

October 15, 2012

To: Budget Committee

From: Parks and Environment Committee

Subject: Toronto Botanical Garden - Request for Funding

Committee Decision:

The Parks and Environment Committee referred the request from the Toronto Botanical Garden for an annual grant of \$160,000 per annum to the Budget Committee for consideration during the 2013 budget process.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Parks and Environment Committee also recommended, among other things, that:

1. City Council request the Provincial and Federal Governments to provide funding to the Toronto Botanical Garden.
2. City Council request the Toronto Botanical Garden to consider options to increase revenues by offering landscape design services to residents.
3. City Council invite the Toronto Botanical Garden to participate in the Parks, Forestry and Recreation's automated electronic donation pilot project.
4. The General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be directed to meet with the Toronto Botanical Garden to explore options to generate revenue within the existing agreement and to report back to the Parks and Environment Committee.

Background

The Parks and Environment Committee on October 15, 2012, considered a presentation from the Executive Director, Toronto Botanical Garden, on their request for funding.

Background Information

(October 1, 2012) Presentation from the Executive Director, Toronto Botanical Garden -Toronto Botanical Garden - Request for Funding
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-50640.pdf>)

Communications

(October 15, 2012) Submission from Aldona Satterthwaite, Executive Director, Toronto Botanical Garden (PE.New.16.1.1)
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2012/pe/comm/communicationfile-32353.pdf>)

Speakers

Aldona Satterthwaite, Executive Director, Toronto Botanical Garden (Submission Filed)
Geoffrey Dyer, Past President and Director, Toronto Botanical Garden
Councillor Jaye Robinson, Ward 25, Don Valley West
Councillor Paul Ainslie, Ward 43, Scarborough East
Councillor Sarah Doucette, Ward 13, Parkdale-High Park

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Attachments

- c. General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation
Interested Persons