

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

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

**Meeting 5**

**Thursday, July 6, 2006**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee met on Thursday, July 6, 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. – 12:35 p.m. |
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| 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:

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| Councillor Janet Davis |  |
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**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Minutes of the Economic Development and Parks Committee meeting held on June 12, 2006, were confirmed.

## **5.1 Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 8, 2006) from the President and CEO, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, requesting to make a presentation on recent activities of the Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, particularly those that involve the City of Toronto, such as the missions to Australia and India.

Karen Campbell, President and CEO, Greater Toronto Marketing Alliance, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication.

### **(Report 5, Clause 15(a))**

## **5.2 City Initiatives to Advance Design as a Vehicle for Innovation and Economic Development (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 8, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, presenting recommendations for “at least 10 specific measures the City of Toronto can undertake to enhance aspects of design at the City level”, to advance the economy, create jobs, respond to social and environmental issues and improve quality of life.

### Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff be requested to develop and distribute marketing materials to promote Toronto’s design sector, including a sector brochure, a retail sourcing database for locally designed products and an information portal to bring together information on Toronto’s design sector;
- (2) the City’s branding campaign include promotion of the City as a centre of creativity and innovation and the City promote its design sector as one of the key drivers of competitiveness and innovation at events, in its marketing materials and at presentations, as appropriate;
- (3) staff be requested to look into the establishment of a “People’s Choice” design awards program by the City, to celebrate and encourage public engagement with the best examples of Toronto design;

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- (4) staff be requested to work with the Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC), the Canadian Manufacturers and Exporters association (CME), the City's business incubators, Enterprise Toronto and other private and public sector partners to develop and deliver a series of "Profit by Design Seminars" to help Toronto businesses translate the theory of design as a value-added proposition into their operations;
- (5) staff be requested to work with DIAC to establish a Toronto Design Educators Network, to facilitate the flow of information and research between educators and designers in all disciplines;
- (6) meetings be held between cross-sectoral design industry representatives and key City staff in related areas such as: Architecture and Urban Design; Clean and Beautiful; Communications; Culture; Enterprise Toronto; Facilities; Purchasing; Parks; Protocol; and the Interdivisional Round Table; to open lines of communication regarding opportunities to better utilize the expertise of the Toronto design workforce and other issues regarding the economic impact of design;
- (7) staff be requested to work together with the Design Exchange (DX), DIAC, potential funders and key industry stakeholders during 2006 to identify opportunities to improve linkages, clarify respective mandates and facilitate more collaborative support for design;
- (8) co-host at least one high-profile design event during 2006 to raise the profile of design with Toronto's business community;
- (9) undertake a project to demonstrate the economic potential of design and promote best practices in the strategic use of design by business, to attract investment and drive business growth, by locating funding and partners;
- (10) staff be requested to investigate the feasibility of establishing a design for commercialization centre with DIAC and other partners, to increase innovation and commercialization success, immerse industry in the design process and promote design success stories;
- (11) staff be requested to draft a Model Design Policy for the City of Toronto through the adoption of appropriate design standards and increased use of competitions with design criteria for City procurement;
- (12) staff be requested to investigate the appointment of a Council Design Champion for Toronto;

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- (13) continue the City's efforts to meet with senior levels of government and public and private sector organizations about incorporating design into innovation and commercialization programs to leverage support for design as a vehicle for economic development.
- (14) that City Council formally recognize the Design Industry Advisory Committee as Toronto's alliance of design sector stakeholders with a mandate to enhance and promote the growth and competitive position of the sector. Further that the City support DIAC's mandate by providing annual project funding of \$50,000, and that EDCT be requested to include this funding in its 2007 budget submission for consideration by the Budget Committee; and
- (15) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Arlene Gould, Strategic Director of the Design Industry Advisory Committee (DIAC), addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 8, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 5, Clause 1)**

**5.3 Overview of Toronto's Tourism Sector (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, describing the City of Toronto's tourism sector, recent trends, and future prospects.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

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

**(Report 5, Clause 15(b))**

**5.4 Community Partnership and Investment Program Culture Build  
Investment Program – 2006 Allocations (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 15, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending allocations to non-City-owned not-for-profit cultural organizations that have applied for municipal support within the 2006 Culture Build Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Culture Build Investment Program allocations be approved for the following organizations:

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| (a) Joey and Toby Tanenbaum Opera Centre (COC)   | 32,500.00 |
| (b) Dixon Hall Music School  | 7,954.00  |
| (c) Premiere Dance Theatre (Harbourfront Centre)   | 50,000.00 |
| (d) Hungarian Canadian Cultural Centre   | 34,310.00 |
| (e) Soulpepper Theatre Company   | 50,000.00 |
| (f) Leigha Lee Browne Theatre<br>/ARC Theatre/Doris McCarthy Gallery<br>(University of Toronto – Scarborough Campus) | 75,236.00 |

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 Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 15, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 5, Clause 2)**

**5.5 Major Cultural Organizations – Renewal of Multi-year Agreements  
(All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending the renewal of multi-year agreements with five cultural institutions and the implementation of multi-year agreements with two cultural institutions under the

Major Cultural Organization category within the Community Partnership and Investment Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to enter into multi-year agreements with each of the following seven major cultural organizations, (Art Gallery of Ontario, Canadian Opera Company, National Ballet of Canada, National Ballet School, Toronto Symphony Orchestra, The Gardiner Museum and Pride Toronto) subject to:
  - (a) the satisfaction of the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the City Solicitor and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer; and
  - (b) the following Terms and Conditions:
    - (i) City funding guidelines as established by Council Policy;
    - (ii) each organization submit its annual funding request to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for recommendation to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and Council for review and approval;
    - (iii) each organization submit its annual report and financial audit to the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism for review; and
    - (iv) for a period of five years;
- (2) 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 (June 14, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 5, Clause 3)**

**5.6 Don Valley Brick Works – Site Remediation (Ward 29 Toronto-Danforth)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on a source of funding to complete the site remediation at the Don Valley Brick Works.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) authority be granted to re-allocate \$700,000.00 from the Guild Revitalization (CAC045 01) in the Culture 2006 Capital Budget to be used for site remediation at the Don Valley Brick Works;
- (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 (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(c))**

**5.7 Board of Management Additions and Deletions and Name Changes for both the Danforth and Main and Eglinton Way Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) (Wards 7, 11, 16, 21, 22, 31 and 32)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 12, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism seeking approval to appoint new members and replace existing members for various Business Improvement Area (BIA) Boards of Management, change the names of the Danforth and Main Business Improvement Area (BIA) to the Danforth Village Business Improvement Area (BIA), and Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area (BIA) to The Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area (BIA), and make the necessary amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, “Business Improvement Areas” .

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Danforth and Main Business Improvement Area (BIA), as defined by the boundaries described in Attachment 1, be renamed the Danforth Village Business Improvement Area (BIA);
- (2) the Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area (BIA), as defined by the boundaries described in Attachment 2, be renamed The Eglinton Way Business Improvement Area (BIA);
- (3) Council appoint new members and replace existing members of Boards of Management for four Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) as set out in Attachment 3 to this report;
- (4) Council amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 19, "Business Improvement Areas" to reflect the BIA name changes, alter the number of members on the Boards of Management, and adjust or establish quorums as necessary, as set out in Attachment 4;
- (5) leave be granted for the introduction of the necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 12, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

**(Report 5, Clause 4)**

**5.8 Intention to Designate the Old Queen Street Business Improvement Area (BIA)  
(Wards 27 and 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale)**

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee withdrew the report (June 12, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism as City Council dealt with this matter on June 27, 28 and 29, 2006, in its adoption of Notice of Motion J(17).

**(Report 5, Clause 15(d))**



**5.9 Mount Dennis Business Improvement Area 2006 Operating Budget  
(Ward 11 York South-Weston)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 13, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, forwarding the Mount Dennis Business Improvement Area's (BIA) 2006 Operating Budget for approval by Council as required by Section 205 of the *Municipal Act, 2001*. Council approval is required to permit the City to collect funds through the tax levy on behalf of the BIA.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Economic Development and Parks Committee adopt and certify to City Council the 2006 expenditure request of the Mount Dennis Business Improvement Area totalling \$13,738.00 and a 2006 BIA levy requirement of \$12,738.00;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for 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 Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 13, 2006) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

**(Report 5, Clause 5)**

**5.10 Adjustments to the 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's  
Capital Budget (Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 16, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, seeking approval to adjust the 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division's Capital Budget to address additional financial resources and creation of new sub-projects.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

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- (1) the 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be amended to include additional net zero projects with their sources of funding as mandated in the respective planning agreements, as follows:
  - (a) the project known as the Victoria Memorial Park (Ward 20) project, approved December 8, 2005, in the amount of \$225,000.00, be increased by \$40,000.00 to \$265,000.00, to include additional Section 45 funds received for this project from the development at 66 Portland Street;
  - (b) a new Gord and Irene Risk Arena Improvements (Ward 7) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$360,000.00, to be funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 3025 Finch Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (c) a new Ward 10 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$100,000.00, to be funded through a Section 41 Agreement from the development at 920-922 Sheppard Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (d) a new Banting Park Improvements (Ward 10) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$175,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 1030 Sheppard Avenue West and an owner contribution received from the development at 775 Steeles Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (e) a new Ward 11 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$105,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 1945 Lawrence Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (f) a new Tiffany Park Improvements (Ward 11) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$112,398.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 1912 St. Clair Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (g) a new Ward 13 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$175,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 70 High Park Road, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (h) a new Taddle Creek Park Improvements (Ward 20) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$100,000.00, funded through an OMB decision regarding the development at One Bedford Road, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;

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- (i) a new Ward 23 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$137,000.00, funded through a Subdivision Agreement from the development at 8 and 12 McKee Avenue, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (j) a new Ward 25 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$150,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 930 Mount Pleasant Road, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (k) a new Ward 27 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$115,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 1430 Yonge Street, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (l) a new Clairlea Park Improvements (Ward 35) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$56,000.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 60 Fairfax Crescent, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (m) a new Donwood Park Improvements (Ward 37) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$60,300.00, funded through a Section 37 Agreement from the development at 2650 Lawrence Avenue West, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (n) a new Lee Centre Park Improvements (Ward 38) project be created with revenues and expenses of \$631,045.00, funded through a developers' contribution and a Section 37 Agreement from the development of the lands known as 1, 8, 11, 18, 36 and 38 Lee Centre Drive, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
  - (o) a new Ward 39 Park Improvements project be created with revenues and expenses of \$145,350.00, funded through cash-in-lieu and the developer of 25 Cannongate Trail at Sanwood Boulevard, and that conditional approval be given to receive the funds into this project;
- (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 (June 16, 2006) from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, subject to adding the following Recommendation (1)(p):

“(1)(p) a new Sheard Parkette Improvement project be created with revenues and expenses of \$70,000.00 funded through a developer’s contribution and a Section 37 Agreement from the development of the lands known as 21 Carlton Street, and that approval be given to receive the funds into this project;”.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(e))**

**5.11 Howard Talbot Park – Allocation of Section 37 Funds  
(Ward 26 Don Valley West)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation reporting on the allocation of \$60,000.00 received under a Section 37 agreement.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation 2006 Capital Budget be amended to include a net zero line item for improvements to Howard Talbot Park to receive the \$60,000.00 in Section 37 funds;
- (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 Hall, 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 (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(e))**

**5.12 Aquatic Service Planning and Indoor Pool Provision Strategy: Progress Report (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group's efforts in support of aquatic service planning and progress in developing Phase Two of the Indoor Pool Provision Strategy.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division continue to collaborate with the school boards on the planning and delivery of aquatics programs for children and youth, particularly "Swim to Survive" programs, including an evaluation of the 2006 pilot program;
- (2) the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division collaborate with the school boards to attempt to secure funding for aquatics programs, including grants from the Lifesaving Society and from the Provincial and Federal Governments to support aquatics in Toronto;
- (3) the Toronto District School Board be requested to approve the Joint Vision for Integrated Aquatic Service Provision for the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board, as contained in Attachment 1, and confirm its approval to the City by the end of October 2006;
- (4) the Joint Vision for Integrated Aquatic Service Provision for the City of Toronto and the Toronto District School Board, as contained in Attachment 1, be approved subject to its approval by the Toronto District School Board by the end of October 2006;
- (5) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to develop, in consultation with the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group, the Executive Superintendent of Facility Services of the Toronto District School Board, and the Superintendent of Capital Planning and Facilities of the Toronto Catholic District School Board, a work program for expanding the scope of the

Phase Two Indoor Pool Provision Strategy to consider aquatic facility requirements for educational purposes and objectives;

- (6) the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group develop a joint funding request for both aquatics infrastructure (state of good repair) and ongoing operating costs for pools that would be presented to the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding that advances their objectives related to enhancing the physical activity of citizens and to reducing health care costs in both the short and long term;
- (7) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue to develop jointly with the school boards, as outlined in the Sports Strategy Framework, a capital plan for sport and recreation facilities that include pools, for consideration in the development of a National Infrastructure Program; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, subject to adding at the end of Recommendation (6) the words, “and further, the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group, in conjunction with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, be requested to meet with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health Promotion to present and advocate for the joint funding request;”, so that the recommendation now reads as follows:

- “(6) the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group develop a joint funding request for both aquatics infrastructure (state of good repair) and ongoing operating costs for pools that would be presented to the Provincial and Federal Governments for funding that advances their objectives related to enhancing the physical activity of citizens and to reducing health care costs in both the short and long term; and further, the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Aquatic and Pool Strategy Working Group, in conjunction with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, be requested to meet with the Minister of Education and the Minister of Health Promotion to present and advocate for the joint funding request;”.

**(Report 5, Clause 6)**

**5.13 Update on the Re-establishment of Exchange of Services Agreements with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, updating the Committee on actions being taken to re-establish exchange of service agreements and joint planning between the City and the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Parks, Forestry and Recreation staff continue to work with the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board with a view to exchanging services and entering into joint planning efforts to the benefit of all; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Augimeri, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 21, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

**(Report 5, Clause 7)**

**5.14 Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground  
(Ward 32 Beaches-East York)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (May 30, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, to allow the City to receive cash and in-kind donations toward the planning, design and development of additional phases of the Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground and related amenities and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act* and City policy in this regard.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called “Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground Reserve Fund” for receiving cash donations for the purpose of providing funding for the planning, design and development of additional phases of the Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground and related amenities;
- (2) Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9 – Donations Obligatory Reserve Fund;
- (3) all donations received by the City for the planning, design, redevelopment and enhancement of the Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground and related amenities, be held separately in the “Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground 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) \$25,000.00 previously deposited and recorded for the Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground be transferred to this reserve fund upon its establishment;
- (5) authority be granted to amend the agreement, if necessary, with TESSC Inc. to allow TESSC Inc. to fundraise on behalf of the City of Toronto for the planning, design and development of additional phases of the Ward 32 Woodbine Beach Park Playground and related amenities, generally in accordance with the terms and conditions detailed in the body of this report and in a form and content satisfactory to the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the City Solicitor;
- (6) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration;  
and
- (7) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and that leave be granted for the introduction of any necessary bills in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mammoliti, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1) to (5) and (7) in the Recommendations Section of the report (May 30, 2006) from the General Manager of 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 – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(g))**

**5.15 After School Recreation and Care Program  
(Various Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Children's Services and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing information and financial data on the development of the After School Recreation and Care (ARC) Program.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Children's Services' 2006 Operating Budget be reduced by \$3.046 million gross and \$0 net, funded from the Social Assistance Stabilization Reserve Fund and that Parks, Forestry and Recreation's 2006 Operating Budget be increased by \$0.9051 million gross and revenues to reflect the revised cash flow (Attachment 1) and the addition of one full time temporary management position and 47 full time equivalent part time temporary union positions;
- (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.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also considered a communication (July 6, 2006) from Ann Dembinski, President, Local 79, Canadian Union of Public Employees, forwarding comments on the After School Recreation and Care Program.

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

- (1) recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1) and (3) in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Children's Services and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; and

- (2) received the communication (July 6, 2006) from Ann Dembinski, President, Local 79, Canadian Union of Public Employees.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; General Manager of Children's Services – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(h))**

**5.16 1400 Avenue Road – Otter Loop  
(Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, seeking permission to authorize the acquisition of 1400 Avenue Road - Otter Loop, establish an obligatory reserve fund to receive donations to develop the site and issue receipts for income tax purposes for eligible donations in accordance with the *Income Tax Act*.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Chief Corporate Officer be authorized to accept a transfer of the property known municipally as 1400 Avenue Road (Otter Loop) for parks purposes from the Toronto Transit Commission, for nominal consideration, on such terms and conditions satisfactory to the Chief Corporate Officer and the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor;
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to complete the transaction on behalf of the City, including making payment of any necessary expenses, and amending the closing and other dates to such earlier or later dates and on such terms as may from time to time be considered reasonable;
- (3) the Chief Corporate Officer be authorized to make any necessary arrangements with the Toronto Transit Commission for access to the property required for inspection, assessment and site preparation prior to the transfer;
- (4) any necessary environmental assessments be completed prior to the transfer and the costs, up to \$28,000.00, be funded from the Parkland Acquisition capital project (CPR115-36-03);

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- (5) authority be granted to pay upfront any applicable taxes and registration costs related to the transfer of the property from the Parkland Acquisition capital project (CPR115-36-03); which amounts will be reimbursed from the Otter Loop Improvements Reserve Fund;
- (6) City Council establish an obligatory reserve fund called “Otter Loop Park Improvements Reserve Fund”, with criteria as described in the body of this report, for receiving donations for Otter Loop Park for the purpose of funding park improvements;
- (7) Municipal Code, Chapter 227 [Reserves and Reserve Funds] be amended by adding the “Otter Loop Park Improvements Reserve Fund” to Schedule 9-Donations Obligatory Reserve Fund;
- (8) all donations received by the City for the Otter Loop Park Improvements Reserve Fund, be held separately in the Otter Loop 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;
- (9) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (10) 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 Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1) to (8) and (10) in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 9, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer.

(Policy and Finance Committee; General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation; Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(i))**

**5.17 Potential Infestation of Ash Trees in the City of Toronto by the Emerald Ash Borer (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 15, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, providing an update on the infestation of the Emerald Ash Borer in southwestern Ontario and the actions being taken by the Federal Government to control the invasive insect spread.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue to monitor the actions being taken by the Federal Government to control Emerald Ash Borer in south-western Ontario and report back to the Economic Development and Parks Committee on the status of the control program in spring 2007;
- (2) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue to not purchase and plant ash trees on City-owned land, and to not approve ash planting as part of landscape plans for private land developments, as has been the policy since spring 2003;
- (3) City Council communicate its concerns about Emerald Ash Borer to the Honourable Chuck Strahl, Minister of Agriculture and Agri-Food and Minister for the Canadian Wheat Board, responsible for the Canadian Food Inspection Agency, and that the Federal Government be requested to provide financial support for an Emerald Ash Borer management program including an effective communication outreach program for Toronto and other Municipalities, and a commitment for compensation to support new tree planting;
- (4) City Council communicate its concerns about Emerald Ash Borer to the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Association of Municipalities of Ontario and to Landscape Ontario Horticultural Trades Association, with the intent of encouraging other municipalities to adopt similar practices for the restriction of ash tree planting, for monitoring and education to facilitate early detection of outlying populations, and to obtain necessary federal and provincial funds;
- (5) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation continue to focus on reducing the current levels of tree service delay, in preparation for the expected increase in tree removal associated with anticipated ash dieback and that this issue be referred to the budget process for consideration with the previous request currently deferred to 2007, of \$1.2 million operating funding for the Forestry Budget to eliminate tree service delays;

- (6) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with Facilities and Real Estate, report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in the second quarter of 2007 on the issue of available yard space that is needed to service the expected increase in wood waste processing and operations services that will result from Emerald Ash Borer related tree removal;
- (7) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation review current practices and policies for planting of native and non-native tree species in Toronto, in recognition of the threat of invasive species and the need to maintain a diverse urban forest, and report to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in the first quarter of 2007 providing information and recommendations; and
- (8) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 15, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

**(Report 5, Clause 8)**

**5.18 Progress Report on Initiatives to Improve the Urban Forest (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on progress that is being made to improve the urban forest and to present information about new initiatives which will assist Urban Forestry in meeting objectives.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) in order to achieve one tree in front of every dwelling, the Committee of Adjustment be requested to impose a condition requiring that, on consent applications to create a new lot and on minor variance applications to permit construction of a new dwelling unit (e.g., detached, semi-detached, townhouse, etc.), where no street tree exists, the owner shall provide payment in an amount to cover the cost of planting a street tree abutting the site to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation;

- (2) the following policy statement be endorsed:

“The City of Toronto has implemented by-laws to protect trees on both public and private lands in recognition of the multitude of social, economic and environmental benefits trees provide and as a means of protecting and enhancing the City’s natural heritage. Through its Official Plan policies and various tree protection by-laws, the City of Toronto has demonstrated its desire and intent to protect healthy trees. In particular, the City recognizes that long-lived, large-growing, tree species are an important component of a healthy, diverse urban forest. These trees are, therefore, regarded and recognized as a priority for protection and staff will work in communities to encourage responsible development that protects these and other significant trees.”; and

- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Hall, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

**(Report 5, Clause 9)**

**5.19 Preliminary Feasibility Investigation of Adding a Second Storey to the New Branch Library at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West for Recreational Programming Space (Ward 9 York Centre)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, on a preliminary investigation into the feasibility of constructing a second floor addition to the proposed new library at 1900 Sheppard Avenue West, and exploring alternatives to address the recreational programming needs of children and youth.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to prepare a detailed recreational needs assessment in the 13 priority neighbourhoods; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Jemel Clarke, Friends in Trouble, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee:

- (1) recommended that City Council adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 20, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
- (2) requested the Deputy City Manager, in conjunction with the development of the new Neighbourhoods First Policy, to look for suitable space for neighbourhood programs operating in the area of 1900 Sheppard Avenue West; and

**(Motion by Councillor Augimeri)**

- (3) requested the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the September 12, 2006 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee on a Work Plan and resource requirements to complete the recreational needs assessment in the 13 priority neighbourhoods.

**(Motion by Councillor Ashton)**

The following motion by Councillor Augimeri lost:

“That the Jane-Finch Priority Neighbourhood be given first priority for the completion of a detailed recreational needs assessment, to be reported by March 2007.”

**(Report 5, Clause 10)**

## **5.20 Feasibility of Accessing Space Free of Charge at the New Soccer Stadium at Exhibition Place (Ward 19 Trinity-Spadina)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 19, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, reporting on the feasibility of accessing space free of charge at the new soccer stadium at Exhibition Place.

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 5, Clause 15(j))**

**5.21 Toronto Bikeway Network Projects, Bikeway Network Information System Sign Installation and Bikeway Network Trails (City-Wide)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 14, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation providing information regarding Toronto Bikeway Network Projects, Bikeway Network Information System Sign Installation and Bikeway Network Trails that are under the jurisdiction of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

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 5, Clause 15(k))**

**5.22 TEDCO 2005 Annual General Meeting, Revisions to TEDCO'S Articles and Legislative Authority and TEDCO's Restricted Account**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (June 20, 2006) from the President and CEO, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), submitting the 2005 annual report of TEDCO for shareholder consideration.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that City Council:

- (1) receive the 2005 Annual Report of the City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation ("TEDCO") comprising the letter from Jeffrey D. Steiner, President and CEO of TEDCO, dated June 22, 2006, copies of which have been filed with the Clerk and distributed under separate cover to Council Members;
- (2) adopt the recommendations contained in this report regarding revisions to TEDCO's articles and legislative authority and authorization to use up to one-third of TEDCO's restricted account with approval of the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer; and



- (3) authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee also considered a communication (June 22, 2006) from the President and CEO of the City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), submitting TEDCO's Annual Report for the year 2005.

Jeffrey D, Steiner, President and Chief Executive Officer, TEDCO, addressed the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Councillor Walker declared an interest in that portion of the report dealing with the eastern end of the Portlands, in that his daughter is an employee of the Toronto Port Authority.

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

- (1) submitted the report (June 20, 2006) from the President and CEO, Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), to City Council without recommendation; and
- (2) requested the City Manager to report to City Council on July 25, 2006, on the changes proposed by TEDCO, contained in the report (June 20, 2006) from the President and CEO, TEDCO, regarding TEDCO's Annual General Meeting, Revisions to TEDCO's Articles and Legislative Authority and TEDCO's Restricted Account.

**(Report 5, Clause 13)**

**5.23 Lease Agreement Report from City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a confidential report (June 21, 2006) from the President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation, such communication to be considered in-camera as the subject matter deals with the security of property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

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 confidential report (June 21, 2006) from the President and Chief Executive Officer, City of Toronto Economic Development Corporation (TEDCO), such report to be considered in-camera as the subject matter deals with the security of property of the municipality or local board, in accordance with the *Municipal Act, 2001*.

**(Report 5, Clause 14)**

**5.24 August 19, 2005 Storm Damage Update (All Wards)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a report (July 4, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation reporting on damage to Parks, Forestry and Recreation infrastructure as a result of the August 19, 2005 storm and reallocation of \$1,200,000.00 in funds within the approved 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget to undertake essential repairs in 2006.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) funds in the amount of \$1,200,000.00 be reallocated within the approved 2006 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget as set out in Attachment 2 to undertake essential repairs to damaged infrastructure in 2006;
- (2) the financial impacts of the storm related damage funding requests for 2007 be included in the 2007–2011 Capital Plan submission and the 2007 Operating Budget submission from Parks, Forestry and Recreation for consideration by the Budget Advisory Committee;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Grimes, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee that City Council adopt staff Recommendations (1), (2) and (4) in the Recommendations Section of the report (July 4, 2006) from the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

(Policy and Finance Committee; c. General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation – July 6, 2006)

**(Report 5, Clause 15(I))**

**5.25 Recommendation Submitted by the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 8, 2006) from the Community Services Committee advising that the Committee on June 8, 2006, among other things, referred Recommendation (1) of the Advisory Committee on Homeless and Socially Isolated Persons to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration:

“(1) ask Council to call on the Canadian military to not use Toronto’s City parks for military training with guns.”

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Economic Development and Parks Committee recommended that City Council call on the Canadian Military to not use Toronto’s City Parks for military training with guns.

**(Report 5, Clause 11)**

**5.26 Review of Confidential Reports – Economic Development and Parks Committee**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a communication (June 27, 2006) from Councillor Michael Walker, (Ward 22 St. Paul’s) respecting confidential reports to the Economic Development and Parks Committee.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the City Clerk, in consultation with the City Solicitor, review all confidential staff reports, Economic Development and Parks Committee recommendations and City Council decisions since the beginning of this term relating to Economic Development and Parks Committee business and report back to the July 2006 meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee (or Policy and Finance Committee – given the generality of this motion, the precedent it could set, and outstanding reports to Policy and Finance Committee on further ways to protect confidential information through staff reports) on a mechanism to either: (a) make confidential information public after a certain period of time; or (b) require staff to justify maintaining the information as confidential, wherever possible.

The Economic Development and Parks Committee received the communication from Councillor Michael Walker, after being advised that the Works Committee on June 7, 2006, requested the City Manager, in consultation with the Deputy City Managers, the City Solicitor and the City Clerk, to undertake a review of all confidential staff reports resulting from Standing Committee recommendations and City Council decisions since the beginning of this term of Council, etc., and provide a status report to the September 18, 2006, meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee.

**(Report 5, Clause 15(m))**

**5.27 Expansion of Boundaries of the Emery Village BIA  
(Ward 7 York West)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee considered a motion from Councillor Giorgio Mammoliti regarding expansion of boundaries of the Emery Village BIA.

“WHEREAS the Emery Village BIA Board of Management approved a resolution to expand the boundaries of the BIA at its meeting of July 5, 2006; and

WHEREAS it is desirable to have the expanded BIA operational as early as possible in 2007;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City Clerk be authorized to carry out the formal polling to expand the boundaries of the BIA upon notification from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism that the procedures for expanding a BIA set out in the Municipal Code have been followed and that there is general support from affected members to expand the BIA;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism report on the poll results to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in January 2007.”.

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

- (1) authorize the City Clerk to carry out the formal polling to expand the boundaries of the Business Improvement Area upon notification from the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism that the procedures for expanding a Business Improvement Area set out in the Municipal Code have been followed, and that there is general support from affected members to expand the Business Improvement Area; and

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- (2) request the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report on the poll results to the Economic Development and Parks Committee in January 2007.

**(Report 5, Clause 12)**

The Economic Development and Parks Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:35 p.m.

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Chair