

Budget Committee

Meeting No.	26	Contact	Merle MacDonald, Committee Administrator
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Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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BU26.1	ACTION	Received		Ward: All
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Executive Committee Item 13.4 Operating Budget Impacts of New Waterfront Infrastructure

(November 26, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received the item for information and noted that there are no operating budget impacts of the waterfront revitalization to the 2008 Operating Budget.

Summary

Advising that City Council on November 19 and 20 2007, adopted without amendment, Executive Committee Item 13.4 entitled "Operating Budget Impacts of New Waterfront Infrastructure" and in so doing, referred the operating impacts of waterfront revitalization to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 and future years budget processes.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re Operating Budget Impacts of New Waterfront Infrastructure

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9176.pdf>)

Report on Operating Budget Impacts of New Waterfront Infrastructure

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9177.pdf>)

BU26.2	ACTION	Deferred		Ward: All
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City-Wide Security Plan

(February 4, 2008) Report from City Manager

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item, as amended, to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008:

1. Further improvements and enhancements be made to the current Corporate Security framework with the objective of enhancing corporate standards and further centralizing those security functions which have City-wide implications.
2. The Corporate Security Unit will undertake further consultations with the affected divisions and review existing divisional security plans and create plans for divisions currently without plans and report back in the fall of 2008.
3. *Staff report to the Budget Committee in July 2008 on the comparator information and options utilized by other major cities, and that staff report on the framework and implementation as they relate to ABCs.*
4. *That the framework for the City-wide Security Plan include advice on civilian oversight, independent complaints process, access and equity hiring and training, and environmental design measure.*
5. *That the City Manager request all City Divisions to declare a moratorium on new Security Staff hirings for 2009 until the City's Security Plan is submitted to the Executive Committee.*
6. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

1. There are no new financial requirements emanating from this report.
2. The total amounts currently spent on security for Category 1 and 2 divisions (See Attachment 1) is approximately \$11 million. The amount spent on security for Category 3 divisions (See Attachment 1) is undetermined at this time, as this cost is integrated

into general maintenance funds

3. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

As part of the 2007 Operating Budget, the City Manager was asked to report on a City-Wide Security Plan prior to the 2008 Operating Budget process. What is being proposed is a synopsis of the City's overall approach to security matters in the context of sharing resources, ensuring that baseline standards are set, and identifying the gaps between the current state and the established standards.

While some City divisions and Agencies, Boards, and Commissions have internal security plans which guide their present and future needs for operating and capital security, there exists no overall security plan that encompasses all the plans under one umbrella.

This report provides a synopsis of the Corporate Security framework and the details of the required improvements and enhancements to produce the City-Wide Security Plan. A further report will be tabled in the fall of 2008 on the completed City-Wide Security Plan.

Background Information

City-Wide Security Plan

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10537.pdf>

City-Wide Security Plan Attachment 1

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10538.pdf>

BU26.3	ACTION	Deferred		
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Community Development and Recreation Committee Item 6.4 Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects

(June 28, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to June 2008.

Summary

Advising that City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, adopted as amended Community Development and Recreation Committee item 6.4, entitled "Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects", and in doing, referred the request for including residential fire sprinklers in the design of future City-funded affordable homes to the 2008 Budget process.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re use of residential fire sprinklers in new housing projects.

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9196.pdf>)

City Council decision on Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9197.pdf>)

BU26.4	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: 1, 31, 39, 43
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Development of Child Care Centres with the Toronto District School Board and Native Child and Family Services

(January 14, 2008) Report from Community Development and Recreation Committee

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the following, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget:

1. Funds of up to \$2.9 million be approved for the construction of Ghesig House at 156 Galloway Road and Kiiwednong at 2784 Keele Street, two Aboriginal Child Care Centres to be developed by the Native Child and Family Services Toronto. The total project cost of \$2.9 million is to be funded from the Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund of \$2.4 million and from Provincial revenues of \$0.528 million. The 2008 Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services be adjusted by \$0.228 million gross and revenue to reflect the additional funds required to complete the two Aboriginal Child Care Centres in 2008.
2. Funds of up to \$2 million be approved to create three new child care centres at Highfield Junior School, Kennedy Public School, and Crescent Town Elementary School to be funded from the Child Care Capital Reserve Fund and that the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget for Children's Services be adjusted by \$2.0 million gross and revenue to reflect the funds required for this project.
3. The General Manager of Children's Services Division be delegated authority to negotiate agreements and execute them on behalf of the City with the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) and with Native Child and Family Services Toronto (NCFST) for the design and construction of such projects, and such agreements be on terms and conditions satisfactory to the General Manager and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Community Development and Recreation Committee on January 14, 2008 concerning a report (December 19, 2007) from the General Manager, Children's Services.

Background Information

letter - Development of Child Care Centres with the Toronto District School Board and Native Child and Family Services

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10382.pdf>)

Attach 1 - Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10383.pdf>)

BU26.5	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Economic Development Committee Item 9.5 Implementing "Talent Matters - Shaping Talent Strategies in a Changing World"

(November 26, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved \$100,000 new/enhanced funding for Financial Services Sector Strategic Initiatives to implement Talent Matters Strategies, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

Summary

Advising that City Council on November 19 and 20, 2007, adopted as amended Economic Development Committee Item 9.5, entitled "Implementing Talent Matters - Shaping Talent Strategies in a Changing World", and in doing so, referred the \$100,000.00 budget request related to the cost of implementing the recommendations to the Budget Committee for consideration as part of the 2008 Budget Process.

Background Information

Letter from City Council - Implementing - Talent Matters - Shaping Talent Strategies in a Changing World

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9292.pdf>)

City Council Decision Document re Implementing - Talent Matters - Shaping Talent Strategies in a Changing World

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9293.pdf>)

BU26.6	ACTION	Received		
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Building Costs – Franklin Carmichael Art Group

(January 11, 2008) Letter from Councillor Suzan Hall, Ward 1 Etobicoke North

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received the item for information.

Summary

Letter received from Councillor Suzan Hall requesting that the City enhance its support to the Building Costs for the Franklin Carmichael Art Group by providing funding that will cover key building service costs in the amount of \$12,500 for 2008 as outlined in her letter.

Background Information

Building Costs - Franklin Carmichael Art Group

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10629.pdf>)

BU26.7	Information	Received		Ward: All
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Response to Councillor Enquiry – Forestry Operations

(January 30, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received the item for information.

Summary

To report as requested on the issues raised in a November 5, 2007, communication from Councillor Suzan Hall to the Parks and Environment Committee, and to provide a summary of information that has been previously presented in an effort to reduce the urban forestry tree maintenance backlog.

The issues raised in Councillor Suzan Hall's letter, with respect to enhancing urban forestry's tree pruning operations and reducing their maintenance backlog have been well documented and requests for additional funding to address the issues have been put forward in recent reports to Committee and Council.

Background Information

Response to Councillor Enquiry - Forestry Operations

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10516.pdf>)

BU26.8	ACTION	Deferred		Ward: All
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Final 2008 Fees - Getting to 70% Diversion by 2010

(February 4, 2008) Report from General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services and the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up

meeting on February 25, 2008.

Financial Impact

Allocation of Projected Revenue from the Volume-based Rate Structure

The new volume-based rate structure is expected to generate \$75.417 million in additional revenue for 2008. This additional revenue consists of \$53.250 million generated from multi-unit residential customers for the six month period from July 1 to December 31 and \$22.167 million generated from single family residential customers for the two month period from November 1 to December 31, 2008. Of the \$75.417 million collected, \$17.667 million will be used to fund new waste diversion initiatives in 2008. This amount includes the cost of repayment of debt for Solid Waste Management capital projects as well as a contribution to the Waste Management Reserve Fund for Capital and stabilization. The balance of funding of \$58.079 million will fund the tax rebate program in 2008 through the Non-Program Operating Budget. In addition, \$3 million from other revenue sources will also fund new diversion initiatives in 2008.

The following table summarizes the budget implications in 2008 and 2009 as Solid Waste Management Services transitions from being funded through property taxes to being funded from volume-based user fees:

\$ millions	2008 Budget						2009 Budget					
	Solid Waste Management			Non-Program Tax Rebate			Solid Waste Management			Non-Program Tax Rebate		
	Gross	Rev	Net	Gross	Rev	Net	Gross	Rev	Net	Gross	Rev	Net
Base Operating Budget	256.4	74.2	182.2	-	-		276.7	152.6	124.1	58.1	-	58.1
Total Base Adjustments	-	58.1	(58.1)	58.1	-	58.1	6.5	121.0	(114.6)	124.1	-	124.1
Base Operating Budget Revised	256.4	132.3	124.1	58.1	-	58.1	283.2	273.7	9.5	182.2	-	182.2
New Revenue Allocation:												
Base Pressures			-			-		9.5	(9.5)			-
New Service Priorities	13.1	13.1	-	-	-	-	12.1	12.1	-	-	-	-
Capital Debt Charges	1.8	1.8	-				8.9	8.9	-			
Contribution to Reserve Fund (incl. Capital & Stabilization)	5.4	5.4	-				19.1	19.1	-			
sub-total New Revenue Allocation:	20.3	20.3	-				40.1	40.1	-			
Operating Budget (at Year-end)	276.7	152.6	124.1	58.1	-	58.1	323.3	323.3	-	182.2	-	182.2

As the user fees are phased-in over 2008, the Solid Waste Management Services net budget will be reduced from \$182.2 million to \$124.1 million. Thus, the 2008 Recommended Operating Budget will be revised twice: in July 2008, for implementation of the multi-unit residential rate structure and in November 2008, for implementation of the single-family rate structure. The 2008 budget will be revised to \$276.7 million gross and \$124.1 million net to reflect these adjustments and the tax revenues will be re-allocated to fund the part-year implementation of the rebate program.

For 2009, user fees will increase by 3.5% and will fund base pressures, new waste diversion initiatives and repayment of capital debt with the remaining balance, totalling \$19.1 million,

used to contribute to the reserve fund. As the user fees will be collected for the full year, the total budget will be funded by a combination of user fees and other sources such as WDO (Waste Diversion Ontario) and the sale of recyclable materials and, in addition, property tax revenues will fully fund the rebate program.

Potential Impact of Amnesty Days

Toronto does not currently provide this service so it is difficult to accurately estimate the financial impact of amnesty days. However, if the city chooses to provide three amnesty days per year and a move-out amnesty, it would represent an additional Operating Budget pressure estimated to be \$10 million per year as follows:

Amnesty	Lost Revenue (\$m)			Extra Trucks and Crews	Total Cost (\$m)
	Single-Residential	Multi-Residential	Total		
3 Days	4.000	3.000	7.000	1.852	8.852
1 Moving Day	0.482	0.526	1.008	0.148	1.156
Total	4.482	3.526	8.008	2.000	10.008

If amnesty days and/or moving-out amnesty days are approved, higher fees would be required for the volume-based rate structure to offset the lost revenue and additional costs.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with the financial impact statement.

Summary

In June 2007, City Council adopted the recommendations in Executive Committee report EX9.1 entitled “Proposed Initiatives and Financing Model to Get to 70% Solid Waste Diversion by 2010”, as amended, (herein referred to as “Amended Report EX9.1”) which described a series of new waste diversion initiatives to achieve 70% diversion by 2010 and a volume-based solid waste rate system which would raise the approximately \$54 million additional revenue necessary to achieve the 70% diversion goal and provide a financial incentive to residents in single and multi-unit homes to reduce waste.

Amended Report EX9.1 directed staff to report back through the 2008 budget process on the final commencement date, the volume-based rates, and the grant amounts for 2008.

In November 2007, City Council adopted the recommendations in Public Works & Infrastructure Committee report PW11.13 entitled “Response to Council Motions – Getting to 70% Diversion by 2010”, as amended (herein referred to as “Amended Report PW11.13”).

In adopting Amended Reports EX9.1 and PW11.13, City Council approved two changes to the volume-based rate structure from what was originally recommended by staff in Report EX9.1: that the fees for the two smallest waste bins be lowered (from those shown in Report EX9.1) and the fees for the two largest waste bins be increased so that, overall, the total fees remained the same; and that certain bin exchange fees be waived and that the revenue that would have

been generated from the bin exchange fees be added to the residential solid waste rate structure. Amended Report PW11.13 also requested staff to report to the January 28, 2008 Budget Committee meeting on the financial implications of providing three amnesty days per year and an amnesty for moving-out waste at the time of a residential move. This report recommends the volume-based rates for 2008 and provides the financial implications of providing amnesty days.

Background Information

Final 2008 Fees - Getting to 70% Diversion by 2010

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10534.pdf>

8a Results of the Request for Proposal No. 0401-07-0059 - Contract for Recycling and Garbage Carts to Single-Family Households Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Item PW 6.16 and PW 7.21

(June 27, 2007) Letter from Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008.

Summary

Advising that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on June 27, 2007, referred the following recommendation contained in the report (May 22, 2007) from the Acting General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services and the Director, Purchasing and Materials Management, to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 budget process, with a request that the appropriate public notice be given with respect to the proposed fees for the cart exchange program:

- “2. residents be allowed to request that their cart(s) be exchanged for a different sized cart(s) subject to payment of a cart exchange fee to the City equal to the City's cost of exchanging the cart.”

Background Information

Letter from Public Works to Budget Committee re Results of the Request for Proposal No. 0401-07-0059 - Contract for Recycling and Garbage Carts to Single-Family Households

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9198.pdf>

Attach 1 - Letter from City Council - Results of the Request for Proposal No. 0401-07-0059 - Contract for Recycling and Garbage Carts to Single-Family Households

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9199.pdf>

Attach 2 - City Council Decision on Results of the Request for Proposal No. 0401-07-0059 - Contract for Recycling and Garbage Carts to Single-Family Households

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9200.pdf>

Report on Results of the Request for Proposal No. 0401-07-0059 - Contract for Recycling and Garbage Carts to Single-Family Households

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9201.pdf>

BU26.9	ACTION	Received		Ward: 15
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Service Cuts

(November 5, 2007) Memo from Councillor Howard Moscoe, Ward 15 Eglinton-Lawrence

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received the item for information.

Summary

Requesting information on proposed additional costs of service cuts, i.e. eliminating sidewalk and windrow plowing in suburban parts of Toronto.

Background Information

Service Cuts

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10428.pdf>

BU26.10	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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City Electricity Purchase Strategy - Green Power

(February 4, 2008) Report from Chief Corporate Officer

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the following, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget:

1. City Council authorize the purchase of a sufficient amount of green electricity to meet the electricity usage requirements of City Hall on an annual basis commencing July 2008.
2. The Chief Corporate Officer start discussions with Toronto Hydro Energy Services and possibly other suppliers, including community groups, regarding partnership opportunities to develop green power projects which could be directed to the City's green power targets.
3. The Chief Corporate Officer report back to the Executive Committee for its September 2008 meeting with a recommended long-term strategy for the City's target of obtaining 25 per cent of its electricity from green power sources.

Financial Impact

The 2008 Recommended Operating Budget includes an allocation of \$500,000 in the Non-

Program Budget to purchase green electricity. The allocated amount is sufficient to purchase green power for the electricity requirements at City Hall for a one year period starting in 2008.

The City has not purchased any green power to date. Presently, the amount of available green power from new installations is very limited. Therefore the City's green power purchases would have to be phased in over a number of years and would most likely have to come from independent suppliers under long term contracts. The Chief Corporate Officer will report back with a plan to purchase additional green power to meet the City's green power target of 25% in time for consideration with the 2009 Budget process.

If green power is purchased incrementally at 6.25 percent per year over four years, the first year cost for City programs would range from \$1.5 million to \$3.4 million; and \$0.83 million to \$1.83 million for the ABCs. This is a 40 percent to 100 percent premium over conventional electricity. Overall, the City's electricity costs would increase by 1.8 to 4.0 percent in the first year.

If enough green power was available for purchase, the cost of purchasing 25% of the City's electricity requirements from green power sources would range, depending on the type of green power purchased, from \$6.17 million to \$13.57 million annually for City Divisions and \$3.34 million to \$7.34 million annually for the City's ABCs, for a total cost ranging from \$9.51 million to \$20.91 million, which would represent an overall increase of 7.0 to 16.0 percent of the City's electricity cost.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

This report outlines a short term strategy for the purchase of green electricity and recommends that a report be prepared for the Executive Committee in September 2008 on a more detailed strategy to meet the City's target of obtaining 25 per cent of its electricity needs from green power sources.

Background Information

City Electricity Purchase Strategy - Green Power

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10510.pdf>

BU26.11	ACTION	Received		
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Cost Saving Measures Related to Councillors' Office Budgets

(January 30, 2008) Letter from Councillor Doug Holyday, Ward 3 Etobicoke-Centre

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee received the item for information.

Summary

Forwarding cost saving measures related to Councillors' Office Budgets which would result in cost savings of \$1,232,000.

Background Information

Cost Saving Measures Related to Councillors' Office Budgets

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10489.pdf>)

BU26.12	ACTION	Adopted		Ward: All
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Auditor General's Office – 2008 Budget

(November 16, 2007) Letter from Audit Committee

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the budget, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

Financial Impact

The 2008 budget request for the Auditor General's Office is \$4,147,321 which is \$158,920 in excess of the 2007 final budget of \$3,988,401.

The proposed budget contains audit fees in the amount of \$320,755 relating to the external financial audit.

2008 Budget Request	2007 Approved Budget	Increase	%
\$4,147.3	\$3,988.4	\$158.9	4.0

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Audit Committee on November 16, 2007.

Background Information

letter from Audit Committee - re Auditor General's Office - 2008 Budget

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9152.pdf>)

Report on Auditor General's Office - 2008 Budget

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9153.pdf>)

Appendix 1 -

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9154.pdf>)

Attachment 1 - Org Chart And Workforce

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9155.pdf>)

Attachment 2 - External Quality Control Review and Attachment 3 - National Association of Local Government Auditors

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9156.pdf>

BU26.13	ACTION	Adopted		
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Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit: 2008 Operating Budget Request

(December 28, 2007) Report from Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the budget, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

Financial Impact

If the Budget Committee approves the recommendation contained in this report, it will result in the allocation of funds in the amount of \$33.9M, which is a 0.9% increase over the 2007 net operating budget.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Budget Committee with the 2008 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Service – Parking Enforcement Unit.

Background Information

Toronto Police Service - Parking Enforcement Unit: 2008 Operating Budget Request
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9712.pdf>

BU26.14	ACTION	Deferred		
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Toronto Police Service – 2008 Operating Budget Request

(December 31, 2007) Report from Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008.

Financial Impact

If the Budget Committee approves the recommendations contained in this report, it will result in the allocation of funds in the amount of \$802.3M, which is a 2.0% increase over the 2007 net operating budget.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Budget Committee with the 2008 operating budget request for the Toronto Police Service.

Background Information

Report from Toronto Police Service - 2008 Operating Budget Request

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9732.pdf>)

BU26.15	ACTION	Adopted		
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Toronto Police Services Board – 2008 Operating Budget Submission

(December 28, 2007) Report from Chair, Toronto Police Services Board

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the budget, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

Financial Impact

If the Budget Committee approves the recommendation contained in this report, it will result in the allocation of funds in the amount of \$2,233,900, which is a 0.4% decrease over 2007.

Summary

Report received from Toronto Police Services Board to provide the City of Toronto Budget Committee with the 2008 operating budget submission for the Toronto Police Services Board.

Background Information

Toronto Police Services Board's 2008 Operating Budget Submission

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9711.pdf>)

BU26.16	ACTION	Deferred		
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Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request

(September 19, 2007) Letter from Board of Health

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item and the following motion to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008:

Motion by Councillor Heaps (on behalf of Councillor De Baeremaeker)

1. That the Medical Officer of Health be requested to meet with interested Councillors on

possible ways to maintain the current levels of service for “animal surrender” and “wildlife response”.

Financial Impact

The TPH 2008 Operating Budget request totals \$218,943.2 thousand gross / \$51,150.9 thousand net. This request represents an increase of \$7,946.6 thousand or 3.8 percent in gross and \$753.5 thousand or 1.5 percent in net expenditures from the 2007 Operating Budget as shown in Table 1 below. The net increase of \$753.5 thousand over the 2007 Operating Budget is attributable to the base budget increases in compensation including a cost of living allowance, merit adjustments and annualization of 2007 new and enhanced services.

Table 1
Toronto Public Health
2008 Operating Budget Request

	2007 Budget	2008 Request	Change from 2007 Budget	
(\$000s)	\$	\$	\$	%
GROSS EXP.	210,996.6	218,943.2	7,946.6	3.8
REVENUE	160,599.2	167,792.3	7,193.1	4.5
NET EXP.	50,397.4	51,150.9	753.5	1.5
Positions	1,982.5	1,962.0	(20.5)	(1.0)

Note: 2008 Request includes 27.5 positions funded from Capital in the amount of \$2,442.1 thousand gross and \$0 net.

Table 2 – 2008 Operating Budget for Consideration reflects the proposed service reduction of \$753.4 thousand gross and net, thus bringing the total request for the TPH 2008 Operating Budget to \$218,189.9 thousand gross and \$50,397.4 thousand net expenditures in order to achieve the City’s target of a zero net increase over the 2007 Operating Budget.

Table 2
Toronto Public Health
2008 Operating Budget for Consideration

	2007 Budget	2008 Request	2008 Service Reduction Options	2008 Budget for Consideration	Change from 2007 Budget	
(\$000s)	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	%
GROSS EXP.	210,996.6	218,943.2	(753.5)	218,189.7	7,193.1	3.4
REVENUE	160,599.2	167,792.3	0.0	167,792.3	7,193.1	4.5
NET EXP.	50,397.4	51,150.9	(753.5)	50,397.4	(0.0)	(0.0)
Positions	1,982.5	1,962.0	(6.0)	1,956.0	(26.5)	(1.3)

Note: 2008 Request includes 27.5 positions funded from Capital in the amount of \$2,442.1 thousand gross and \$0 net.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Summary

Advising that the Board of Health on September 19, 2007, considered the report (September 14, 2007) from the Medical Officer of Health, entitled "Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request".

Background Information

Letter from Board of Health re Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9202.pdf>)

Report on Toronto Public Health 2008 Operating Budget Request

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9203.pdf>)

BU26.17	ACTION	Adopted		
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Toronto Public Library 2008 Operating Budget

(January 29, 2008) Letter from City Librarian

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee approved the budget, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget.

Summary

Advising that the Toronto Public Library Board at its meeting on January 21, 2008:

1. Approved the reduction options totalling \$700,000 in order to meet the City Manager recommended 2008 operating budget target of \$169.988 million gross (\$155.674 million net) or a four percent increase.
2. Adopted the reduced 2008 operating budget of \$169.988 million gross (\$155.674 million net) as shown in Attachment 2, subject to Council approval.

Background Information

Letter from the Toronto Public Library Board - the 2008 Operating Budget - City Manager Recommended Target

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10429.pdf>)

Report on 2008 Operating Budget - City Manager Recommended Target

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10430.pdf>)

Attach 1

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10431.pdf>)

Attach 2

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10432.pdf>)

Attach 3

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-10433.pdf>)

BU26.18	ACTION	Deferred		
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2008 TTC Operating Budget

(November 20, 2007) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Toronto Transit Commission on November 14, 2007.

Background Information

Letter received from Toronto Transit Commission re : 2008 TTC Operating Budget

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9174.pdf>)

Report on 2008 TTC Operating Budget

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9175.pdf>)

BU26.19	ACTION	Deferred		
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Executive Committee Item 10.44 Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

(October 25, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008.

Summary

Advising that City Council on October 22 and 23, 2007 referred Executive Committee Item 10.44, entitled “Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth”, to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 Budget process.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9193.pdf>)

City Council Decision Document re Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9194.pdf>)

Letter from Budget Committee to City Council together with TTC letter re Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9195.pdf>)

BU26.20	ACTION	Deferred		
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2008 Wheel Trans Operating Budget.

(November 15, 2007) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the item to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008.

Summary

Advising of the action taken by the Toronto Transit Commission on November 14, 2007.

Background Information

Letter from TTC - re 2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9173.pdf>

Report from TTC - 2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9172.pdf>

Appendix A - 2008 Operating Budget Summary

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9192.pdf>

BU26.21	ACTION	Referred		
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Community Development and Recreation Committee Item 3.6 Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs

(April 30, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee referred the item to the Community Development and Recreation Committee.

Summary

Advising that City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, referred Community Development and Recreation Committee Item 3.6, entitled "Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs", to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2008 budget deliberations.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9294.pdf>

Att 1 - City Council Decision Document re Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9295.pdf>

BU26.22	ACTION	Deferred		
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Executive Committee Item 15.23 Elimination of Blue Jay Ticket Purchases for Councillors

(December 17, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee considered the request and directed staff to allocate the 2008 funds saved to specific services that support recreation programs for at-risk youth in priority neighbourhoods.

Summary

Advising that City Council on December 11, 12 and 13, 2007, adopted as amended Executive Committee Item 15.23 entitled "Elimination of Blue Jay Ticket Purchases for Councillors", and in so doing, referred the issue of the 2008 funds saved to the Budget Committee for consideration of how to use these savings for redeployment to recreation programs for at-risk youth in priority neighbourhoods.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re Ex Committee Item 15.23 re Elimination of Blue Jay Ticket Purchases for Councillors

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9729.pdf>

City Council decision re Elimination of Blue Jay Ticket Purchases for Councillors

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-9730.pdf>

BU26.23	ACTION	Deferred		
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Summary of 2008 Operating Budget

(February 11, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Budget Committee:

- A. deferred consideration of the following until its wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008:

Other

Motion by Councillor Carroll:

The following 2008 Budget Adjustments be approved:

1. That the recommended average increase of 21% over the 3% inflation-adjusted 2008 fee rates for recreation user fees and permits be reduced to an average of 5% over the 3% inflation-adjusted 2008 recreation and permit fee rates to support the base budget shortfall in Park, Forestry and Recreation, with all free permit policies and discount rate structures remaining in effect.
2. The User Fee Revenues included in the Parks, Forestry & Recreation Recommended 2008 Operating Budget be reduced by \$4.164 million resulting in a revised 2008 Recommended Net Operating Budget of \$239.658 million.
3. The Social Services budgeted caseload be reduced by 2,000 cases (to 77,000 cases) to reflect current caseload data resulting in a reduction of \$20 million (gross) and \$4.2 million (net) to a revised net Social Services 2008 Recommended Operating Budget of \$275.774 million.

Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP)

Motion by Councillor Rae:

1. That the budget be amended as follows:
 - adding \$597,000 for the Toronto Arts Council
 - adding \$400,000 for Major Cultural Organizations
 - adding \$85,000 for LASOs
 - adding \$18,000 for Artscape
2. That the City Manager and General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be requested to review and report back to the Economic Development Committee by September 2008 on how to best facilitate the Toronto Arts Council becoming one of the City's ABC's.
3. That the City of Toronto Glenn Gould Protégé Award of \$10,000 be increased by \$5,000 to \$15,000 and that this award, presented every three years, be moved to CPIP.
4. That \$10,000 remain in the Protocol budget to be assigned to cover costs of hosting international delegation receptions and events.

Motion by Councillor Mihevc:

1. That the budget be amended as follows:
 - adding \$438,000 to Community Services Grants for a total of \$795,600;
 - adding \$95,800 to Service Development for a total of \$150,000;
 - adding \$300,000 to School Food Program for a total of \$393,100; and
 - adding \$100,000 to Access and Equity Program for a total of \$123,000.

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Motion by Councillor Carroll (on behalf of Councillor Davis)

1. That the proposed closure of the Bob Abate Indoor Pool be deferred so that the issues of accessibility to other pools, and the relationship of this pool to the outdoor pool at Alexander Duff (in Christie Pits) can be analyzed and a holistic solution sought.
2. That the Stanley Park Pool closure proposal be deferred for an analysis of the summer aquatic needs of the Niagara neighbourhood and the newly evolved neighbourhoods nearby (e.g. Liberty Village).
3. That the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to meet with interested Councillors on possible financial options to cover the costs.

Motion by Councillor Carroll (on behalf of Councillor Davis)

1. That the relocation of Aquatics Programs from the proposed four TDSB pools be deferred and the continued use of these pools be considered as part of the Aquatic and Pools Strategy.
2. That the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be requested to meet with interested Councillors on possible financial options to cover the costs.

Transportation (Public Realm)

The Budget Committee:

1. deferred consideration of the following to the Budget Committee wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008:
 - i. Approve the development and maintenance of tourist information and wayfinding signage strategies in connection with the info pillar element of the Street Furniture Program – up to \$300,000, subject to the Executive Director, Tourism, submitting a business case in conjunction with the 2008 budget process.
 2. Approved the following, subject to final approval of the 2008 Operating Budget:
 - i. Augmented maintenance of street trees on main and commercial streets – up to \$700,000.
 - ii. Clean and Beautiful City initiatives including administration, Ward-based community projects/demonstration projects and remaining instalment to cover orphan space maintenance – up to \$1,699,000.
- B. Deferred consideration of the following to June 2008:

- i. the issue of finalization of the organizational structure and scope of the Public Realm Office until the report from the General Manager, Transportation Services, is submitted to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

C. Homes for the Aged

Amended the following Recommendation 2 of the Analyst Briefing Notes to read:

- “2. The General Manager of Homes for the Aged explore the potential benefits of conducting yet another governance structure review of the Homes for the Aged Division before 2009 Operating Budget Process.”

D. Requested the following:

Parks, Forestry and Recreation

1. the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, report to the wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008 on both the Island Ferry service reduction and fee increase, including options to accommodate changes within the Recommended Operating Budget.

Transportation (Mechanical Leaf Pick-up)

2. the General Manager of Transportation Services report to the wrap-up meeting on February 25, 2008 on potential offsets to re-establish the mechanical leaf pick up program at 2006 service levels.

Community Partnership and Investment Program (CPIP)

3. Council Members, in consultation with staff, explore possible offsets to the requested increases within the CPIP Budget beyond the recommended \$1.337 million and report to the wrap-up meeting of Budget Committee.

E. Received the following Briefing Notes for information:

CORPORATE ISSUES

- 2008 Staff Recommended Approved Positions (Jan 28 – 001);
- 2008 Staff Recommended Gapping (Jan 28 – 011)
- Economic Factors (Jan 28 – 014)
- Recommended Changes to Existing User Fee/Charges and New User Fees/Charges in the 2008 Operating Budget (Jan 28 – 016)

CITIZEN CENTRED SERVICES “A”

Economic Development, Culture and Tourism:

- Nuit Blanche (Feb 01 – 094)

Homes for the Aged:

- Harmonization Costs (Feb 01 – 097)

Parks, Forestry and Recreation:

- Aquatics Service Level Changes (Feb 01 – 099);
- Increase and Expand Waterfront and Regional Parking Fees (Feb 01 – 104)
- Urban Forestry Recommended Service Improvements (Feb 08 – 106)
- Recreation User Fees & Permits (Feb 11 – 121)

Social Development, Finance and Administration:

- The Impact of Downloaded Program Costs and Funding Shortfalls on the City's 2008 Operating Budget (Feb 08 – 108)
- Transfer of Positions to PF and R and EDCT (Feb 08 – 119)

Social Services:

- Toronto Social Services Caseload (Feb 11 – 132)

CORPORATE ACCOUNTS**Community Partnership and Investment Program:**

- Enlargement of Supplies for School Food Programs (Feb 11 – 134)

Summary

Forwarding Summary for consideration.

Background Information

Summary

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-11169.pdf>

Meeting Sessions

Session Date	Session Type	Start Time	End Time	Public or Closed Session
2008-02-11	Morning	9:40 AM	12:05 PM	Public