3.746476	3.673729
Industrial	4.170990	4.090000
Farmlands	0.250000	0.250000
Pipelines	1.923564	1.923564
Managed Forests	0.250000	0.250000



- (2) Council elect to raise the tax rates on the restricted property classes (commercial, industrial, and multi-residential) by one-third of the percentage tax rate increase on the unrestricted property classes (residential, new multi-residential, pipelines, farmlands, and managed forests) as adopted by Council as policy during consideration of the “Enhancing Toronto’s Business Climate” initiative in October 2005, and in accordance with O.Reg. 73/03 as amended;
- (3) Council adopt:
  - (a) the tax rates set out below in Column II, which rates will raise a base local municipal general tax levy for 2006 of \$3,076,244,287; and
  - (b) the tax rates set out below in Column III, which rates will raise an additional local municipal tax levy for 2006 of \$55,584,055 to fund the 2006 operating budget tax levy increase, as determined in accordance with legislative requirements:

Column I	Column II	Column III
Property Class	2006 Tax Rate for Base General Local Municipal Levy	2006 Additional Tax Rate for to Fund Budgetary Levy Increase)
Residential	0.5503483%	0.0165104%
Multi-Residential	2.0401142%	0.0204011%
New Multi-Residential	0.5503483%	0.0165104%
Commercial	2.0618666%	0.0206187%
Industrial	2.2954973%	0.0229550%
Farmlands	0.1375871%	0.0041276%
Pipelines	1.0586302%	0.0317589%
Managed Forests	0.1375871%	0.0041276%

- (4) a technical adjustment be made to the 2006 Non-Program Tax Account in the amount of \$2,894,756 to fund the mandatory 2006 property tax rebates to registered charities in the commercial and industrial property classes, which adjustment is to be funded, for a net impact on the 2006 operating budget of zero, by the following:

- (a) an additional tax rate of 0.0051285% be levied as part of the general local municipal levy on the commercial class to raise a further additional local municipal tax levy of \$2,821,067 to fund the total estimated rebates to registered charities for properties in the commercial class in 2006; and
- (b) an additional tax rate of 0.0013028% be levied as part of the general local municipal levy on the industrial class to raise a further additional local municipal tax levy of \$73,689 to fund the total estimated rebates to registered charities for properties in the industrial class in 2006;
- (5) the tax rates for school purposes set out in Column II, which rates will raise an education tax levy for 2006 of \$1,875,273,736, be adopted and come into effect when the regulation prescribing these rates is filed:

Column I Property Class	Column II 2006 Tax Rate for Education Levy
Residential	0.264000%
Multi-Residential	0.264000%
New Multi-Residential	0.264000%
Commercial	1.975821%
Industrial	2.059907%
Farmlands	0.066000%
Pipelines	1.802637%
Managed Forests	0.066000%

- (6) as in past years, the instalment dates for the 2006 final tax bills be set as follows:
- (a) the regular instalment dates be the first business days of July, August and September;
- (b) for taxpayers who are enrolled in the monthly pre-authorized property tax payment program, the instalment dates be the 15<sup>th</sup>, or first business day thereafter, of each of the months of July to December; and

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- (c) for taxpayers who are enrolled in the two installment program, the final instalment date be July 4;
  - (7)
    - (a) the collection of taxes for 2006, other than those levied under By-law No. 1022-2005 (the interim levy by-law) be authorized;
    - (b) a penalty charge for non-payment of taxes of 1.25 percent of taxes due and unpaid be added on the first day of default, and interest be charged at a rate of 1.25 percent per month on all outstanding taxes accruing from the first day of default; and
    - (c) a minimum tax amount of \$5.00, for both municipal and school purposes, be established commencing for the 2006 taxation year, and if the total taxes in any year is less than \$5.00, no taxes shall be payable and no tax bill shall be sent in that year;
  - (8) Council enact a by-law to establish the New Multi-Residential tax class for new multi-residential properties constructed in 2006, and that the applicable tax rate for this class be set at a tax rate equivalent to the 2006 residential tax rate;
  - (9) Council enact a by-law to limit reassessment-related tax increases for the commercial, industrial, and multi-residential property classes, such a cap limit to be based on 5% of the preceding year's current value taxes, commencing for the 2006 taxation year;
  - (10) Council enact a by-law to phase-out the comparable property tax treatment for new construction in the residual commercial, industrial and multi-residential classes by establishing the minimum property taxes for new construction at the lesser of the uncapped (full CVA) taxes and the taxes for comparable properties as defined under legislation, but not less than at 80% of the uncapped taxes for 2006; and
  - (11) the appropriate officials be authorized to take the necessary action to give effect thereto and authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council.”; and

- (2) the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to submit a report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the multi-year impact of the current tax ratio rules including the budgetary levy increase and the natural CVA shift by property class.”

This Clause, as amended, was adopted by City Council.

Council also considered the following:

- Report (March 30, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer [Communication 8(a)].
- Communication (March 28, 2006) from Mayor Miller and Councillor Soknacki, Chair, Budget Advisory Committee [Communication 1(a)].

**Notices of Motions:**

**J(1) Request for an Amendment to the Criminal Code Regarding Intentional Harm to Law Enforcement Animals**

*Moved by Councillor Lindsay Luby, seconded by Councillor Soknacki*

“**WHEREAS** the Toronto Police Service, and many law enforcement agencies across Canada, rely on service animals to help fight crime and protect our streets; and

**WHEREAS** Brigadier, an eight-year-old Belgian cross, was deliberately struck by a driver at a high rate of speed; and

**WHEREAS** there are many examples of intentional harm or injury to law enforcement horses and dogs; and

**WHEREAS** many U.S. States have made it a felony to harm or injure such service animals; and

**WHEREAS** there is no protection for law enforcement service animals in the Canadian Criminal Code;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council urge the Government of Canada to amend the Criminal Code to make intentional harm of a law enforcement animal an indictable offence;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Prime Minister, the Federal Minister of Justice and Attorney General, and the Federal Minister of Public Safety;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** a copy of this Motion be sent to the Premier of Ontario, the Attorney General of Ontario, the Ontario Minister of Community Safety and Correctional Services, and the Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service.”

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.***

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Council also considered the following:

- Petition (undated) entitled “Petition for Brig’s Law”, containing approximately 1637 signatures, submitted by Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Ward 4, Etobicoke Centre.

**J(2) 90 Stadium Road – Ontario Municipal Board Hearing**

*Moved by Councillor Silva, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone*

“**WHEREAS** City Council on February 14th, 2006, considered a confidential report dated January 30, 2006, from the City Solicitor regarding an OMB appeal of a proposed zoning by-law amendment to permit a residential development at 90 Stadium Road; and

**WHEREAS** upon consideration of such report, City Council directed staff to continue negotiations with Monarch Construction Limited (the ‘Applicant’) to revise its development proposal in a number of respects; and

**WHEREAS** the City Solicitor and Planning staff have entered into negotiations with the Applicant to discuss those modifications to the development proposal, as requested by Council; and

**WHEREAS** as a result of such negotiations, the Applicant has made an Offer to Settle; and

**WHEREAS** this matter is time sensitive because the Ontario Municipal Board hearing of the zoning appeal for 90 Stadium Road is scheduled to commence on April 10, 2006, and this will be the only meeting at which Council will have the opportunity to consider the Offer to Settle submitted in response to the Council direction of February 14, 2006;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council adopt the staff recommendations contained in the Recommendation Section of the confidential report (March 27, 2006) from the City Solicitor, regarding 90 Stadium Road.”

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.***

***In adopting Motion J(2) without amendment, Council adopted, without amendment, the staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the confidential report (March 27, 2006) from the City Solicitor. The following recommendation and Schedule “A” are now public and the balance of the report remains confidential in accordance with the provisions of the Municipal Act, 2001, as it contains information pertaining to litigation or potential litigation:***

***“It is recommended that City Council endorse the settlement of the OMB appeals with respect to 90 Stadium Road on the basis set out in Schedule ‘A’ to this report.”***

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***Schedule “A”  
Draft Motion***

***It is recommended that:***

- (1) City Council endorse the settlement of the OMB appeal with respect to the 90 Stadium Road on the basis of the following modifications:***
  - (a) The zoning by-law and site plan are approved generally in accordance with the instruments before the Ontario Municipal Board, but amended as set out hereunder. The height of the tower element will be decreased to 22 storeys (70.5 metres), plus mechanical penthouse, from the currently proposed 24 storeys. The mechanical penthouse on the tower element will not exceed 5.2 metres in height or 40 percent of the roof area of the tower element.***
  - (b) The site plan and zoning by-law to be approved will also be amended to increase the step back of the ninth floor of the portion of the building adjacent to Stadium Road to 3 metres.***

- (c) *The site plan will be revised to show a setback at the southwest corner of the site of 6 metres in width, of which 4.5 metres would be unencumbered, with 1.5 metres subject to a building overhang from the third floor up (approximately 5.8 metres in height), being a total area of approximately 6 X 7.6 metres for the purposes of a parkland (trail) dedication, all as discussed with staff.*
- (d) *A reasonable public connection through the north end of the site between the Martin Goodman Trail and Stadium Road, consistent with the site plan, will be provided.*
- (e) *An irrigation system for street trees will be installed and operated at the owner's expense, subject to the terms set out below in the section 37 agreement, such that the owner will be responsible for any costs in excess of \$20,000.00.*
- (f) *The applicant will enter into a section 37 agreement, including the following terms and conditions:*
  - (i) *Applicant will provide the irrigation system set out in paragraph (e) above, provided that it is an extension of the system on the development site.*
  - (ii) *Applicant will provide a cash payment for parks improvements in the immediate vicinity of the site, provided that the total cost thereof, together with the irrigation system in paragraph (e) above, does not exceed \$825,000.00.*
  - (iii) *In consideration of the foregoing, the City will provide Monarch with an encroachment agreement and limiting distance agreement respecting adjacent City lands, as discussed with staff, which would permit the construction of the development contemplated by the site plan. The City will also provide an agreement for tiebacks and a park occupation permit and any other permits required to permit Monarch to occupy a portion of the park to the south of the site (including the "crane swing" overhead) for a temporary period of two years (during construction).*

- (2) *the City Solicitor and other City staff be authorized to make the necessary revisions to the zoning bylaw, enter into such agreements and take all such other actions as may necessary to give effect to Council's direction as outlined in the confidential report.*
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Council also considered the following:

- Confidential report (March 27, 2006) from the City Solicitor [Confidential Communication C.2(a)]. The staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report, and Schedule "A", are now public (and noted above) and the balance of the report remains confidential, in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as it contains information pertaining to litigation or potential litigation.
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- Confidential Fiscal Impact Statement (March 30, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.
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Councillor Pitfield declared an interest in this Motion, as she is a member of a yacht club on Stadium Road.

**J(3) Release of Development Agreements from Railway Lands Block 20/23 (Phase III) to Permit the Conveyance of Condominium Units**  
*Moved by Councillor Silva, seconded by Councillor Mihevc*

**“WHEREAS** Concord Adex Developments Corp. (‘Concord Adex’) is the owner of Railway Lands Block 20/23, which it is developing as condominiums in Phases I, II and III; and

**WHEREAS** Concord Adex expects to convey the units in Phase III during the month of April, 2006; and

**WHEREAS** Concord Adex has requested the City to release certain development agreements prior to these conveyances dates; and

**WHEREAS** the next City Council meeting is scheduled to be held on April 25, 26 and 27, 2006, which is after the anticipated conveyance dates; and

**WHEREAS** the City Solicitor has prepared a report (March 28, 2006) recommending the release of the development agreements, as requested by Concord Adex, subject to certain conditions; and



**WHEREAS** it is, therefore, appropriate that City Council consider the report of the City Solicitor at its Special Meeting to be held on March 29, 2006;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** City Council consider the attached report (March 28, 2006) from the City Solicitor, and that the staff recommendations contained in the Recommendation Section of the report be adopted.”

*Disposition:*

*City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.*

*In adopting Motion J(3) without amendment, Council adopted, without amendment, the following staff recommendation contained in the Recommendation Section of the report (March 28, 2006) from the City Solicitor:*

*“It is recommended that authority be granted to release Phase III of Block 20/23 in the Railway Lands from the development agreements listed in Appendix ‘B’ to the City Solicitor’s report dated March 28, 2006, (subject to the preconditions set out in Appendix ‘B’) and that authority also be granted to enter into the necessary replacement agreement.”*

**J(4) 60 Vernon Street - Ontario Municipal Board Hearing**

*Moved by Councillor Saundercook, seconded by Councillor Grimes*

“**WHEREAS** on Thursday, December 15, 2005, the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Toronto (Etobicoke York Panel) refused Minor Variance Application Number A485/05EYK, related to 60 Vernon Street; and

**WHEREAS** the proposal was to legalize and to maintain the construction of a new three-storey single family detached dwelling with attic access to a roof top deck, constructed beyond the building permit; and

**WHEREAS** the variances requested from the Zoning By-law included an increase in the gross floor area and a reduction of the front yard and side yard setbacks; and

**WHEREAS** City Planning staff recommended refusal of the variance request for gross floor area; and

**WHEREAS** the applicant appealed the Committee of Adjustment decision to the Ontario Municipal Board, and a hearing for Tuesday, April 4, 2006, has been scheduled;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council direct the City Solicitor and appropriate staff to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing to oppose the appeal of Minor Variance Application Number A485/05EYK, related to 60 Vernon Street.”

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.***

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Council also considered the following:

- Notice of Decision (December 20, 2005) from the Manager and Deputy Secretary Treasurer, Etobicoke York Panel, Committee of Adjustment.

**J(5) Rescindment of Rush Hour Stopping Prohibitions - Simcoe Street, west side, between King Street West and Wellington Street West, fronting Roy Thompson Hall – 60 Simcoe Street (Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20)**

*Moved by Councillor Silva, seconded by Deputy Mayor Pantalone*

“**WHEREAS** Toronto City Council, at its meeting of January 31 and February 1 and 2, 2006, adopted Toronto and East York Community Council Report 1, Clause 31, regarding rescinding the rush period stopping prohibitions on the west side of Simcoe Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West, as requested by officials of Roy Thompson Hall; and

**WHEREAS** by the adoption of the Clause, the ‘No Stopping’ morning and evening rush period prohibitions and ‘No Parking at anytime’ prohibitions on the west side of Simcoe Street, between King Street West and Wellington Street West were rescinded and a ‘No Standing at all times’ regulation was implemented to provide for receiving and discharging passengers in front of Roy Thompson Hall; and

**WHEREAS** these measures once implemented, have resulted in concerns due to the loss of short term parking for persons operating vehicles appropriately displaying disabled persons parking permits granted in areas designated as ‘No Parking’; and

**WHEREAS** the staff at Roy Thompson Hall are requesting reconsideration to establish two clearly signed areas as ‘No Parking at all times’, except during the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, when ‘No Standing’ would be in effect, to facilitate persons operating vehicles appropriately displaying disabled persons parking permits parking on the west side of Simcoe Street, as illustrated in the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-8227, dated February 2006;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT**, in accordance with §27-49 of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Toronto and East York Community Council Report 1, Clause 31, headed ‘Rescindment of Rush Hour Stopping Prohibitions – Simcoe Street, west side, between King Street West and Wellington Street West, fronting Roy Thompson Hall – 60 Simcoe Street (Ward 20 –Trinity-Spadina)’, be re-opened for further consideration;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Recommendation No. (3) contained in the report (December 1, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Services, Toronto and East York District, be deleted and the following new recommendations, as provided by staff of Transportation Services to address the concerns, be approved:

- (1) the ‘No Standing at all times’ regulation on the west side of Simcoe Street, from King Street West to Wellington Street be rescinded;
- (2) standing be prohibited at all times on the west side of Simcoe Street, from King Street West to a point 30.0 metres south thereof;
- (3) standing be prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and parking be prohibited at all other times on the west side of Simcoe Street, from a point 30.0 metres south of King Street West and a point 17.0 metres south thereof;
- (4) standing be prohibited at all times on the west side of Simcoe Street, from a point 47.0 metres south of King Street West to a point 35.0 metres south thereof;
- (5) standing be prohibited from 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and parking be prohibited at all other times on the west side of Simcoe Street, from a point 82.0 metres south of King Street West and a point 27.0 metres south thereof;
- (6) standing be prohibited at all times on the west side of Simcoe Street, from a point 109.0 metres south of King Street West to Wellington Street West; and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to implement the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.”

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, re-opened Toronto and East York Community Council Report 1, Clause 31, headed “Rescindment of Rush Hour Stopping Prohibitions – Simcoe Street, west side, between King Street West and Wellington Street West, fronting Roy Thompson Hall – 60 Simcoe Street (Ward 20 –Trinity-Spadina)”, for further consideration, and adopted the balance of this Motion, without amendment.***

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Council also considered the following:

- Drawing No. 421F-8227 (February 2006), headed “Simcoe Street: King Street West - Wellington Street West, Existing and Proposed Parking Regulations”.

**J(6) Recognition of Release of Members of the Christian Peacemaker Teams in Iraq**

*Moved by Councillor Mihevc, seconded by Councillor Davis*

“**WHEREAS** on November 26, 2005 James Loney, a Torontonian and member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams working in Iraq as a peace and human rights activist was detained along with fellow team members Harmeet Singh Sooden, Tom Fox and Norman Kember; and

**WHEREAS** in December 2005, Toronto City Council adopted a Motion expressing its concern for the safety of James Loney and its hope for his speedy release and safe return home; and expressing its solidarity with people who were holding vigil at the Peace Garden on Nathan Phillips Square; and

**WHEREAS** on March 23, 2006, James Loney, a Torontonian and member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams, and fellow Christian Peacemakers Norman Kember and Harmeet Singh Sooden, were found; and

**WHEREAS** James Loney, Norman Kember and Harmeet Singh Sooden are reported to be in good spirits and in remarkably good health; and

**WHEREAS** on March 9, 2006, the body of Tom Fox, a member of the Christian Peacemaker Teams detained in Iraq, was found; and

**WHEREAS** James Loney has worked internationally and within the City of Toronto with an aim to end violence, has championed the cause of citizens and has worked in the City to offer refuge to the socially marginalized; and

**WHEREAS** Christian Peacemaker Teams remained true to pacifist principles and have shown great courage in their steadfast adherence to these principles to which they subscribe, even while members of their Team were held in captivity; and

**WHEREAS** James Loney, Harmeet Singh Sooden, Tom Fox and Norman Kember have been examples of courage, peace, kindness and unwavering commitment to finding alternatives to war and other conflicts which result in the loss of life, human rights and dignity of peoples; and

**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto is committed to pursuing peace and social justice in a non-violent manner; and

**WHEREAS** Christian Peacemaker Teams are committed to and continue to pursue peace and social justice in a non-violent manner;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council express the joy and solidarity that Torontonians feel with the rescue of James Loney, Harmeet Singh Sooden and Norman Kember, and that Toronto City Council wish them well as they reconnect with family, friends and community;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council express its condolence to the family and friends of Tom Fox. We honour his memory and acknowledge his works (and that of other Christian Peacemakers) as instrumental in highlighting the plight of those victimized by war;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council acknowledge the contribution of the individuals, organizations, security forces and community groups of all faiths and walks of life, who gave of themselves to secure the release of the hostages.”

*Disposition:*

*City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.*

**J(7) MPAC Reform - Request to Establish an Assessment Monitoring Group**  
*Moved by Councillor Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Davis*

“**WHEREAS** residents in Toronto have complained that MPAC (the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation) is too secretive in its property assessments and that its lack of transparency has failed to ensure property owners are provided with sufficient and timely information to help them challenge their property assessments fairly; and

**WHEREAS** residents have been forced to appeal assessments repeatedly because MPAC has failed to carry forward the adjustments that were made by the Assessment Review Board; and

**WHEREAS** the Provincial Ombudsman has completed an investigation and reported that the complaints of residents were justified; and

**WHEREAS** the Ombudsman's report, titled 'Getting it Right', makes a series of 22 recommendations for how MPAC can improve its service and become more accountable to property owners and the public; and

**WHEREAS** MPAC and the Government of Ontario have accepted the Ombudsman's findings and have committed to implement 18 of the recommendations and to study the remaining four recommendations; and

**WHEREAS** the Ombudsman's report confirms the concerns outlined in the motion previously approved by Council on October 26, 27, 28, and 31, 2005;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Toronto City Council support and urge MPAC and the Government of Ontario to implement immediately the recommendations in the Ombudsman's report 'Getting it Right', to create greater transparency, accountability and fairness for the taxpayers of Toronto and so advise the Ombudsman;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** an Assessment Monitoring Group be established to monitor and report to Council on the actions of MPAC, the Assessment Appeal Board and the provincial government with respect to Current Value Assessment (CVA), assessment and appeals, and the implementation of the Ombudsman's report;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City Manager poll Councillors to determine interest in joining the Monitoring Group, and report to the July 18, 2006 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on the membership and mandate of the Monitoring Group, and report to the January 2007 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on the progress that MPAC has made toward implementation of the Ombudsman's recommendations."

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, referred this Motion to the Policy and Finance Committee.***

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Councillor Shiner declared an interest in this Motion, in that he has a relative who works for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation.

**J(8) Request for Review of Taxi Camera Requirements**

*Moved by Councillor Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Stintz*

“**WHEREAS** the City of Toronto’s Municipal Licensing and Standards Division has passed a ruling as of March 10, 2006, setting standards for taxi cameras so that only one type of taxi camera is permitted in vehicles; and

**WHEREAS** taxi drivers will be forced to spend hundreds of extra dollars that they may not have, in order for them to meet the new camera requirements; and

**WHEREAS** there is a limited number of manufacturers and supply, resulting in long wait times and higher costs to operators; and

**WHEREAS** the benefits of purchasing these new cameras may not match the significant extra costs which taxi drivers are being forced to bear; and

**WHEREAS** most North American cities do not require taxi drivers to use the expensive cameras required by Municipal Licensing and Standards (MLS), but rather have selected a less expensive model; and

**WHEREAS** City Council recognizes the need to minimize the operating costs to taxi drivers in order that they may conduct their business in a cost effective manner and make a reasonable living;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** City Council suspend the requirement of taxi drivers to purchase these new cameras until such time as a report can be brought forward examining the specifications and benefits of the standards set by MLS and other options that may be available;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, be requested to submit this report to the next meeting of Planning and Transportation Committee on May 8, 2006.”

*Disposition:*

*This Motion was withdrawn at City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006.*

**J(9) Toronto District School Board - Catchment Boundaries for Local Public Schools in Scarborough Centre**

*Moved by Councillor De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Altobello*

“**WHEREAS** the Toronto District School Board set the catchment boundaries for local public schools in Scarborough Centre in 1990; and

**WHEREAS** the 1990 catchment area designated the entire Scarborough Centre Secondary Planning Area as one catchment area; and

**WHEREAS** in 2005, the City of Toronto approved an updated Scarborough Centre Secondary Plan that would see an additional 30,000 residents moving into this one catchment area; and

**WHEREAS** some local schools in Scarborough Centre such as St. Andrews, North Bendale and Bendale are below capacity and could therefore be in danger of being closed; and

**WHEREAS** updating the 16 year-old catchment boundary could help ensure an equitable distribution of new students moving into the area so that all schools have enough students to stay open; and

**WHEREAS** the closing of any school would have devastating consequences on local students, families and property values;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City of Toronto request the Toronto District School Board to revisit the school catchment boundaries set in 1990, with a goal of ensuring an equitable distribution of students to local public schools so that all schools remain open and no local schools are closed;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the City of Toronto encourage the Toronto District School Board to work with local parents to examine programs such as Special Education classes and Extended French Immersion classes with a goal of ensuring that local schools remain open.”

***Disposition:***

***Notice of this Motion was given to permit consideration at the next regular meeting of City Council on April 25, 2006.***

**J(10) Funding Support from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment for the Beaches Management Symposium**

***Moved by Councillor Carroll, seconded by Deputy Mayor Bussin***

“**WHEREAS** Toronto Water’s application for funding submitted to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment (MOE) to support the Beaches Management Symposium has been approved for funding of up to a total amount of \$15,000.00 for the fiscal year 2005/2006 (the ‘Funds’); and

**WHEREAS** Toronto Water agreed, within existing budgets, to host, organize and provide logistical support for the Beaches Management Symposium in collaboration with the Great Lakes and St. Lawrence Cities Initiative; and



**WHEREAS** Toronto Water agrees to form an Organizing Committee to provide guidance to the project, including staff from Toronto Water, Toronto Public Health, the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, the City Manager's Office, the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and Environment Canada; and

**WHEREAS** the Beaches Management Symposium is directed at municipal representatives across the Great Lakes to discuss the latest advances including the:

- (a) roles that sediment accumulation and wildlife have in contributing to beach postings;
- (b) impacts of beach sampling protocols on beach posting statistics;
- (c) best management practices employed to improve beach water quality conditions and beach aesthetics; and
- (d) updating of the Canadian Recreational Water Quality Guidelines; and

**WHEREAS** the approved funding is directed at sharing the cost of the Beaches Management Symposium, which may include travel expenses and disbursements for experts and authorities to speak and participate at the Symposium; and

**WHEREAS** Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Ontario, represented by the Minister of the Environment, who is responsible for the Ontario Ministry of the Environment and, specifically, the MOE requires that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding on certain express terms and conditions; and

**WHEREAS** there is urgent need to conclude arrangements with the MOE, in order to ensure the receipt of the Funds by the City before MOE's fiscal year end 2005/2006; and

**WHEREAS** staff are seeking Council approval to receive the Funds and authority for the General Manager, Toronto Water to enter into and execute the Agreements on behalf of the City;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** authority be granted to enter into an agreement with the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to host the Beaches Management Symposium and to accept funding in the amount of \$15,000.00 from the Ontario Ministry of the Environment to support the Symposium;

**AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** the General Manager, Toronto Water be authorized to enter into and execute the Agreement and that staff be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give effect thereto."

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.***

Council also considered the following:

- Fiscal Impact Statement (March 30, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

**J(11) Funding Support from Environment Canada's Great Lakes Sustainability Fund for a City of Toronto's Wet Weather Flow Master Plan (WWFMP) Project**

*Moved by Councillor De Baeremaeker, seconded by Councillor Carroll*

**“WHEREAS** Toronto Water's application for funding submitted to Environment Canada's Great Lakes Sustainability Fund (GLSF) to support the City's Wet Weather Flow Master Plan (WWFMP) Projects (the 'Projects') has been approved for funding of up to an additional \$75,000.00, to the previously approved funding of up to \$175,000.00, to a total amount of up to \$250,000.00 for the fiscal year 2005/2006 (the 'Funds'); and

**WHEREAS** the Funds, previously approved from the GLSF, in an amount of \$175,000.00 are being used to support projects including:

- Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for Coatsworth Cut Stormwater and Combined Sewer Overflow Outfalls;
- Waterfront Modelling Study for Evaluation of WWF Master Plan Implementation; and
- Earl Bales Environmental Management Project/ Stormwater Treatment Study of the WWFMP; and

**WHEREAS** the Funds, newly approved from the GLSF, in an amount of \$75,000.00 would be used to also support the:

- Highland Creek Geomorphic Systems Master Implementation Project (the 'Project'), which uses the Ministry of Natural Resources adaptive management methodology for stream erosion/restoration projects, to develop concept plans for stormwater management and stream erosion control works to minimize erosion, improve aquatic habitat and improve water quality within Highland Creek; and

**WHEREAS** Her Majesty the Queen in Right of Canada, represented by the Minister of the Environment, who is responsible for Environment Canada and, specifically, the GLSF requires that the City enter into a Memorandum of Understanding for the new Project on certain express terms and conditions; and

**WHEREAS** there is urgent need to conclude arrangements with the GLSF, in order to ensure the receipt of the Funds by the City before Environment Canada's fiscal year end 2005/2006; and

**WHEREAS** staff are seeking Council approval to receive the Funds and authority for the General Manager, Toronto Water to enter into and execute the Agreement on behalf of the City;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** Council consider this matter and grant approval to receive the Funds from the GLSF for the Wet Weather Flow Master Plan Project and that the General Manager, Toronto Water be authorized to enter into and execute the Agreements and that staff be authorized to take whatever action is necessary to give effect thereto."

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion, without amendment.***

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Council also considered the following:

- Fiscal Impact Statement (March 30, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

**Condolence Motions:**

(1) **Moved by:** **Councillor Holyday**

**Seconded by:** **Mayor Miller**

“**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mrs. Marie Curtis on Sunday, March 12, 2006, in her 95<sup>th</sup> year; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Curtis was a long-time resident of the southern Etobicoke community of Long Branch before moving to Markdale following her retirement from municipal politics; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Curtis, an exceptional politician, was Reeve of the Village of Long Branch from 1953 to 1962 and, in addition, was a charter member of the Metropolitan Toronto Council; and

**WHEREAS**, following her retirement as Reeve, Mrs. Curtis was Executive Director of the Association of Mayors and Reeves of Ontario (known today as the Association of Municipalities of Ontario) for six years; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Curtis was an Honorary Lifetime Member of the Long Branch Royal Canadian Legion, Branch Number 101; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Curtis was recognized for her invaluable community efforts in assisting the victims of Hurricane Hazel in 1954 through the naming of a Toronto park in her honour; and

**WHEREAS** Mrs. Curtis will be greatly missed and fondly remembered by her many friends and family;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Clerk be directed to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to the family of Mrs. Marie Curtis.”

*Disposition:*

*City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion unanimously.*

(2) **Moved by:** Councillor Grimes

**Seconded by:** Councillor Holyday

“**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council are deeply saddened to learn of the passing of Mr. Ken Cox in his 89<sup>th</sup> year; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox was the founder of the Faustina Sports Club, one of Toronto’s oldest youth sports clubs; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox and childhood friends launched the social-sports club in the Lakeshore area in 1935; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox was largely responsible for the seven-decade success of the Faustina Sports Club providing minor hockey for boys and girls in the Lakeshore area; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox coached, managed and refereed as many as 20,000 hockey players aged five to fourteen, from 1951 when the club began its tenancy at Lakeshore Lions Memorial Arena to present; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox received the George Chamandy Memorial Trophy from the Greater Toronto Hockey League in 1995, which is presented to an individual who has contributed a supreme effort over the years to the fostering and promotion of Minor Hockey in the Greater Toronto area; and

**WHEREAS** Faustina Sports Club named him ‘Sportsman of the Year’ that same year, which recognized his outstanding contribution to the community in the field of sports; and

**WHEREAS** the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame inducted Ken Cox into its Sports Hall of Fame, a prestigious roster of local athletes; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox devoted his entire life to minor sports and youth in the Lakeshore area that will leave a lasting legacy with Faustina Sports Club and he will be sorely missed by many Faustina members, friends and the many hockey players that went through the Faustina organization; and

**WHEREAS** Ken Cox’s legacy leaves Faustina Sports Club a pillar of the Lakeshore community, with a solid foundation and a history of making hockey affordable for all kids;

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Clerk be requested to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to Ken Cox’s wife of 23 years, Dorothy.”

***Disposition:***

***City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion unanimously.***

- (3) **Moved by: Councillor Palacio**  
**Seconded by: Councillor Soknacki**

“**WHEREAS** the Mayor and Members of City Council are saddened to learn of the passing of Fredrick (Fred) H. Thury on Monday, March 6, 2006, at the age of 60; and

**WHEREAS** Fred was a long-time resident of Ward 17 – Davenport and known for his dedication and unconditional commitment to the community; and

**WHEREAS** he was the Organist/Choral Director at Faith United before it closed and Mount Dennis United Church for twelve years before his passing, and was involved in volunteering for the PCP12 and PCP13 committees, volunteering for the ‘No More Drugs’ campaign, assisting with community picnics and BBQ’s, and helping to design the Outdoor Amphitheatre at Earls Court Park, which was built at no cost to the City, to allow community groups to have a stage to perform and foster community cultural events; and

**WHEREAS** Fred started his community activism as far back as the 1970's as Office Manager for the Stop Spadina Campaign and began his teaching career at York University, instructing classes in Acting Techniques, Theatrical Production, Playwriting, Ancient and Modern Drama, Medieval Drama, and the drama component of a Foundations course in Ancient Egyptian, Grecian, and Roman ritual; and

**WHEREAS** along the way he mentored many of our Canadian artists such as Albert Shultz, Kate Hennig, Glenn Morley, Kelly Wolfe, Francesca Accinelli, David Mesiano, John Catucci and Mike Ng Nahrgang, as well as numerous teachers who will touch the lives of generations to come; and

**WHEREAS** Fred was the Founding Member and Artistic Director of Vanier College Productions at York University, serving as an alternative to and/or in tandem with all Fine Arts faculties; and

**WHEREAS** Fred was also the Founding Chairman of the Toronto Theatre Alliance, serving as Chair for two years, and in 1971, while employed as a writer and director at Global Village Theatre in downtown Toronto, together with Roy Fleming, Leonard McHardy, Brian Robinson and Terri Kuhl, he instituted and devised a forum where the producing bodies of Toronto could deal with issues and problems endemic to the industry; and

**WHEREAS** Fred touched the lives of many Canadians with his talents in stage direction and production, with shows like the Ontario Bicentennial Showcase in 1984, Toronto Children's Chorus opera productions for the 1986 World's Fair in Vancouver, writing and staging the Olympic Torch Relay Ceremonies across Canada in 1988, the first International Treble Choral Festival staged in Firenze (Florence) Italy in 1995, and the Toronto City Hall Review from 1975-1981; and

**WHEREAS** as a composer, author, playwright, adjudicator and librettist, many communities have been and continue to offer his works throughout Canada; and

**WHEREAS** Fred was commissioned in 1990, by the Toronto Children's Chorus, to write an original libretto for a Winter Piece with music by Ruth Watson Henderson, and was also known for such works as Nuts and Bolts and Rusty Things (Simon & Pierre), One Potato Too (Young People's Theatre), Anna's Pet (Mermaid Theatre) The Technicolour Wizard and Behind the Wrinkles (Lampoon Puppet theatre); and

**WHEREAS** Fred's unique knowledge of 'word sound' and imagery led him from poetry to fable and the original concept of the much put upon camel 'Hoshmakaka', who then became the centre of the story of 'The Last Straw', which was first performed as a Sung Fable featuring Ben Heppner and the Toronto Children's Chorus and subsequently recorded by CBC records as a 28 minute piece on the album 'Along the Road to Bethlehem';

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the City Clerk be requested to convey, on behalf of the Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, our sincere sympathy to his loving wife Terri Kuhl and his daughters Jennifer Alexis and Sara Meaghen."

*Disposition:*

*City Council on March 29 and 30, 2006, adopted this Motion unanimously.*

**Issued:            April 3, 2006**