

Deputant	Issue(s)	Staff Response
1. Allan Farrington	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
2. Betty Carr Chairman of the Board of Directors, 3. Carol Wilding President & CEO, and 4. Cecil Bradley Vice President of Policy Toronto Board of Trade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Structural changes required in the City. The 2008 balanced budget is a plugged gap and is not sufficient for future. Need to deal with the labour costs, infrastructure deficit, economy downturn and how it will affect the City. Limit the property increases to CPI and add 3% surcharge each year for the next 5 years. City employees' payroll must be reduced to meet the targets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The initiatives and strategies proposed by the TBoT will be evaluated as part of the City's long-term fiscal plan and ongoing efforts to resolve the fiscal deficit challenges it faces.
5. Claire Hopkinson Executive Director Toronto Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for Toronto Arts Council (TAC) to meet the City's commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
6. John D. McKellar Chair Toronto Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC and commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
7. Curtis Barlow	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million be added to TAC to allow for needed investment in arts and culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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8. Karl Sprogis Chair Arts Etobicoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC to increase accessibility of the arts, involve diverse audiences, create broad awareness of artists through advocacy and develop partnerships to sustain local arts activities. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
9. Oni Windsor-Joseph Member Arts Etobicoke	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation of “What is Canadian Art?” 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
10. Gregory Oh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC by \$0.597 million to allow for additional sponsorship projects to showcase local talents. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
11. Natalie Lue Toronto International Film Festival Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested increase funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to allow for additional supports to artists in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
12. Joy Hughes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to allow for increase funding to the Arts sector in Toronto. Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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13. Paul Clifford and Zeleda Davis UNITE HERE Local 75	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hospitality workers, particularly in the vicinity of Pearson Airport, need more bus routes and better TTC scheduling as 4 or 5 buses arrive together creating too long a wait time for the next bus. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2008 Recommended Operating Budget contains \$21 million of TTC service improvements to ease crowding at peak times, to improve service in off peak hours and to extend the hours of surface routes to match subway hours of operation.
14. Georgia Kuich President Lakeshore Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding for LASOs to enhance its ability to provide more programs and events that engage youth and increase public involvement through arts. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.085 million to LASOs on February 25, 2008.
15. Michael Shapcott Director of Community Engagement The Wellesley Institute	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Since 2000 there has been a decrease in living standards for a growing number of Toronto families, with one in five families now living below the poverty line. In the past five years, only one in 100 homes built in Toronto is affordable. While Toronto is engaged in providing leadership in securing a fully-funded, comprehensive “Canadian Housing Framework” through working with senior levels of government and other partners, the City needs to increase the level of resources available for delivering affordable housing through the following initiatives: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> double the residential development charge; double amounts available through Capital Revolving Fund and Mayor’s Homelessness Initiatives Reserve Fund; 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has taken a leadership role in facilitating the development of affordable housing and has established a target of creating 1,000 affordable homes annually. The capacity to achieve this target is dependent on a continuing funding partnership with the Federal and Provincial governments. The City is in the process of reviewing the existing Development Charge By-law to better reflect Council priorities and policies relative to its growth and capital funding requirements. The City provides a number of incentives that facilitate the development of affordable rental housing. In 2007, the City committed \$40.4 million in incentives, which in turn leveraged private and other public sector funding to deliver 1,532 new units of affordable housing with a total project cost estimated to be \$282.4 million. City incentives include the following: deferring building permit and planning fees, providing property

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> c. implement a 3-year plan to invest land transfer tax funds into a dedicated housing account. 	<p>tax exemptions and surplus land, and providing funds from the Capital Revolving Fund and the Mayor’s Homelessness Initiative Reserve Fund to leverage additional resources in the development of affordable housing.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revenues from the land transfer tax are used to maintain existing services.
16. Anne Fitzpatrick Housing Action Now	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
17. Inga Untiks Scarborough Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested more funding be directed to programs outside of the downtown core. An additional funding of \$0.597 million will allow TAC to support the innovative arts programs and the after school programs. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
18. Michael Rosenberg	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General Budget Comment: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Budget is similar to last year; but province probably can't continue funding. ➢ Will need to manage differently. ➢ Major plans such as climate change and housing show no clear means to do it (accomplish) ➢ We will need to stop something we are now doing and re-allocate. ➢ Problems will not go away in the future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The 2008 budget is similar to last year, in terms of the services and service levels, but unlike 2007, it was balanced when introduced by staff. As well, efforts to address the structural deficit have yielded realistic and sustainable results. • The City is committed to providing services that its citizens need and has no intention to discontinue any of its core services.

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19. Judith Andrew Vice President - Ontario Canadian Federation of Independent Business (CFIB)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Build on City's existing commitment to reduce business property tax rates. • Go to zero-based budgeting. • Reduce spending by sticking to the basics (i.e. roads, transit, water, waste). • Put a wide range of city services out for competitive bidding. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City uses a zero based budgeting on a case by case basis, where warranted. Suggestions proposed by the deputant may be taken into consideration in the future.
20. Alejandro Freeland Latino Canadian Cultural Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested increase funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to allow for additional supports to local cultural organizations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
21. Robert McKittrick	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million to TAC to support artists in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
22. Dave Rowins Storytellers School of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million to TAC to support the story-telling programs in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
23. Nataley Nagy Textile Museum of Canada	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested increase funding of \$0.597 million to allow TAC to provide more support to the Textile Museum of Canada. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
24. Lola Rasminsky Arts for Children of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested increase funding of \$0.597 million to allow TAC to provide more support to Art for Children of Toronto, one of the outreach programs in priority neighbourhood. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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25. Michael Rubinfeld Summer Works Theatre Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to the Theatre Festival, allowing the organization to waive fees from the participating artists. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
26. Jennifer Waring Continuum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional \$0.597 million be added to TAC to allow for needed investment in arts and culture. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
27. Ellen Frei / Riccarda Balogh CAMMAC	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to programs for Toronto musicians at all ages. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
28. Derry Fitzgerald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
29. John Van Burek Artistic Director Pleiades Theatre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
30. Philip Cairns	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to artists in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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31. Nilan Perera	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
32. Kristen Fahrig	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to artists in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
33. Monique Barry Songwriters Expo	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
34. Ann La Plante General Manager Alliance For Canadian New Music Projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested increase funding to The Alliance for Contemporary New Music Projects through the CPIP Budget. The increase funding will allow for more projects and salary for composers and adjudicators. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
35. Richard Marsella Ontario Regional Director Canadian Music Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
36. Marshall Pynkoski Artistic Director Opera Atelier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment to TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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37. Cathy Melville Storytellers School of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment to storytelling programs through TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
38. Mathew Jaskiewicz Artistic Director Toronto Sinfonietta	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested continuous support to Toronto Sinfonietta through TAC and commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
39. Tasha Schumann Urban Arts Community Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
40. Guillermo Cabrera Urban Arts Community Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
41. Ann MacDonald Director / Curator Doris McCarthy Gallery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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42.Mimi Beck Dance Curator Dance Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to DanceWorks, an organization that assists emerging artists and culture specific festivals by providing marketing and production services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
43.Jutta Mason Member CELOS - Centre for Local Research Into Public Space	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Utilization of open/public space for parks and community centres. Projected increase in user and permit fees. Reporting of FTE positions - Budget presentation (page 20) noted a net increase of 186 positions for PF&R since amalgamation. However, CELOS research identifies the net increase at 787 positions. Requested Councillors looks into this large discrepancy. Increase in expenditures that are not listed in the Budget. Example – Plan to increase both the hourly wages and the numbers of zamboni operators at the City’s 49 compressor-cooled outdoor rinks. Estimated that this will result in an increase of \$250,000 per rink season. Budget documents do not provide sufficient information to stakeholder groups. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Transfers between City Programs/ABC’s are included in the 787 positions identified by CELOS. This is a harmonization issue which will come forward in the future once it is finalized. The 2008 Analyst Briefing Notes for each City Program is available on the City’s web site and provides operating budget details: prior year program issues; challenges; key cost drivers; service adjustments and strategic investments for priority service areas; 2-year future outlook.

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44. Strath Dimakos	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
45. Jane Mercer Toronto Coalition for Better Child Care	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Request the Province to step in to address the funding shortfall for child care, increase base funding to include inflationary increases and address the long waiting list for subsidized child care for parents in need by increasing the number of subsidized child care spaces. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has provided information to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services concerning the impact of income testing and the base funding shortfall. Additional Provincial Best Start funding was provided in June and July 2007. This included \$24.173 million in 2007, annualized to \$32.230 million in 2008. The City will continue to request additional funding through the Child Care Service Plan and annual service contract with the province. A report on the adequacy of current Funding and Service Levels was before Community Development and Recreation Committee on February 21, 2008.
46. Margaret Vandenbroucke / Michael Steeves Homelessness Action Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> It may not be wise to reduce shelter beds in the 2008 budget with the predicted downturn in the economy. Recognizing the City has developed a new 10-year plan to secure affordable housing with the Housing Opportunities Toronto Program (HOT), the City needs to increase its funding for affordable housing development in order to secure funding from senior levels of government. The 2008 budget includes funding for 528 affordable housing units, but 300 of these units are already included in 2007 budget. Several recommendations are offered to increase funding for affordable housing, 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budgeted shelter bednights for 2008 are 3.2% lower than 2007, and are based on prior-year trends, which have been dropping. Specifically, in 2007, budgeted bednights were 1,423,055 while actual bednights were 1,365,181, representing a vacancy rate of 4.1%; in 2006, budgeted bednights were 1,474,676 and actual bednights were 1,411,768, representing a vacancy rate of 4.3%. The City has taken a leadership role in facilitating the development of affordable housing and has established a target of creating 1,000 affordable homes annually. The capacity to achieve this target is dependent on a continuing funding partnership with the Federal and Provincial governments. The City provides a number of incentives that

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	<p>including :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. allocate a percentage of the land transfer tax (and implement additional revenue tools) to fund affordable housing; b. double the development charge fees for residential development; c. implement “inclusionary” changes in the zoning by-law that require that 20% of new large housing developments being constructed be affordable units; d. use surplus City properties (or proceeds of sale from) for affordable housing. 	<p>facilitate the development of affordable rental housing. In 2007 (in addition to the 528 units funded through the 2008 SSHA budget) through the Affordable Housing Office, the City committed \$40.4 million in incentives, which in turn leveraged private and other public sector funding for 1,532 new units of affordable housing, with total project development estimated to be \$282.4 million.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • City incentives include the following: deferring building permit and planning fees, providing property tax exemptions and surplus land, and providing funds from the Capital Revolving Fund and the Mayor’s Homelessness Initiative Reserve Fund to leverage additional resources in the development of affordable housing. • Revenues from the land transfer tax are used to maintain existing services. • The City is in the process of reviewing the existing Development Charge By-law to better reflect Council priorities and policies relative its growth and capital funding requirements. • The City does not currently have “inclusionary zoning” powers, although it has requested this power from the Province in the past. • Through Toronto’s Housing First Policy, appropriate City surplus sites are made available to support new affordable housing.

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<p>47. Ann Dembinski President and Tim McGuire First Vice President Representative CUPE Local 79</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General concerns regarding gapping and deferred hiring as a long-term strategies for PF&R. • Do not agree with HFA reducing hours of its staff to achieve costs savings as this will affect care of residents and will not open Collective Agreements for renegotiation prior to expiry. • Do not agree with HFA conducting a governance review that will add a layer of costly management bureaucracy. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Question from Budget Committee – Does your union represent part-time staff? Response from CUPE Local 79 was “yes”. • Current staff hours overlap by ½ an hour and reducing the overlap would not impact services. • The governance review is not being recommended by Budget Committee.
<p>48. Myna Wallin Co-organizer Toronto Small Press Book Fair</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to the bi-annual book fair in Toronto, an event that promotes literature and provides a starting point for local artists and writers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
<p>49. Michael Stohr President Music Africa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide support to the Toronto Festival of Africa Music, an event that promotes cultural diversity. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
<p>50. Dian Marie Bridge Membership Manager Playwrights Guild of Canada</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested increase funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide support to local playwrights. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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51. Alexandra Montgomery Executive Director Gardiner Museum	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding to the 2008 CPIP Budget to meet the City's commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.400 million to the Major Cultural Organizations and \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008 to support the Culture Plan established in 2003.
52. June Macdonald	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
53. Colin Hughes Community Support Worker Children's Aid Society of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A substantial investment is required from both the Federal and Provincial Governments. Current access to subsidized child care is difficult. Expressed the importance of child care as a key support for single parents to move towards a better future. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has provided information to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services concerning the impact of income testing and the base funding shortfall. Additional Provincial Best Start funding was provided in June and July 2007. This included \$24.173 million in 2007, annualized to \$32.230 million in 2008. The City will continue to request additional funding through the Child Care Service Plan and annual service contract with the province. A report on the adequacy of current Funding and Service Levels was before Community Development and Recreation Committee on February 21, 2008.

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<p>54. Fred Sztabinski Project Co-ordinator Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Many of Bike Plan's short and medium term goals originally envisioned in 2001 have not been met. • Recommend to increase Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget by \$80,000 to fund a full-time trails and pathways planner. • Recommend Public Realm Office for \$3.598 million and Clean and Beautiful City initiatives for \$1.699 million already included in Transportation Services Operating Budget be approved. • Increase funding dedicated to cycling promotion, safety and education staff and programs from \$164,000 to \$328,000 in order to expand programs such as kids CAN-Bike and Bike Month. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Would require an increase in Parks, Forestry and Recreation budget by \$80,000. • Public Realm Office and Clean and Beautiful City initiatives have no financial impact, they are already included in 2008 Recommended Operating Budget and have been funded from Street Furniture Contract revenues in the Public Realm Reserve Fund. • Would require an increase in the City Planning budget by \$164,000.
<p>55. Patrick Comisso</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue with the residential property assessments of \$1 million (plus) homes in Toronto. The MLS real estate website list high priced homes with a selling feature being the low MPAC assessment. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Budget Chair informed the deputant that this was not the proper committee for his concern and she would refer his deputation to the Office of the Mayor for consideration.

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56.Ferne Sinkins Toronto Cat Rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested that a portion of the \$2.0 million funding for additional Enforcement Officers (to go from house to house to advise home owners of cat licensing requirements under the City by-law) be allocated instead to spay/neuter facilities to perform spaying/neutering to control the cat population. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for additional enforcement staff has been deferred by Budget Committee (\$0.150 million) as a means to partially offset the increase resulting from the reinstatement of Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife and Pet Owner Surrender Services.
57.Anne Farrell First Stage Child Care Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Federal and Provincial governments should be pressured by the City to further support families to access early learning and child care opportunities – to invest and enhance better subsidized child care. There’s not enough subsidized child care especially for young in priority neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has provided information to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services concerning the impact of income testing and the base funding shortfall. Additional Provincial Best Start funding was provided in June and July 2007. This included \$24.173 million in 2007, annualized to \$32.230 million in 2008. The City will continue to request additional funding through the Child Care Service Plan and annual service contract with the province. A report on the adequacy of current Funding and Service Levels was before Community Development and Recreation Committee on February 21, 2008.
58.Dae Tong Huh President Korean – Canadian Literary Forum - 21	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide support to local Korean artists and writers. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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59. Ken Wood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputant does not support the hiring of additional Enforcement By-law Officers to promote cat licensing. Funds should be provided to Spaycentral Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2008 requested gross expenditure for the Dog and Cat Licensing Strategy of \$0.833 million has been reduced by \$0.250 million by deferring staff and reducing other expenditures. In the future, a portion of revenue will be re-invested in Animal Services.
60. Graham Reid Nu Jazz Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million to TAC to meet the City's commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
61. Kiran Dhingra Community Worker Children's Aid Society of Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are female single parent families who would like to move forward economically but are faced with the barrier of not obtaining or accessing affordable good quality child care. There is a need to expand subsidized child care to meet the demand; provide high quality child care from non-profit agencies; and hold the Province accountable to provide a comprehensive child care program in Ontario. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City has provided information to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services concerning the impact of income testing and the base funding shortfall. Additional Provincial Best Start funding was provided in June and July 2007. This included \$24.173 million in 2007, annualized to \$32.230 million in 2008. The City will continue to request additional funding through the Child Care Service Plan and annual service contract with the province. A report on the adequacy of current Funding and Service Levels was before Community Development and Recreation Committee on February 21, 2008.
62. Madi Piller Toronto Animated Image Society	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding to the 2008 CPIP Budget to meet the City's commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.

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63. Franco Boni Artistic Director The Theatre Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding to the 2008 CPIP Budget to meet the City's commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
64. Alexis Da Silva-Powell	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
65. Bob M. Jadavji Chief Operating Officer The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.102 million to the 2008 CPIP Budget to narrow the financial gap between grant provided by the City and rent paid to Exhibition place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional funding is recommended by Budget Committee to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on February 25, 2008.
66. Bill Allen Board Member The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.102 million to the 2008 CPIP Budget to narrow the financial gap between grant provided by the City and rent paid to Exhibition place. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No additional funding is recommended by Budget Committee to The Royal Agricultural Winter Fair on February 25, 2008.
67. Iris Haussler Artist	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million to TAC to support artists in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
68. John Cartwright President Toronto York Region Labour Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General concerns regarding the increase in permit and user fees for community recreational services. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Fee increase reduced from the proposed 24% to an 8% increase.

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<p>69. Cindy McCarthy Chair Child Care Advisory Committee</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City should demand the Province to pay their fair share of the child care program. The Province should also expand subsidized child care, provide additional funds for family resources and children with special needs and should also provide additional funding to address increases due to inflation. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City has provided information to the Ministry of Children and Youth Services concerning the impact of income testing and the base funding shortfall. • Additional Provincial Best Start funding was provided in June and July 2007. This included \$24.173 million in 2007, annualized to \$32.230 million in 2008. • The City will continue to request additional funding through the Child Care Service Plan and annual service contract with the province. • A report on the adequacy of current Funding and Service Levels was before Community Development and Recreation Committee on February 21, 2008.
<p>70. Franz Hartmann Executive Director Toronto Environment Alliance</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City's 2008 Operating Budget is almost adequate enough to fund the programs necessary to clean Toronto's air and curb global warming but would like to see the following measures: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Moratorium on further TTC fare increases. ➤ A commitment to purchase 25% green power for its operations. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A proposed time period for the moratorium on further TTC fare increases needs to be defined. It would be very difficult to maintain over the long-term because of the significant financial impact to the City that would incur. • A commitment to purchase 25% green power requires further study in order to determine feasibility and financial impact.

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71. Katrina Miller Co-Chair Fair Deal for Our City Coalition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Concern regarding the increase in user and permit fees. Suggested that fees should be decreased not increased. Federal and provincial government funding is lacking. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Municipal recreation is not a federal or provincial service. Toronto's recovery of the cost of recreation services is specifically lower than other municipalities because traditionally the City has made a decision to subsidize most of the recreation services' cost.
72. Martin Bragg Canadian Stage Company	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CanStage attracted audience that represents the great diversity of culture in Toronto. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
73. Brian Roussie Toronto Party	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Expressed concern that not enough budget information is made available to the public. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City provides a considerable amount of budget information on its Website, on a timely basis: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Analyst Briefing Notes by Program ➤ Briefing notes on Program / Corporate issues ➤ Wrap-up Note to track all Committee decision ➤ Reports ➤ Presentations ➤ Backgrounders ➤ Fact Sheets ➤ News Release, etc.
74. Vena Dutta Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
75. Sunder Singh Elspeth Heyworth Centre for Women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A

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76.Karen Tisch	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding to the 2008 CPIP Budget to meet the City’s commitment in the Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
77.Mitchell Firman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> N/A
78.Mindy Hall Ontario SPCA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputant does not support the two reductions recommended for Toronto Public Health: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Cease pick-up of injured wildlife will put public at risk especially children and may be a source of rabies outbreak. The Ontario SPCA has no resources for this service; Cease Owner Pet Surrender will increase strays as owners will just abandon their pets. It may also add to the spread of diseases and increase dog bites. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended re-instatement of the two service level reductions: the Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife for an increase of \$260,800 (net) and the Pet Owner Surrender Services for an increase of \$290,500 (net).
79.Darin Jackson Toronto Civic Employees Union Local 416	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Eliminating the pick-up of injured/distressed wildlife will force residents to manage the problem. Skills are needed to handle animals such as skunks and racoons and animals will end up in the streets or result in an extra expense to the property owner for pick-up. TPH will eventually pick-up dead animals but with less staff, will result in a backlog. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended re-instatement of the two service level reductions: the Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife for an increase of \$260,800 (net) and the Pet Owner Surrender Services for an increase of \$290,500 (net).

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80. Dave Behan Toronto Animal Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Deputant does not support the reduction to cease owner surrender services reduction as recommended. TPH will consequently pick up strays (instead of owner surrendering these animals in TPH shelters). In addition, TPH will have to keep the animals for 7 days and may also incur medical expenses. Owners with low income will be impacted most. Deputant is requesting for a full staff report with the full financial impact of the reduction including the additional expense of staff picking up strays. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended re-instatement of the two service level reductions: the Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife for an increase of \$260,800 (net) and the Pet Owner Surrender Services for an increase of \$290,500 (net).
81. Mark Ferguson Vice President Toronto Civic Employees Union Local Local 416	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General comments regarding the problem with gapping. This results in an increase in overtime for union positions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The 2008 Overtime Budget decreased slightly when compared to 2007. As part of the budget process, planned gapping is evaluated to confirm that there will be no significant impact on services or service levels.
82. Geoff Currie	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> License shooting ranges to more effectively regulate and ensure that ammunition purchased at these facilities is not used for illegal activity. Impose a tax on ammunition sales and transfers to fund enforcement. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Mayor and Police Chief are calling on the federal government to ban handguns and all semiautomatic weapons. The Mayor feels that we cannot ignore the impact of guns on the street that were stolen from private collections or gun stores.
83. Mike Merriman Vice Chair Local 416 Ambulance Unit	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Deputant stated that the 849 paramedics that respond to emergencies are not all active. The Union has repeatedly asked Management to provide the number of 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There are currently 809 paramedic staff listed as active and not on modified duty. EMS plans to hire staff in 2008 to account for attrition, long-term disability and promotions.

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	<p>active paramedics but this information has never been provided.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The car count in the streets is very low. There are times that a certain ward will have no ambulance at all to respond to emergencies. • Stations are shut down at night due to lack of staff. Station #29 was shut down one evening due to unavailable staff. There is no guarantee that Toronto has adequate coverage. • EMS has no disaster plan. Management has stated there is such a plan however, paramedics should then be trained to handle disaster if there really is a disaster plan. • EMS is not like other programs that have an excess pool of resources to draw from. • The Primary Care Transport Unit is down to 30 paramedics. This has affected the transport of the elderly and the sick needing hospital procedures such as dialysis. They have to pay for ill-equipped private ambulance. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mainly due to hospital offload delay. EMS created an Offload Delay Task Force with sunnrybrook hospital and Local 416 and also with the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care (MOHLTC) to address the problem through an Expert Panel headed by Dr. Alan Hudson. • EMS does not close stations but uses a fluid deployment model where paramedics are repositioned to other areas in the City based on demand. • EMS's pandemic flu plan was developed with input from Local 79 and Local 416. A presentation of the EMS Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) was made to representatives of Local 416 on November 7, 2007 at City Hall. The Senior Management will continue to communicate EMS's pandemic flu plan to other key stakeholders. • Toronto EMS does not have part-time employees to draw from. When staff shortfalls occur, overtime is offered to Local 416 members in accordance with the Collective Agreement. • The Collective Agreement states the staffing levels for PCTU at 30 paramedics. Private, medical transport companies exist and the hospitals are well within their rights to contract these companies to carry out this service.

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Increase the number of paramedics and reduce management. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Toronto EMS requested a total of 77 new paramedic positions between 2006 and 2007. Council approved a total of eight new staff positions in 2007 given the City's financial constraints.
84. Tammy Thorne Member Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee TCAT Steering Committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> While noting that the City is accelerating the implementation of Cycling Infrastructure, more attention should be given to cycling safety, education and promotion work. Deputant urged the Budget Committee to consider allocating an additional \$100,000 in funding to support the expansion of Kids CAN-BIKE Camps. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The current funding level of \$50,000 per year will ensure the on-going success of the Kids CAN-BIKE Camps. Any expansion of the programme would need to be the subject of further study.
85. Hamish Wilson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Not clearing bike lanes, focus is on driving and walking after snowstorms. Sometimes plows cannot fit in the indented parking spots and the cars end up parking in the bike lanes. Need to look at places like Copenhagen on how they plow bike lanes. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> After heavy snowfalls it is difficult to clear bike lanes due to lack of adequate roadside storage space and on-street parking in busy urban corridors. Because bike lanes are usually located between the sidewalk and road, this linear area often becomes covered with windrows from either the road plough or sidewalk snow clearing. In heavy snowfalls, limited snow removal is undertaken to open up a greater width for bike lanes for safety reasons; however, this comes at a cost premium and is generally not funded in the Transportation Services division operating budget as a regular service. Further analysis is required to assess process improvements.

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86. Natalie Karvonen Toronto Wild Life Centre	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TWC does not support the reduction option recommended for Toronto Public Health to cease pick-up of wildlife by TPH. Residents lack the knowledge to handle wildlife and may expose them to danger. This may also result in residents leaving the animal to die in the streets. • TWC is funded from donations and TWC will not be able to handle the additional requests resulting from this reduction. • There was supposed to be a report in 2006 on wildlife but to date there has been no report from TPH and the review and report of Toronto Animal Services was supposed to be completed in the summer of 2007, but again to date, no report has been submitted. • TWC was unaware of this reduction until the night of the review. SC asked whether the reduction issue was transparent enough for people to be aware of this reduction. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended on February 25, 2008 the re-instatement the “Field Service Response to Injured or Distressed Wildlife Service” for an increase of \$260,800. • The program review of the Toronto Animal Services (TAS) is currently at the findings/recommendations stage and is anticipated to be completed in mid-2008. The review on wildlife response services will be included in this report.
87. Ruth Stackhouse Toronto Arts Council	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide Culture Plan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
88. Susan Nagy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A
89. Karen Richardson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Did not appear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • N/A

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90. Jane Hargraft General Manager Opera Atelier	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested investment in TAC and continuous commitment to Culture Plan by increasing the 2008 Operating Budget by \$0.597 million. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
91. Pam Mazza Member of the Toronto Island Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed cuts to the Toronto Island ferry service (non-peak seasons, spring, fall and winter) and increase in fares will have a negative impact on many Island residents. Legal Implications – Under the Provincial Bill 61, “Toronto Islands Residential Community Stewardship Act, 1993, Chapter 15”, Section 5.(1) clearly states that: <i>...the City of Toronto Transit Commission shall maintain those municipal services for which they are responsible, including emergency services and bus and ferry services, to the level provided in the year 1992 in relation to the land described in the Schedule.”</i> Requested that a needs assessment be undertaken regarding operation of the ferry docks, and the inability of Parks to adequately market and promote the Toronto Island. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The City received advice from City Legal staff indicating that the City is required to provide the same level of service that was provided in 1992, under the Toronto Islanders Residential Community Stewardship Act, 1993, Municipal Services Section 5.1. Given this information, the Budget Committee recommended that the operating hours remain unchanged and reinstated \$60,000.
92. Barry Lipton Member of the Toronto Island Community Association	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Proposed cuts to the Toronto Island ferry service and the increase in fares. Lack of prior notification or discussion with Island residents regarding the proposed 	

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	<p>service cuts and fare increases.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed changes to service levels may disrupt the economic, social and recreational life of Island residents. Most of the concern is with service cuts to the first board in the morning. Examples include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Securing and maintaining full-time and part-time employment, such as contractors, cultural workers, educators, etc. ➢ Participation in recreational activities. ➢ Attending cultural/social events. ➢ Primary, secondary and post-secondary education attendance. • Legal interpretation provided by Tanner & Guiney, Barristers and Solicitors, concerning the Toronto Island Residential Community Stewardship Act, clearly states that ... <i>by which the City is required to maintain ferry (and bus and emergency) service to the level provided in 1992. The proposed service cuts are contrary to the Act.</i> • Removal of the first boat in morning (6:45am) may conflict with scheduling requirements for Fire and Parks staff. This may result in additional over-time costs if staff must wait. • The Ongiara, scheduled to operate during the spring and fall, is too small with not enough cabin space for all passengers on 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The City received advice from City Legal staff indicating that the City is required to provide the same level of service that was provided in 1992, under the Toronto Islanders Residential Community Stewardship Act, 1993, Municipal Services Section 5.1. Given this information, the Budget Committee recommended that the operating hours remain unchanged and reinstated \$60,000. • Fire and Parks staff indicate they can deliver service within recommended schedule.

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	several runs every day.	
93.Laurie-Shawn Borzovoy Chair Urban Arts Toronto	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to outreach programs in priority neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
94.Syrus Marcus Ware Program Coordinator Art Gallery of Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to outreach programs in priority neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.
95.Jacoba Knoopen Executive Director Toronto Alliance for the Performing Arts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Requested additional funding of \$0.597 million for TAC to provide more support to outreach programs in priority neighbourhoods. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget Committee recommended funding increase of \$0.597 million to TAC on February 25, 2008.