

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee

Meeting 1

Monday, January 16, 2006

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Monday, January 16, 2006, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:32 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9:32 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.	2:05 p.m. – 6:25 p.m.
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Chair	X	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri, Vice-Chair	X	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	X	X
Councillor Mark Grimes	X	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X	X
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	X	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X	X

Also Present:

Councillor Gay Cowbourne	Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Councillor Doug Holyday	Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Peter Li Preti	Councillor David Shiner
Councillor Pam McConnell	

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on November 9, 2005, were confirmed.

1.1 2006 Operating Budgets – Economic Development and Parks Committee

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered Analyst Briefing Notes with respect to the 2006 Operating Budgets under the purview of the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Culture;
- Economic Development;
- Tourism;
- Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
- Yonge Dundas Square;
- Heritage Toronto; and
- Community Partnership and Investment Program.

The following persons provided the Economic Development and Parks Committee with presentations on the 2006 Operating Budgets under its purview:

- Josie La Vita, Director, Financial Planning;
- Sue Corke, Deputy City Manager;
- Rita Davies, Executive Director, Culture;
- Taylor Raths, General Manager, Yonge Dundas Square;
- Karen Thorne-Stone, Executive Director, Economic Development;
- Duncan Ross, Executive Director, Tourism;
- Brenda Librecz, General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
- U. Ernest Buchner, Executive Director, Heritage Toronto; and
- Karen Thorne-Stone, Rita Davies and Intiaz Ruffudeen, Community Partnership and Investment Program.

The following persons addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Fatima Amarshi, Executive Director, Pride Toronto;
- Sonia Rodriguez, The National Ballet of Canada;
- Peter Oundjian, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Kevin Garland, National Ballet of Canada.
- Claire Hopkinson, Toronto Arts Council;
- Don Moffat, Toronto Arts Council;
- Adonis Huggins, Regent Park Focus;

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- Lily Chang, CUPE Local 79, and filed a copy of her submission;
- Neville Gordon, Toronto Seniors Forum, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Jutta Mason;
- Karl Sprogis, Chair, Arts Etobicoke and Vice Chair, Toronto School Administrators Association;
- Lilita Tannis, Acting Executive Director, UrbanArts Community Arts Council, and filed a copy of an UrbanArts publication - Winter 2006;
- Michael Murray, Executive Director, Urban Arts Community Arts Council;
- Inga Untiks, Scarborough Arts Council;
- Robin Sokoloski, Lakeshore Arts;
- Rob McLaughlin, The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Akua Ntiamoah, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- Adam Chaleff-Freudenthaler, Toronto Youth Cabinet;
- William Mendes, Toronto Youth Cabinet, and filed a copy of his submission;
- Tim Jones, CEO, Artscape;
- Gerry Smith, Toronto Community Arts Alliance, and filed a copy of his submission; and
- George Pappas, Vradenberg Ratepayers Association.

The following Members of Council also addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Councillor Gay Cowbourne, Ward 44 Scarborough East;
- Councillor Pam McConnell; Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale; and
- Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee:

(1) recommended to the Budget Advisory Committee that City Council:

(A) Culture:

adopt the following Operating Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Culture:

- (1) the Culture 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$15.860 million gross and \$10.654 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved;

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Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Art Services	1,732.1	1,362.1
Cultural Development	8,528.0	5,126.6
Heritage Services	5,599.6	4,164.8
Total Program Budget	15,859.7	10,653.5

- (2) the Year of Creativity initiative with a 2006 cost of \$3.250 million gross and \$1.500 million net, be approved subject to securing \$1.750 million in revenue from Provincial, Federal and other sources;
- (3) \$0.150 million of savings from the elimination of the contribution to Tourism Toronto be reallocated to partially offset the City's net \$1.5 million cost for year 2 of the Year of Creativity; and
- (4) the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the City Solicitor, and the Deputy City Manager responsible for Culture are requested to report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget review process on the use of the Harbourfront Reserve Fund for Music Garden programming;

subject to:
 - (i) adding \$25,000 gross and \$12,500 net for the Music Garden Program;
 - (ii) adding the following recommendations:
- (5) staff refer to Recommendation 47 of the Culture Plan, which reads "the Culture Division will work with the Local Arts Services Organizations (LASOs) to review service gaps and determine levels of funding" and report back to Economic Development and Parks Committee on July 6, 2006 with a report outlining the possibility of increasing the core funding of local arts organizations to a level of sustainability and growth;

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- (6) staff refer to Recommendation 43 of the Culture Plan specifying that the “Culture Division will develop a strategy to help LASOs provide services to a broader range of communities and art groups in every part of the City”, and report back to Economic Development and Parks Committee on July 6, 2006, with an action plan detailing steps to grow local arts and culture organizations across the City; and
- (7) in light of the City’s recent reorganization and the impending reorganization of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, staff report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on September 12, 2006, with strategies to engage, fully support and grow community arts activities across the City through Culture’s staff complement.

(Motion by Councillor Grimes)

(B) Economic Development:

adopt the following Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Economic Development:

- (1) the Economic Development 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$10.311 million gross and \$8.292 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Business Development and Retention	3,566.3	2,986.3
Entrepreneurship and Small Business	917.3	684.7
Investment Marketing	2,891.2	2,529.2
Economic Research and Business Information	1,045.2	985.2
Local Partnership	1,890.5	1,106.2
Total Program Budget	<u>10,310.5</u>	<u>8,291.6</u>

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- (2) the \$0.210 million increase in funding for the Enhanced International Profile be conditional on approval of the proposed \$0.531 million reallocation of realized savings from the elimination of the City's contribution to Tourism Toronto to fund initiatives in Economic Development, Culture and Tourism that support the City's economic development and tourism objectives;
- (3) \$0.037 million from the Governmental Reserve Fund continue to be used in the Economic Development 2006 Operating Budget to partially contribute to the City's Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance membership cost of \$0.100 million;
- (4) the Deputy City Manager responsible for Economic Development to report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget process on the status of the service agreement with the GTMA and the funding of the annual GTMA membership; and

subject to redirecting \$89,500 from the \$210,000 New/Enhanced Funding for International Profile, and applying such amount to City-to-City Partnerships as per Council's direction in December 2005.

(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)

(C) Tourism:

adopt the following Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Tourism:

- (1) the Tourism 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$9.028 million gross and \$5.286 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

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Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Special Events	7,179.6	3,837.8
Tourism Development & Research	1,204.1	804.1
Toronto International	643.7	643.7
Total Program Budget	9,027.5	5,285.6

- (2) the completion of the Premier Ranked Destination Framework be approved for \$0.100 million gross, \$0.030 million net, for one year; conditional on securing \$0.070 million in Provincial and Federal funding;
- (3) funding of the Major Events Strategy be conditional on approval of the proposed \$0.531 million deletion to the City's remaining contribution to Tourism Toronto to fund new initiatives in Economic Development, Culture and Tourism that support the City's economic development and Tourism objectives;
- (4) \$0.460 million of the \$0.531 million savings be re-allocated to offset new funding initiatives of \$0.210 million in Economic Development, \$0.150 million in Culture and \$0.100 million in Tourism that support the City's tourism objectives to be proposed in each of the three Program's 2006 Operating Budget, respectively; and
- (5) the Deputy City Manager responsible for Tourism to report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget process on the status of the investment in the City's Tourism initiatives by Tourism Toronto.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

(D) Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

adopt the following Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

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- (1) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$284.014 million gross and \$212.107 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Parkland and Open Space	124,284.7	107,508.7
Sports and Recreational	153,356.2	100,735.3
Policy and Development	6,373.5	3,863.1
Total Program Budget	<u>284,014.3</u>	<u>212,107.0</u>

- (2) \$3.5 million gross, \$0 net, be approved for the Asian Long Horn Beetle Program, subject to 100 percent recovery from the federal government and a report to Council that costs associated with the survey, removal and disposal of infected trees will continue to be fully recovered through the Canadian Food Inspection Agency;
- (3) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on opportunities for improving service delivery and optimizing existing resources as a result of the Program's organizational re-alignment prior to the 2007 Operating Budget process;
- (4) any additional funding for "Clean and Beautiful City" initiatives be supported from within Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2006 Proposed Operating Budget and that the resulting service impacts be identified;
- (5) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Executive Director of Economic Development report to the Budget Advisory Committee, during the 2006 Operating Budget process, on offering to BIAs a cost-shared Pilot Program in 2006 for tree watering, in the amount of \$100,000 net, \$200,000 gross range;
- (6) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in conjunction with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, the City Solicitor, and the Deputy City

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Manager responsible for Culture, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget process on the use of the Harbourfront Reserve Fund for Music Garden programming; and

- (7) Parks, Forestry and Recreation's future new service priorities be considered in the context of Council's highest priorities and within an affordable fiscal framework;

subject to:

- (i) adding \$638,900 gross and net for the implementation of the Youth Recreation Strategy;
- (ii) adding \$254,300 gross and \$216,700 net for the Earthkeepers Program;
- (iii) adding \$791.9 gross and \$741,900 net for Ravine and Watercourse Maintenance;
- (iv) adding \$253,500 gross and net for Enhanced Community Development;
- (v) adding the following recommendation:

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (8) In the 2006 operation of leisure skating over the Holiday Season, priority be given to operating leisure skating at local rinks except Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day.

(Motion by Councillor Grimes)

- (vi) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division eliminating the fees charged to children and youth for class A, B, C gymnasia; and that the request for \$176,000 in funding to offset the loss of revenue be directed to the Budget Advisory Committee, to be considered with all other children and youth initiative funding requests; and

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri, which carried on the following recorded vote:

**FOR: Councillors Ashton, Augimeri, Grimes, Rae and Walker - 5
AGAINST: Councillor Hall and Lindsay Luby – 2)**

- (vii) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division eliminating the fees charged to seniors in the former Scarborough, Etobicoke and East York areas, for multi-purpose rooms and gymnasia during the day (non-prime time), and that \$76,000 be provided to offset the consequent loss in revenue.

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri which carried on the following recorded vote:

**FOR: Councillors Ashton, Augimeri, Grimes, Rae and Walker - 5
AGAINST: Councillors Hall and Lindsay Luby – 2)**

(E) Yonge-Dundas Square:

adopt the following Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Yonge-Dundas Square:

It is recommended that the Yonge-Dundas Square 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1.072 million gross and \$0.583 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Yonge-Dundas Square	1,072.4	582.6
Total Program Budget	1,072.4	582.6

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

(F) Heritage Toronto:

adopt the following Operating Budget Recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for Heritage Toronto:

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- (1) the Heritage Toronto 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.687 million gross and \$0.356 million net, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Service:	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Heritage Programming	276.0	52.0
Advocacy	245.1	241.9
Heritage Fund Development	165.5	61.6
Total Program Budget	686.6	355.5

- (2) funding of \$0.120 million and \$0 net for the Branding Process, the Heritage Symposium and the Heritage Program Enhancements be approved conditional on securing the other revenues to deliver these programs at no net cost to the City;
- (3) the Chair of Heritage Toronto report to Budget Advisory Committee in January 2006 on the options totaling \$0.041 million to meet the 2 percent target over the 2005 funding level; and
- (4) the Chair of Heritage Toronto report to Budget Advisory Committee, prior to the submission of the 2007 Operating Budget Request, on a revenue strategy to support current program activities that may be funded by donations and other revenue sources.

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (G) Community Partnership and Investment Program:

adopt the following Operating Budget recommendations contained in the Analyst Briefing Notes for the Community Partnership and Investment Program:

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- (1) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$15.562 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Arts and Culture Service Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Arts and Culture		
Toronto Arts Council Grants	8,913.3	8,913.3
Toronto Arts Council Operation Program	939.3	939.3
Major Organizations	3,936.7	3,936.7
Royal Winter Fair	884.7	884.7
Local Art Services Organizations	330.2	330.2
Museums	77.4	77.4
Artscape	230.8	230.8
Culture Build	250.0	250.0
Total Arts and Culture Grants	<u>15,562.4</u>	<u>15,562.4</u>

- (2) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$1.280 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Recreation Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Major Recreation	824.9	824.9
Minor Recreation	426.2	426.2
Lawn Bowling	29.3	29.3
Total Recreation Grants	<u>1,280.4</u>	<u>1,280.4</u>

- (3) the 2006 Proposed Operating Budget of \$0.541 million gross and net, for the Community Partnership and Investment Program, Economic Development Service Envelope, comprised of the following services, be approved:

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Grant Program	Gross (\$000s)	Net (\$000s)
Economic Development Sector Initiatives (EDSIP)	220.5	220.5
Economic Sponsorship Initiatives (ESI)	137.0	137.0
Commercial Research	43.8	43.8
Community Festivals	140.0	140.0
Total Economic Development Sector Initiatives	<u>541.3</u>	<u>541.3</u>

- (4) the Deputy City Manager responsible for Arts and Culture Grants, in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, report to Budget Advisory Committee during the 2006 Operating Budget Process, on the appropriateness and financial implications of transferring the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair funding to Exhibition Place; and
- (5) consideration of funding for the Variety Village request of \$0.125 million be deferred pending a report from the Deputy City Manager in consultation with the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to Budget Advisory Committee as part of the 2006 Operating Budget Process, on the operational and financial viability of the organization and proof of continued support from the Provincial government.
- (6) consideration of funding totaling \$1.428 million be deferred pending Council direction for the promotion and funding of TO Live with Culture during 2006, for the following Grant requests:
- Toronto Arts Council (\$1.097 million)
 - Major Arts Organizations (\$0.300 million)
 - Local Arts Service Organizations (\$0.016 million)
 - Artscape (\$0.015 million)

subject to:

- (i) adding \$400,000 to the Toronto Arts Council Cultural Grants Program;
- (ii) adding \$300,000 to Major Cultural Organizations;

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- (iii) adding \$33,000 to Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs);
- (iv) adding \$15,000 to Toronto Artscape;
- (v) adopting the following motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby:

“WHEREAS Council last year adopted the principle that the grant for the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair should equal the rent being charged;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the grant to the Royal Agricultural Winter Fair be increased by \$83,000 for 2006, to allow the RWAF to cover the increase in rental expenses at Exhibition Place.”;

(Motion by Councillor Rae)

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation:
 - (a) to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on January 24, 2005, on the resources required to open one school in each of the 13 priority neighbourhoods until 10:00 p.m. on weeknights, 11:00 p.m. on weekends and at least 10:00 p.m. throughout July and August, at no cost to the community, as well as financing options for achieving this level of service;
 - (b) in consultation with CUPE Locals 79 and 416, to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on January 24, 2006, on resources required for a “Training in the Trades” apprenticeship program with City workers in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division for 100 youth in 2006, with consideration of a living wage for those youth in the program, and ensuring that no existing jobs are replaced by apprentice labour;
 - (c) to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the implementation of the Seniors Recreation Strategy within the 2006 Operating Budget, and identifying areas for improvement or additional focus before the 2007 budget discussions;

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (d) to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap-up meeting on January 24, 2006, on how much funding would be needed to fund free recreation at additional centres on the 1998 priority list;

(Motion by Councillor Walker)

- (e) to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting on March 9, 2006, on the following motion by Councillor Augimeri (on behalf of Councillor Moscoe):

“WHEREAS Yorkdale Shopping Centre has expanded their existing commercial gross floor area, subject to a two percent cash-in-lieu of parkland dedication requirement; and

WHEREAS Yorkdale has paid the two percent cash payment calculated to be \$72,000 and is currently being held by Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and

WHEREAS as an alternative to paying this amount; Yorkdale Shopping Centre has agreed to provide 2,000 square feet of finished space in the basement of the Shopping Centre as community space; and

WHEREAS, Yorkdale Shopping Centre has also agreed to assume all responsibilities for the associated costs related to the utilities and cleaning; and

WHEREAS Eglinton-Lawrence area is deficient in community space; and

WHEREAS Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will operate this facility as a community centre; and

WHEREAS the full implementation plan which allowed the centre to be open from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. seven days a week, had a budget of \$348,000 plus start up costs of approximately \$29,800; and

WHEREAS there is no current operating budget provision in Parks, Forestry and Recreation or Culture Division to maintain the operation of the community centre; and

WHEREAS Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff has developed a secondary plan in consultation with the Culture Division to operate arts and recreational programs and services, at a cost of \$150,000 per year; and

WHEREAS Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff will take the lead role in developing other community partners that are interested in operating programs in the new facility and seek funding and grants for specific programs;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that operating costs in the amount of \$150,000 net be added to the Parks, Forestry and Recreation base operating budget to provide these programs and services; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation do all things necessary to give effect to the intent of this resolution.”

(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)

- (3) requested the Chief and General Manager of Emergency Medical Services to submit a Briefing Note to the Budget Advisory Committee on how and where the defibrillating machines will be rolled out.

(Motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby)

(Budget Advisory Committee; c: Deputy City Manager, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, Director, Financial Planning, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Executive Director, Culture, General Manager, Yonge Dundas Square, Executive Director, Economic Development, Executive Director, Tourism, Executive Director, Heritage Toronto – January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 18(a))

1.2 ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster Development Strategy (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 12, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, presenting a sector development Strategy for Toronto's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster and outlining actions initiated to implement it.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council endorse the goals and recommendations of "ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology (ICT) Cluster Development Strategy for the Toronto Region" as summarized in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) the Strategy be forwarded to the City's e-City Committee and to the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA) for their information;
- (3) the City thank the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) and International Trade Canada (ITC) for their support and partnership with this initiative and request that they continue their support for the City's ICT cluster-related initiatives; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Ron Freedman, Principal, The Impact Group; and
- Daniel Eng, President, Canadian Information Processing Society (CIP).

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 12, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, subject to inserting the words "the Expo 2015 Corporation", after the words "City's e-City Committee" in Recommendation (2), so that the recommendations now read:

- (1) City Council endorse the goals and recommendations of "ICT Toronto: An Information and Communication Technology (ICT)

Cluster Development Strategy for the Toronto Region” as summarized in Attachment 1 to this report;

- (2) the Strategy be forwarded to the City’s e-City Committee, the Expo 2015 Corporation, and the Toronto Financial Services Alliance (TFSA) for their information;
- (3) the City thank the Ontario Ministry of Economic Development and Trade (MEDT) and International Trade Canada (ITC) for their support and partnership with this initiative and request that they continue their support for the City’s ICT cluster-related initiatives; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Report 1, Clause 1)

1.3 Report on Consultation with Culture Stakeholders Outside the Downtown Core of the City of Toronto (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, responding to the Economic Development and Parks Committee’s request for feedback from stakeholders outside the downtown core of the City of Toronto regarding Culture budgets and the potential for increasing the budgets for their programs.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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

- (1) referred the report back to the Deputy City Manager, and requested that she submit a further report on opportunities to formalize a structure and that the stakeholders group be requested to further advocate the rules and objectives identified in the report; and
- (2) directed that a copy of the report (December 19, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager be forwarded to the Roundtable on Arts and Culture for information.

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(Report 1, Clause 18(b))

**1.4 Bermondsey Employment Revitalization Area
Five-Year Strategic Action Plan
(Ward 31 Beaches-East York and Ward 34 Don Valley East)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 5, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting on the activities of the Bermondsey Employment Revitalization Steering Committee, presenting their Five-Year Strategic Action Plan and to discuss its implementation.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee receive the Bermondsey Five-Year Strategic Action Plan and acknowledge the contribution of the volunteers on the Bermondsey Area Steering Committee;
- (2) Economic Development staff work with the Bermondsey Revitalization Area Steering Committee to establish a business association that will guide the implementation of the action plan;
- (3) an interdivisional staff team including representatives from Transportation Services, Solid Waste Management, Municipal Standards and Licensing, Planning, Finance and the Water divisions be established to assist the new business association implement the recommendations contained in the action plan;
- (4) a copy of the action plan be forwarded to appropriate staff in Toronto Hydro and the Toronto Transit Commission for their information; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 5, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 2)

1.5 Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2003-2006 Boards of Management Additions and Deletions and Nominees to a Newly Established BIA (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, seeking approval to appoint new members and terminate existing members for various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management, and to make the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council appoint new members and terminate existing members of Boards of Management for nine Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) City Council appoint 10 BIA members to the Uptown Yonge BIA Board of Management, as set out in Attachment 1, for the remainder of the 2003-2006 term;
- (3) City Council amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas" to alter the number of members on the Boards of Management, and adjust or establish quorums as necessary, as set out in Attachment 2 to this report;
- (4) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 9, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 3)

**1.6 2005 Culture Build Grants Recommendations
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 15, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, recommending allocations to non-City-owned not-for-profit cultural organizations that have applied through the Culture Division for municipal support within the 2005 Culture Build Grants Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

(1) Culture Build grants be approved for the following organizations:

(a)	Armenian Community Centre of Toronto	\$ 42,500.00
(b)	Canadian Museum of Carpets and Textiles	\$ 7,500.00
(c)	Factory Theatre	\$ 48,000.00
(d)	Harbourfront Centre	\$ 9,000.00
(e)	Korean Canadian Cultural Association	\$ 57,000.00
(f)	Pia Bouman School for Ballet and Creative Movement	\$ 47,950.00
(g)	Prefix Institute of Contemporary Art	\$ 4,000.00
(h)	Tapestry New Opera Works	\$ 7,080.00
(i)	Tarragon Theatre	\$ 9,000.00
(j)	Toronto Community Videotex O/A Interaccess	\$ 17,970.00
	Total	\$250,000.00

(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 (December 15, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 4)

**1.7 Tourism Action Plan: Report on 2005 Tourism Program
Visitor Information Services Projects (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting as requested on the progress made in 2005 toward implementing strategies to enhance visitor information services as part of the implementation of the Five Year Tourism Action Plan, adopted by Council June 24, 25 and 26, 2003.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council reaffirm the validity of the Five Year Tourism Action Plan as a guide for strengthening Toronto's tourism industry, and endorse the continuation of the Visitor Information Services directions for 2005 to 2007;
- (2) an RFP be issued in conjunction with the Facilities and Real Estate Division, to procure a private operator for the Nathan Phillips Square visitor information kiosk for a period of three years;
- (3) Council adopt the word marks "INFOTOGO", "InfoTOgo" and INFOTOGO, Visitor Information Network" and the two design marks identified in this report as official marks of the City of Toronto and authorize the registration of the recommended word marks and design marks for the Visitor Information Network and its content, including the way-finding maps, audio information services, in-person information centres, and website; 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 (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 5)

**1.8 Canada's Walk of Fame Design Competition
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 22, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, summarizing the progress made during 2005 in developing a new design for Canada's Walk of Fame and clarifying procedural matters related to the next phase of the project.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authorization be provided for the inclusion of Metro Square among the sites to be considered for Canada's Walk of Fame, subject to any operational, structural and design considerations as may be determined by the appropriate City officials in the Facilities and Real Estate and City Planning Divisions;
- (2) authorization be provided to retain the services of the Design Team that will be selected through the Competition Process to develop the design and working drawings and oversee the construction and installation of the required elements;
- (3) authorization be provided to reimburse Canada's Walk of Fame and to pay for costs associated with the competition within the parameters of the approved Capital Budget and the agreement that the project is to be cost shared between the City and Canada's Walk of Fame on a 50:50 basis; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 22, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 6)

**1.9 International Alliance Program (IAP) – Summary Report for 2005
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered the following report/communications:

- (i) (December 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, summarizing the activities of the International Alliance Program (IAP) in 2005.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this summary of the International Alliance Program (IAP) for 2005 be received for information.

- (ii) (December 7, 2005) from Councillor Cesar Palacio, Ward 17 Davenport, expressing his strong support for a formal sponsorship Friendship Agreement between Lisbon and Toronto.
- (iii) (December 7, 2005) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 Davenport, expressing his support for an International Alliance Program with the City of Lisbon.
- (iv) (December 12, 2005) from The Honourable Mario Silva, Member of Parliament for Davenport, in support of the Proposed Friendship Agreement between the City of Lisbon and the City of Toronto.
- (v) (December 8, 2005) from Councillor Michael Thompson, Ward 37 Scarborough Centre, requesting information on what steps communities need to take to work toward establishing formal relations between the City of Toronto and the cities of Montego Bay, Monaco and Manila.
- (vi) (December 29, 2005) from Albino Jose Dias, President, Casa das Beiras Cultural Community Centre of Toronto, expressing support for the proposed Friendship Agreement between Lisbon and Toronto.

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

- (1) received the report (December 16, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager; and directed that it be forwarded to Council for information; and

- (2) referred the requests from Councillor Palacio, on a proposed friendship agreement with the City of Lisbon, and Councillor Thompson, on proposed establishment of formal relationships with the Cities of Montego Bay, Monaco and Manila, to the Deputy City Manager for report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee as soon as possible.

(Report 1, Clause 7)

1.10 Event Enhancement Strategy (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager, reporting back on the implementation of the Event Enhancement Strategy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff be directed to update the Toronto Special Events, Event Support website to include information on all event permitting information and related information;
- (2) Toronto Special Events, in partnership with Festival and Event industry stakeholders establish the Toronto Festival and Event Network and then develop a three-year plan to collectively promote the Toronto festival and event experience;
- (3) the Director of Events work with the Deputy City Manager and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer to ensure that a system of tracking is developed that captures information that will be able to be used for an analysis for the 2007 Budget process and all Divisions be directed to track all fees collected and costs charged for services to all festival and event organizers from January 2006 through to September 30, 2006;
- (4) staff report back in October with a specific review of festival and event classifications and recommendations for modifications to City of Toronto approaches to financial assistance for festivals and events based on the analysis of City of Toronto fees and review of existing assistance programs;
- (5) Toronto Special Events continue to work with foreign Consulates, Embassies and High Commissions to obtain travel subsidies to allow staff to travel to international festivals for the purposes of program development; and

- (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 (December 20, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager.

(Report 1, Clause 8)

**1.11 Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund
(Ward 27 Toronto Centre Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 12, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, establishing an obligatory reserve fund to receive donations for the revitalization of Allan Gardens and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” to receive donations for park improvements, the purpose of which is to provide funds for, but not limited to, the planning, design and revitalization of Allan Gardens;
- (2) Municipal Code Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] to be amended by adding the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9, Donation Reserve Funds;
- (3) all donations received for the revitalization of Allan Gardens, by the City of Toronto, be held separately in the “Allan Gardens Revitalization Reserve Fund” designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes will be issued to donors in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*;
- (4) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (5) 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 Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff recommendations (1), (2), (3) and (5) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 12, 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 of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer - January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 18(c))

1.12 Operation of Snack and Hot Drink Vending – Nut Products in Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting as requested by the Economic Development and Parks Committee at its meeting of September 12, 2005, to advise on how nut products should be addressed in Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities through sales at vending machines and snack bars.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff work with snack bar and vending machine operators to: (a) eliminate unpackaged nuts, (b) voluntarily reduce the quantity of nut products sold, and (c) promote nut free products;
- (2) Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff continue to utilize Toronto Public Health as a resource to educate the public and staff regarding nut allergies; 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:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the feasibility of initiating a policy whereby the City's Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities (which include snacks and hot drink vending) be nut-free.

(Report 1, Clause 10)

**1.13 Proposed Construction and Management of a Pedestrian Bridge
Across the Etobicoke Creek (Ward 3 Etobicoke Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking City Council approval to enter into an agreement with the City of Mississauga for construction and maintenance of a pedestrian bridge across the Etobicoke Creek.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to negotiate and execute an Agreement with the City of Mississauga for the construction and maintenance of the pedestrian bridge, in a form and content acceptable to the City Solicitor and the General Manager of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and
- (2) 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 City 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 (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 1, Clause 11)

**1.14 High Park, Proposed Prescribed Burn, Spring 2006
(Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 21, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on continuing efforts to restore and maintain provincially rare black oak savannah/woodland vegetation communities in High Park by implementing prescribed burning as a proven management tool.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Director, Urban Forestry, in conjunction with the Fire Chief/General Manager, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with the implementation of a Prescribed Burn in High Park in Spring 2006;
- (2) the Director, Urban Forestry, consult with the local Ward Councillor regarding the preparation of appropriate communications for distribution to the local communities;
- (3) the Director, Urban Forestry, consult with the Park Supervisor, Fire Services and Toronto Police Services regarding safety issues;
- (4) in future years, the Director, Urban Forestry, in conjunction with the Fire Chief, be authorized to approve the Operational Prescribed Burn Plan prepared by the Fire Chief and proceed with the implementation of prescribed burns in appropriate areas following consultation with local Councillors; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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 (December 21, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 1, Clause 12)

**1.15 Harbourfront Centre – Renewal of Operating Grant
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 14, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the renewal of the annual operating grant to Harbourfront Centre for the period of April 1, 2006 to March 31, 2007.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee renew the annual grant commitment of \$750,000.00 to Harbourfront Centre for one year from April 1, 2006 and ending March 31, 2007, or until Harbourfront Centre ceases to exist, ceases to operate Harbourfront Centre or loses its non-profit status;
- (2) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to commence a review with Harbourfront Centre of their capital needs to ensure a state of good repair of the City-owned Harbourfront programming lands and report during the 2007 Budget Process on capital requirements;
- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to commence negotiations with Harbourfront Centre with respect to a renewal of the operating agreement and state of good repair capital funding for a term of 10 years, commencing April 1, 2007 and ending March 31, 2017, outlining such additional terms and conditions as deemed necessary or appropriate and that the financial implications be reported during the 2007 Budget Process;
- (4) subject to City Council adopting Recommendation (3), the Government of Canada be requested to jointly examine a 10-year financial plan to ensure financial stability of Harbourfront Centre;
- (5) this report be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2006 Operating Budget Process; and
- (6) 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 Budget Advisory Committee that City

Council adopt staff recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (December 14, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Budget Advisory Committee, c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer – January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 18(d))

**1.16 Community Access to Soccer Stadium at Exhibition Place
(Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (December 22, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the overall plan for the utilization of community access hours for the new soccer stadium at Exhibition Place.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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

- (1) received the report for information; and
- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to the Committee as soon as possible on the feasibility of accessing space free-of-charge at the new soccer stadium for the City's 13 priority neighbourhoods.

(Report 1, Clause 18(e))

**1.17 Establishment of a Withrow Park Improvement Reserve Fund
(Ward 30 Toronto-Danforth)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 3, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, regarding the creation of a Reserve Fund to support fundraising for the enhancement of facilities at Withrow Park.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called “Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund” for receiving cash toward the enhancement of Withrow Park commencing in 2006;
- (2) Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 - Donations Reserve Fund;
- (3) all donations received by the Withrow Working Group and by the City for the Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund, be held separately in the Withrow Park Improvements Reserve Fund designated for this purpose, and receipts for income tax purposes be issued to donors for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* and City policy in this regard;
- (4) authority be granted to enter into an agreement, if necessary, with the Withrow Working Group to allow the Withrow Working Group to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for facility enhancements at Withrow Park, in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor;
- (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.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 3, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer – January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 18(f))

1.18 Construction and Operation of the Soccer Field and Field House at the Keele Reservoir (Ward 8 York West)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a confidential report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, regarding the Construction and Operation of the Soccer Field and Field House at the Keele Reservoir, 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 Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the Confidential report (December 19, 2005) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 1, Clause 13)

1.19 Extending the Hours of Seasonal Pools

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (November 8, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, referred Clause 8(g) from Report 9 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, titled “Extending the Hours of Seasonal Pools”, back to the Committee for further consideration.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee submitted the communication (November 8, 2005) from the City Clerk to Council without recommendation.

(Report 1, Clause 14)

1.20 Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP) – Policy Update

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (November 1, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on October 26, 27, 28 and 31, 2005, struck an Appeals Sub-committee, comprised of two members of Council from each of the Administration, Community Services and Economic Development and Parks Committees, to support all Standing Committees in the review of CPIP program allocation recommendations and to hear appeals from

applicants and appointed Councillors Augimeri and Grimes as members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Ashton, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication for information.

(Report 1, Clause 18(g))

1.21 Appointments to the Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (December 13, 2005) from the Secretary, Board of Management of the Toronto Zoo, advising that the Board of Management on November 29, 2005, and December 13, 2005, recommended that the Economic Development and Parks Committee and City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (September 30, 2005) from the Chair, Board of Management and the General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo, with amendments to Recommendations (1) and (2), which increases the size of the Board of Management from 11 to 12 members, so that the recommendations now read as follows:

- (1) the number of Foundation Board recommended appointees on the Zoo Board of Management remain at three and that this number be reviewed annually following an evaluation of the Foundation Board's accomplishments;
- (2) the following Members of the Foundation Board be appointed to the Zoo Board of Management:
 - Philip Smith, Chair;
 - Kathleen Crook, Vice-Chair; and
 - Fraser Phillips, Past Chair;
- (3) Peter Evans, Chair of the Learning Centre Steering Committee, be reappointed to the Zoo Board of Management; and
- (4) these appointments be for a term ending November 30, 2006, and until their successors are appointed.

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

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report

(September 30, 2005) from the Chair, Board of Management, and the General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo, with amendments to Recommendations (1) and (2), which increases the size of the Board of Management from 11 to 12 members, so that the recommendations now read as follows:

- (a) the number of Foundation Board recommended appointees on the Zoo Board of Management remain at three and that this number be reviewed annually following an evaluation of the Foundation Board's accomplishments;
 - (b) the following Members of the Foundation Board be appointed to the Zoo Board of Management:
 - Philip Smith, Chair; and
 - Fraser Phillips, Past Chair;
 - (c) Peter Evans, Chair of the Learning Centre Steering Committee, be reappointed to the Zoo Board of Management; and
 - (d) these appointments be for a term ending November 30, 2006, and until their successors are appointed; and
- (2) upon being advised of the resignation of Kathleen Crook from the Foundation Board, requested the Zoo Board of Management to report to the Committee recommending a third member of the Foundation Board to be appointed to the Zoo Board of Management.

(Toronto Zoo Board of Management, c. General Manager and CEO, Toronto Zoo – January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 17)

1.22 Dogs in Parks – Water Reservoirs – Off-Leash Areas and Dog Urine/Excrement

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (November 10, 2005) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, requesting staff to report on the feasibility and implications of establishing dog off-leash areas either in close proximity to or directly on top of water reservoir areas.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the communication (November 10, 2005) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the General Manager of Toronto Water, and requested that they report thereon to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and Works Committee as soon as possible.

(Report 1, Clause 18(h))

1.23 Toronto City Hall Hockey Team

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (December 19, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council on December 14 and 16, 2005, referred Item (j) contained in Clause 18c of Report 8 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee back to the Committee for further consideration.

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

- (1) received the communication for information; and
- (2) requested Councillors Grimes and Mammoliti to meet with staff and explore the possibility of visiting Moscow for a return series of hockey matches, at no cost to the City and report thereon to the Committee as soon as possible.

(Councillors Giorgio Mammoliti and Mark Grimes, c. Deputy City Manager – January 17, 2006)

(Report 1, Clause 18(i))

1.24 2006 Business Improvement Area Operating Budgets: Report 2 (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, forwarding Business Improvement Area (BIA) annual operating budgets for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

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Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2006 expenditure requests and levy requirements of the following Business Improvement Areas:

Business Improvement Area	2006 Expenditure Estimates (\$)	2006 Levy Funds Required (\$)
Bloor by the Park	62,190.00	57,089.00
Bloordale Village	81,345.00	73,531.00
Gerrard India Bazaar	183,354.00	131,043.00
Harbord Street	10,876.00	7,876.00
Knob Hill Plaza	25,844.00	21,110.00
Little Italy	251,592.00	240,866.00
Old Cabbagetown	281,799.00	186,991.00
Pape Village	74,248.00	35,640.00
Queens Quay Harbourfront	216,041.00	165,000.00
Rosedale Main Street	285,240.00	200,310.00
St. Clair Avenue West	25,888.00	12,826.00
St. Clair Gardens	44,498.00	34,004.00
Upper Village (York)	25,360.00	0.00
Uptown Yonge	115,500.00	115,500.00
Weston	130,001.00	71,801.00
Wychwood Heights	61,178.00	36,772.00
York-Eglinton	63,695.00	58,685.00

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

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 9, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Report 1, Clause 9)

**1.25 Enhancing Tourism in Toronto With a
Recreation Vehicle Campground (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation providing an update on opportunities for enhancing tourism in Toronto with a Recreational Vehicle Campground.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, working in conjunction with the Tourism Unit of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, prepare a comprehensive report exploring additional opportunities on how to further attract Recreational Vehicle tourism to Toronto, to include:
 - (a) the results of an industry consultation with relevant stakeholders that would specifically address the market potential of augmenting Toronto tourism infrastructure to include Recreational Vehicle specific facilities near the downtown core;
 - (b) the identification and analysis of potential locations for Recreational Vehicle specific facilities near Toronto's downtown core with access to public transit and the ability to provide the necessary support amenities required to accommodate Recreational Vehicle camping;
 - (c) an analysis and summary of research on competing campgrounds within the Greater Toronto Area, including City of Toronto, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and Ontario Parks campgrounds;
 - (d) the results of an industry consultation that would specifically address the possibilities for and market potential of augmenting the Toronto Recreational Vehicle tourism infrastructure by way of increased promotion and development of the Glen Rouge Campground;

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- (e) an analysis of a 2005 Glen Rouge Campground camper survey, and a summary of results from the previous years;
 - (f) a set of additional ideas, collected from relevant stakeholders, on how to effectively promote Toronto as a prime camping destination for Recreational Vehicle camping enthusiasts; and
 - (g) a set of staff recommendations outlining the next steps to be taken in order to further attract Recreational Vehicle tourism to the City and report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in 2006; 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 recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Report 1, Clause 15)

1.26 Reduction in Permit Fees Policy (All Wards)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on a policy of reducing permit fees for parks and recreation facilities for community groups who experience financial hardships.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the reduction in Permit Fees Policy, as contained in Attachment 1, be approved;
- (2) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on the 2006 budget variance as a result of the implementation of this policy;
- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation report to Budget Advisory Committee, prior to the 2007 Operating Budget cycle, on permit fee revenues; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Nic Mills addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (January 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to amending Attachment 1 to include that a demonstration of fundraising effort be provided; and

(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)

- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report to Council:
 - (a) on the cost of implementing a policy to compensate those groups negatively impacted by the change in implementation dates of the new harmonized fee policy; and

(Motion by Councillor Hall)

- (b) on an interim proposed updated list of priority centres, based on the difficulties the community has had during the last year; such report to make it clear that the policy regarding Priority Centres is not negatively affected by the harmonization of permit fees.

(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)

(Report 1, Clause 16)

1.27 Proposed Youth Centre – Southwest Corner of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue West (Ward 22 St. Paul's)

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (January 5, 2006) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, requesting staff to report on the feasibility of establishing a public youth centre in connection with the request for proposals (RFP) process to redevelop the former TTC Bus Lands at the southwest corner of Yonge Street and Eglinton Avenue West through a public-private partnership where the youth centre would occupy space at street-level in the redevelopment.

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The following persons addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Andrew Steele Moore; and
- Joshua Zelikovitz.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Economic Development and Parks Committee referred the communication (January 5, 2006) from Councillor Michael Walker, Ward 22 St. Paul's, to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, for consideration and report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee as soon as possible.

(Report 1, Clause 18(j))

A roll call was requested at 6:25 p.m. and the following members were present:

Councillor Ashton, Augimeri, Grimes, Hall, Lindsay Luby, Rae and Walker.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:25 p.m.

Chair