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## MEMO

**TO: Budget Committee**

**FROM: Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West**

**RE: Briefing Note Requests**

**DATE: January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2016**

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Dear Colleagues,

I would like to respectfully request the following budget briefing notes:

**1. Student Nutrition Program: Federal Role in Funding**

The new federal government has made commitments to fund a national student nutrition program. I think that a briefing note on the federal piece would be helpful to a) review the commitments made; b) cost out the dollars required to have the federal government match existing city and provincial monies; and c) any advocacy advice.

**2. Parks Capital**

Request Parks Staff to report on the "small capital" projects backlog and the amount required to address small capital needs.

**3. Parks Forestry and Recreation: Basic Suite of Free Recreation Programs**

Request Parks Staff to report on the potential for a basic suite of free recreation programs for children. This briefing note should include consideration for what the cost would be to go system-wide, building on priority centres and our welcome policy, and noting administration cost savings.

**4. Lawn Bowling Club Fees**

Some lawn bowling clubs are reporting hardship in paying the fee. Some have closed down. The briefing note should provide consideration for what can be done for hardship cases.

**5. Recreation – After School Programs**

Request Recreation Staff to report on what the cost would be for offering a basic minimum of after school programs across the City as a support for youth, especially latch key youth. The briefing note should address what the costs would be spread over a three year period, between 2016 to 2018 and how such a program could be rolled out.

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## 6. Bicycle Plan

Request Transportation Staff report on the capital funding required to build a minimum bicycle grid by 2018, with specific quanta required for 2016, 2017, and 2018.

The briefing note should also include responses to the following question about bicycle infrastructure planning:

- a) What is the current 2015 level of bicycle infrastructure funding? What is proposed for 2016? What are the projects under consideration?
- b) Specific to the Eglinton corridor alongside the Metrolinx project, what are the costs and strategies around this project? What is the projected timing for this project?

## 7. Pedestrian Infrastructure

Request Transportation Staff report on pedestrian infrastructure projects. The briefing note should include what the current level of funding is and what projects are under consideration.

## 8. Police – Paid Duty

Request Police Services Board report on paid duty police work that addresses the following questions:

- a) How much has been paid in the last five years by City departments and ABC's on paid duty?
- b) How much has been paid by the private sector (malls, special events, developers, etc.) for paid duty in the last five years?
- c) What is the status of the Toronto Police Service Board reviewing policies related to paid duty with respect to reducing costs for both the private and public sectors? If the blockage is with Provincial legislation, what steps have been taken/ can be taken to allow for cheaper alternatives?

## 9. Funding tools

Request Staff report on new revenue tools that could fund Council approved directions (Operating and Capital). The briefing note should include consideration of: a) tools for which the City has legal authority to implement in 2016 and b) tools for which the City would require provincial authority. The briefing note should also include expected annual revenue cost to administration and other impacts.

## 10. Budget Process – Inflation Inclusion

Request Staff report on where there are areas of the budget where inflation might be automatically included in the base operating budget (for example, Student Nutrition Programs and Community Partnership and Investment Program grants).

Sincerely,



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