

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee**

**Meeting 3**

**Thursday, May 4, 2006**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Thursday, May 4, 2006, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Attendance:

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

	9: 35 a.m. – 12: 50 p.m.
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby, Chair	X
Councillor Maria Augimeri, Vice-Chair	X
Councillor Brian Ashton	X
Councillor Mark Grimes	X
Councillor Suzan Hall	X
Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti	X
Councillor Kyle Rae	X
Councillor Michael Walker	X

Also Present:

Councillor Jane Pitfield	Councillor David Shiner
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### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on March 9, 2006, were confirmed.

### **3.1 Parks Renaissance Strategy: Information Update (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 18, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the project goals, progress to date and next steps in the development of the Parks Renaissance Strategy.

#### Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

Pino DiMasico, Urban Strategies Inc., addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

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

#### **(Report 3, Clause 17(a))**

### **3.2 Dogs in Parks Strategy Report (All Wards)**

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

- (i) (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, recommending adoption of the proposed new Dogs in Parks Strategy, including protocols for leash free zones, professional dog walker limits, a communication and education plan.

#### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Dogs in Parks Strategy, as set out in Appendix 1 of this report, be adopted;

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- (2) the projected revenue and maintenance costs be included in the 2007 Parks, Forestry and Recreation budget submission;
  - (3) Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report back with specific amendments to Chapter 608 of the Municipal Code in accordance with the proposals set out in Appendix 1 of this report;
  - (4) until such time as Chapter 608 is amended so that permitted dog walkers may have up to six dogs under their control at one time in a park as set out in Appendix 1, that the interim limit on the number of dogs under the control of a permitted dog walker at any time in a park be set at six;
  - (5) Chapter 441 Fees be amended to include a fee of \$100.00 per annum for a permit to use the City's parks while having the control of more than three and up to six dogs at any one time;
  - (6) Parks, Forestry and Recreation be authorized to finalize and implement the Communication and Education Plan as outlined in Appendix 1; and
  - (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto;
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- (ii) (April 27, 2006) from Ila Bossons;
  - (iii) (April 28, 2006) from Lynda Crosswell;
  - (iv) (April 29, 2006) from Dagmar Siilats;
  - (v) (May 1, 2006) from Christine Donaldson;
  - (vi) (April 20, 2006) from Yolanda and John Caico;
  - (vii) (May 1, 2006) from Shelley Williams;
  - (viii) Petition (May 2006) containing 36 signatures requesting deferral of "Dogs in Parks Strategy" report;
  - (ix) (May 1, 2006) from Deborah Symington;
  - (x) (May 1, 2006) from Carol McCause;
  - (xi) (May 1, 2006) from Dr. Christine Elser;
  - (xii) (May 2, 2006) from Jan Romer;
  - (xiii) (May 2, 2006) from Katherine Thomas;
  - (xiv) (May 2, 2006) from Suzanne Euwen;
  - (xv) Petition containing 108 signatures proposing designated off-leash hours in Memorial Park;
  - (xvi) (May 3, 2006) from Patrick Kennedy on behalf of the Annex Residents' Association;
  - (xvii) (May 3, 2006) from Tom Trow, President, Toronto Humane Society;
  - (xviii) (May 3, 2006) from John Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don; and
  - (xix) (May 3, 2006) from Mary-Jo Makarchuk.

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The Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) referred the report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the Community Councils for consideration and public consultation; and

**(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)**

- (2) requested:
  - (i) that prior to the Community Councils holding meetings, there be further consultation with the following for their input:
    - the Roundtable on Seniors;
    - the Children's Services Advisory Committee (formerly Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education);
    - the Parent Councils; and
    - Ratepayer/Resident groups;
  - (ii) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to submit separate reports to the Community Councils on the following:
    - (a) Dogs in Park - off-leash zone policy similar to the 1998 policy, providing physical criteria that exempts certain parks from off-leash consideration given their size, proximity to environmentally sensitive areas, playgrounds, schoolyards and active recreation areas; and
    - (b) Dogwalker policy;
  - (iii) that notice of the consultation and the Community Council meetings be advertised on the City's website as well as Community Newspapers;
  - (iv) that the Community Councils report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee with their recommendations; and

- (v) that the Economic Development and Parks Committee schedule the matter as a deputation item.

**(Motion by Councillor Rae)**

(Etobicoke York, North York, Scarborough and Toronto East York Community Councils; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; Roundtable on Seniors, Children's Services Advisory Committee (formerly Roundtable on Children, Youth and Education; Interested Parties – May 5, 2006)

**(Report 3, Clause (17(b)))**

**3.3 Sport Strategy Framework for the City of Toronto (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the Sport Strategy Framework in partnership with the Toronto Sports Council and seeking recognition of the Toronto Sports Council as the “voice for sport” in Toronto.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Sports Council be recognized as the “voice for sport” in Toronto;
- (2) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division report back on opportunities with the Toronto Sports Council to pilot the development of various business models for the renovation and development of sport facilities, including pools, ice rinks and sports fields;
- (3) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and the Toronto Sports Council work with each Toronto school board to explore the feasibility and possible development of a plan to integrate the facility permitting process;
- (4) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation report back on an overall priority plan for sport and recreation facilities, including working with other divisions and agencies, and on the progress of the plan;
- (5) the City of Toronto, in concert with the Toronto Sports Council, communicate the needs of sports and recreation infrastructure with the Province of Ontario and the Government of Canada in order to establish a National Sports and Recreation Infrastructure Program; and

- (6) 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:

- Oliver Carroll, Chair, Toronto Catholic District School Board and filed a submission; and
- Karen Pitre, Chair, Toronto Sports Council.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council:

- (1) adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and
- (2) appoint Councillor Augimeri and Councillor Grimes to ensure the implementation and success of the Sport Strategy Framework, working with staff and the Toronto Sports Council to advance the needs of Sport for Toronto.

**(Report 3, Clause 1)**

**3.4 Main and Gerrard Subdivision Landscape Construction on Park Block D, Block 53, Registered Plan 66M-2414 (Ward 32 Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation amending the 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget and adding a sub-project, entitled “Main and Gerrard Subdivision Landscape Construction on Park Block D”, funded by the proceeds of a Letter of Credit held as a performance guarantee for the Subdivision Agreement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) on the condition that the City receives the \$371,813.00 in proceeds from the draw on the Letter of Credit, the 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be increased by \$371,813.00 gross, and zero net, funded by proceeds from a Letter of Credit through addition of a sub-project, entitled “Main and Gerrard Subdivision Landscape Construction on Park Block D”;

- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1) and (3) in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation - May 9, 2006)

**(Report 3, Clause (17(c)))**

**3.5 Demand Loan Guarantee Revision – Toronto Botanical Garden Revitalization Plan (Ward 25 Don Valley West)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 19, 2006) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Joe Pennachetti, seeking approval to amend the existing demand loan guarantee for the Toronto Botanical Garden to reduce the amount of the guarantee and to revise the term of the guarantee.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted for the City to:
  - (a) provide a revised demand loan guarantee on behalf of the Toronto Botanical Garden (TBG) to its financial institution in the amount of \$1,500,000.00 (inclusive of interest payable by TBG) for a two-year period starting January 1, 2007 and ending January 1, 2009;
  - (b) enter into an agreement with TBG with respect to the demand loan guarantee; and
  - (c) enter into a tri-party agreement with TBG and its financial institution with respect to the demand loan guarantee;

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- (2) such guarantee and all related agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the City Solicitor, the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, and that the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer be requested to negotiate appropriate and adequate safeguards to the satisfaction of the City Solicitor with the City being promptly advised in the event of default or delay in the payment of interest;
- (3) for the duration of the demand loan guarantee, TBG be responsible for submitting semi-annual variance reports on their cash flow forecast to the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer;
- (4) the guarantee be deemed to be in the interests of the City; 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 (April 19, 2006) from Deputy City Manager Sue Corke and Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer Joe Pennachetti.

**(Report 3, Clause 2)**

**3.6 Potential Removal of Peanut and Nut Products in Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Director of Purchasing and Materials Management, reporting on the findings of the consultation and research that was conducted on Peanut and Nut Products in Parks, Forestry and Recreation Facilities.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) products containing peanuts and nuts continue to be available in Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities;
- (2) Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff work with Parks, Forestry and Recreation snack bar and vending machine operators to: (a) eliminate unpackaged peanuts and nut products; (b) reduce the quantity of peanut and nut products sold;



- (c) promote peanut and nut free products; and (d) provide more pre-packaged products with ingredient listings available;
- (3) Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff continue to work with Public Health and the Allergy Associations to develop programs to raise awareness and educate the public, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Staff, and food handlers regarding prevention and management of anaphylaxis; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

- (1) postponed consideration of the report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to the June 12, 2006 meeting of the Committee; and
- (2) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation to report further on the removal of products that contain peanuts from Parks, Forestry and Recreation facilities, and the financial implications thereof.

**(Report 3, Clause 17(d))**

**3.7 Air India Memorial  
(Ward 6 Etobicoke-Lakeshore)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation seeking City Council approval to accept the donation of a memorial from the Government of Canada in memory of the victims of Air India Flight 182.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council accept the donation of a memorial to the victims of Air India Flight 182 from the Government of Canada to be located at Humber Bay Park East (Attachments 2 and 4);

- (2) authority be given to the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into an agreement with the Government of Canada for the purpose of stipulating the City's conditions and requirements related to the source of funding, design, development, construction, completion and ongoing maintenance of the proposed memorial;
- (3) following the successful negotiation of an agreement with the Government of Canada, the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Chief Financial Officer submit a report to City Council with respect to establishing a reserve fund called the "Air India Memorial Maintenance Fund" to receive funds for the ongoing maintenance of the memorial; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

**(Report 3, Clause 3)**

**3.8 Lowering of Hiring Age  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation reporting on the issues raised in the communication dated March 9, 2006, from CUPE Local 79 regarding lowering the minimum hiring age to 14-years of age for CUPE Local 79 part-time Recreation Workers.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee received the report for information.

**(Report 3, Clause 17(e))**

**3.9 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Safety and Security Protocols  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing information with respect to safety and security measures and protocols currently in place within Parks, Forestry and Recreation and initiatives underway to further enhance the measures and protocols.

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 prepare a comprehensive safety and security plan highlighting the operating and capital funding requirements and submit this report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee, prior to the 2007 Capital and Operating budget process.

**(Report 3, Clause 17(f))**

**3.10 Long-Term Strategy for Retaining Employment Lands and Stimulating New Investment and Job Creation (All Wards)**

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

- (i) (April 3, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and President and CEO, Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), undertaking the development of a long-term strategy for retaining employment lands in the City of Toronto. This report presents the findings from phase one of the initiative.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) Council direct staff to develop and recommend growth strategies for the City's Employment Districts to support the City's efforts toward retaining and increasing a wide range of employment opportunities for Toronto;
  - (2) Council direct staff to assess mechanisms for increasing investment and job levels in the Employment Districts and report back to Council on policies and programs that may be required to realize the strategies along with the Official Plan's Employment Districts goals and objectives; and
  - (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (ii) (May 2, 2006) from Greg Bavington, P. Eng., Vice-President, Operations, NRI Industries, in support of the recommendations in the report; and

The following persons addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- Russell Mathew of Hemson Consulting; and
- Paul Scrivener, Toronto Industry Network, and filed a copy of his submission.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 3, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning and the President and CEO, Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO);
- (2) a working group be established composed of the Chair and two members of the Economic Development and Parks Committee working in consultation with staff of the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism and representatives of TEDCO, to meet with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to discuss Toronto's Industrial Strategy;

**(Motion by Councillor Ashton)**

- (3) the following recommendations by the Toronto Industry Network be forwarded to the working group for consideration:
  - (i) that in light of the findings of the Hemson Report, staff be requested to assess all applications currently before the City in light of Toronto's ability to meet its employment objectives as detailed in the Official Plan;

- (ii) that the City inform the Province and the Ontario Municipal Board of the need to preserve all employment lands;
- (iii) that staff be requested to develop a co-ordinated policy across City divisions that will enhance the City's efforts in meeting its employment targets in Employment District/Areas; and
- (iv) that conversion applications be sent to the Planning and Transportation Committee as well as the Economic Development and Parks Committee for comment and recommendation; and

**(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)**

- (4) that the application at Sheppard Avenue West/Weston Road be treated as an exception to the need to preserve employment lands as reported in the Hemson Study, given that it has a positive staff recommendation.
- (5) the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to report to Council on May 23, 2006, on current developments that are underway for industrial and commercial developments and the number of applications received.

**(Motion by Councillor Mammoliti)**

**(Report 3, Clause 4)**

**3.11 Consideration of Requests for Additional City-to-City Relationships under the International Alliance Program (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 5, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, analyzing various requests to establish formal friendship relationships between Toronto and Lisbon, Montego Bay, Monaco and Manila.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council not adopt any additional relationships at this time and that staff continue to respond to City-to-City partnership and friendship opportunities, in the context of the Council approved program objectives and guidelines, through an annual report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 5, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 5)**

**3.12 Museum Grants – Campbell House, Toronto’s First Post Office and the Friends of Fort York (Wards 19 and 20 Trinity-Spadina and Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that Campbell House, Toronto’s First Post Office and the Friends of Fort York receive grants from the Community Partnerships and Investment Program budget.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the following museum grants be awarded:
  - (a) Campbell House be awarded a grant of \$35,254 to be applied to their 2006 operating budget;
  - (b) Toronto’s First Post Office be awarded a grant of \$27,196 to be applied to their 2006 operating budget; and
  - (c) the Friends of Fort York be awarded a grant of \$15,000 to be applied to the operation of the Fort York Guard; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 6)**

**3.13 2006 Arts and Culture Grants Recommendations Community Partnership and Investment Program Local Arts Service Organizations Allocations (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 1, 2006) from the General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, presenting the recommended grant allocations for the four organizations that have applied for municipal support within the Local Arts Service Organizations (LASOs) category of Arts and Culture, Community Partnership and Investment Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Arts and Culture Grants allocations totalling \$342,200.00 to four Local Arts Service Organizations be approved as follows:

Arts Etobicoke	\$161,400.00
Lakeshore Arts	\$44,040.00
Scarborough Arts Council	\$82,800.00
urbanArts Community Arts Council	\$53,960.00
	\$342,200.00

- (2) and 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 (April 1, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 7)**

**3.14 Business Improvement Area (BIA) 2003-2006 Boards of Management Additions and Deletions (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 10, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, appointing new members and replacing existing members for various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management, and making the necessary amendments to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas".

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Council appoint new members and replace existing members of Boards of Management for four Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 1 to this report;
- (2) 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;
- (3) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 10, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 8)**

**3.15 Intention to Expand the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boundary (Ward 27 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (March 24, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the expansion of the Bloor-Yorkville Business Improvement Area (BIA) boundary.



Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described in Attachment 1 be designated as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA) , under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the areas as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA), in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (3) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare a survey of the area as described in Attachment 1, and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the poll results of the intention to pass a by-law designating the area, referred to in Recommendation 2, and upon receipt of the survey prepared by the Executive Director of Technical Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA) as described in Attachment 1, in accordance with Sections 204 and 209 of the *Municipal Act*; 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 (March 24, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 9)**

**3.16 Intention to Designate the Malta Village Business Improvement Area (BIA)  
(Ward 13 Parkdale-High Park)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 14, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the Malta Village Business Improvement Area.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described in Attachment 1, be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment 1, as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- (3) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described in Attachment 1, and submit them to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the maps referred to in Recommendation (3), the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area, as described in Attachment 1, as a Business Improvement Area in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 14, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 10)**

**3.17 Intention to Designate the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA)  
(Ward 20 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 7, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the Chinatown Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), as a Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- (3) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), and submit them to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the maps referred to in Recommendation (3), the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area, as described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 3), as a Business Improvement Area in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 7, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 11)**

**3.18 Intention to Designate the Sheppard East-Agincourt Village  
Business Improvement Area (BIA) (Wards 41, 42 Scarborough-Rouge River)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 11, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the designation of the Sheppard East-Agincourt Village Business Improvement Area (BIA).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), be designated as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;

- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area, as defined in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), as a Business Improvement Area (BIA), all in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- (3) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare designation by-law maps of the area, as described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), and submit them to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favourably on the results of the poll referred to in Recommendation (3), and upon receipt of the legal description prepared by the Executive Director of Technical Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as a Business Improvement Area as described in Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), in accordance with Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*; 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 (April 11, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 12)**

**3.19 Poll Results – Proposed Designation of the Danforth and Main Business Improvement Area (BIA) and Establishment of Maximum Charges (Wards 31 and 32 Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 18, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on the results of the poll for the proposed designation of the Danforth and Main Business Improvement Area (BIA), and the poll to establish a maximum charge for the three major commercial property holdings within the proposed BIA.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) based upon the results of the poll respecting the designation of the proposed BIA, Council pass a by-law to designate the area described by Attachment 1 (Maps 1 to 4), as a Business Improvement Area, under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*;
- (2) based upon the results of the poll respecting the proposed maximum charges, a maximum charge representing the maximum percentage of the BIA's annual levy to be charged be established as follows: Shopper's World – 23.3 percent, Canadian Tire – 5.6 percent, and Main Square – 5.6 percent; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (April 18, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 13)**

**3.20 City of Toronto Response to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative (WHTI)  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 24, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, advising City Council about the implications of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative and recommending that the City add its voice to the efforts underway advocating a less harmful solution to the need for enhanced border security.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the resolution set out in Attachment 1 to this report, and thereby:
  - (a) advise all parties currently engaged in working on matters related to the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative that it is deeply concerned about the risk to the economic health of Toronto and other communities in both the U.S. and Canada associated with the implementation of the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative in advance of the availability to both Canadian and American citizens traveling by air and sea as well as land of an alternative document to the passport that is secure (including

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biometrics), provides proof of identity and citizenship, is in a convenient format (wallet-sized), and is inexpensive and easily obtainable. Preferred solutions are based on enhancing the security and citizenship information on current widely-carried forms of identification such as the drivers license;

- (b) advise that it fully supports the recommendations to extend the deadline for implementing WHTI for all forms of travel until such alternatives are available, but if such an extension is deemed impossible, that every effort be made to implement bi-national field trials for pilot projects testing alternative travel documents at key border crossings in Niagara and other locations by January 1, 2008;
  - (c) advise that it supports the positions being expressed by other organizations including the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Travel Industry Association of Canada, Binational Tourism Alliance, and Business for Economic Security, Trade and Tourism urging: (i) a single WHTI implementation date for all forms of travel; (ii) an exemption for children; (iii) further development of alternative travel documents by a bi-national working committee; (iv) the expansion of existing “trusted traveller” programs, such as NEXUS and FAST and the expedited construction of supporting technology and infrastructure such as special lanes and RFID; and (v) the undertaking of a broad communications program clarifying the travel documents currently required and proposed, and encouraging the public to acquire the required travel documents; and
  - (d) request the City Clerk to forward a copy of the resolution and this report to the U.S. and Canadian entities set out in the resolution;
- (2) the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to work with appropriate Communications staff to implement communications programs informing the general public, prospective visitors and the Toronto business community about WHTI and clarifying current travel documentation requirements; and
  - (3) 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 (April 24, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 14)**

**3.21 2006 Cultural Grant Allocation to the Toronto Mas Band Association  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (April 26, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending an allocation for the Toronto Mas Band Association that has applied through the Culture Division for municipal support within the Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP).

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) a cultural grant be approved for the Toronto Mas Band Association (TMBA), as a registered not for profit organization, in the amount of \$400,000.00;
- (2) the grant to the TMBA be conditional on:
  - (a) the TMBA forming, with the help of the City, a neutral body, the Festival Management Committee (FMC) to provide overall governance and financial oversight of the festival, as well as a report prepared by the FMC, by December 2006 on its recommendations for a permanent festival governance structure for City Council's review; and
  - (b) the TMBA opening a separate corporate account for festival expenses that will be controlled by the Festival Management Committee;
- (3) authority be granted to pay performers' fees for disbursement by the Toronto Mas Band Association, Ontario Steelpan Association and the Organization of Calypso Performing Artists in order to ensure that the production of the artistic component of the 2006 event proceeds on schedule; 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 (April 26, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 15)**

**3.22 Intention to Expand the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood  
Business Improvement Area Boundary  
(Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

The Economic Development and Parks considered a communication (April 27, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the expansion of the St. Lawrence Market Neighbourhood Business Improvement Area (BIA) boundary.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the area described by Attachment 1 be designated as an expanded Business Improvement Area (BIA) , under Section 204 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (2) the City Clerk be authorized and directed to send out a notice of Council's intention to pass a by-law designating the area as an expanded Business Improvement Area, in accordance with Section 210 of the *Municipal Act*;
- (3) the Executive Director of Technical Services be requested to prepare a survey of the area as described by Attachment 1, and to submit this description to the City Solicitor;
- (4) subject to the City Clerk reporting favorably on the poll results of the intention to pass a by-law designating the area, referred to in Recommendation (2), and upon receipt of the survey prepared by the Executive Director of Technical Services, the City Solicitor be directed to prepare a by-law designating the area as an expanded Business Improvement Area as described by Attachment 1, in accordance with Sections 204 and 209 of the *Municipal Act*; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.



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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 (April 27, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 3, Clause 16)**

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

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Chair