

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Department

Minutes of the Budget Committee

Friday, April 3, 1998.

The Budget Committee met on Friday, April 3, 1998 in Committee Room C, 2nd Floor, Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, commencing at 2:08 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jakobek, Chair
Councillor Chow
Councillor Kinahan
Councillor Ootes
Councillor Shiner

Also Present:

Councillor Chong
Councillor Giansante
Councillor Jones
Councillor Layton
Councillor Mihevc

113. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk, forwarding the recommendations of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with regard to the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets;
- (b) report (March 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, as requested by the Budget Committee, regarding 'Property Houses';
- (c) report (March 11, 1998) from the Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, regarding Pressures Facing Child Care Programs Serving Subsidized Clients;

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- (d) report of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Housing Division as requested by Budget Committee at its meeting of March 9, 1998, regarding Housing; and
- (e) report (March 30, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer, regarding Policy Functions and Housing.

Housing

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Jakobek, the Budget Committee approved the 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets for the Housing Division with the following amendments:

1. that funds in the amount of \$200,000.00 for demonstration projects and grants for direct street-based “housing help” for homeless people be approved and transferred to the Municipal Grants Review Committee for review by the Committee and staff;
2. that funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 for the Dixon Neighbourhood Homes Inc., be incorporated in the Budget document and provided for in the Capital Quarterly Variance report; and
3. that funds in the amount of \$500,000.00 for StreetCity Three at 11 Ordnance Street be approved and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submit an updated report on 11 Ordnance Street to the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee in May, 1998.

Property Houses

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Chief Administrative Officer submit a report to the Budget Committee and Corporate Services Committee in May, 1998 regarding

the disposition of property houses, determining which ones can be sold and how tenants who cannot afford to move can be accommodated.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Chow moved that the report (March 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding the potential disposition of City-owned “property houses” be referred to the Chief Administrative Office for a further report.

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- C. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submit a confidential report to the Budget Committee on the following matters:
- (i) a list of City-owned properties that could be sold;
 - (ii) the names of the tenants;
 - (iii) the rent paid for such properties;
 - (iv) the 1996 assessed value of these properties;
 - (v) whether the properties are lakefront properties; and
 - (vi) the disposition of funds from the sale of such properties; and whether monies generated from the potential sales of such properties should be reserved to realize important social objectives.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Children's Services

- A. Councillor Kinahan moved:
- (1) the receipt of the following recommendation (4) contained in the transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding the 1998 Operating Budget:
 - “(4) that any savings from further welfare caseload reductions, achieved after the budget is approved, be redirected to provide child care support to families involved in the Ontario Works Program as a first priority; and further that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested to report on an implementation plan which addresses these and any other unmet social service needs”; and
 - (2) requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to report to the Budget Committee by the end of 1998 on the feasibility of establishing a “recession type” reserve fund, the rules that should apply to such fund and how it should be funded.
- B. Councillor Chow moved the adoption of the foregoing recommendation (4) contained in the transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee regarding the 1998 Operating Budget.

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Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be advised that any monies which are under spent with respect to the welfare caseload are to be held in reserve for use when the caseload increases.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Grants and Caribana

The Budget Committee had before it:

- (a) transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services forwarding a listing of municipal grants;
 - (b) transmittal letter (April 2, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding recommendations of the Etobicoke Community Council on Community Service Grants;
 - (c) transmittal letter (April 1, 1998) from the Etobicoke Community Council advising that the Etobicoke Community Council continues to support the continuance of the organizations and programmes that benefit the community; and
 - (d) report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer entitled, "City of Toronto Financial Support to the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana" and Auditors' Report (January 8, 1998) from Oliphant and White, Chartered Accountants/Management Consultants regarding the Caribbean Cultural Committee.
- A. Councillor Chow moved that \$545,000.00 be allocated to the Economic Development grants of which:
- (1) \$395,000.00 be approved as a one-time grant for "Celebrate Toronto Festival"; and
 - (2) \$150,000.00 be approved for the Caribana - Bands.

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- B. Councillor Kinahan moved that as part of the total 1998 Grants allocation, an amount of \$203,000.00 be considered by the Municipal Grants Review Committee for the operation of the 1998 Caribana Festival.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Jakobek moved that the release of funding in the amount of \$203,000.00 be subject to:
- (i) the Caribana Festival Support Group referred to in Appendix "A" attached to the report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer being accountable to City Council for the operation of the 1998 Caribana Festival and for its development for 1999;
 - (ii) the report on the administration of the future City grants review process being forwarded to the appropriate Committee by the fall of this year, include consideration of multi-year funding to stabilize the Caribana Festival and Parade;
 - (iii) that Appendix "A" be amended by adding Councillor Jakobek and Councillor Balkissoon as members to the Caribana Festival Support Group; and
 - (iv) that no expenditures be made by the Caribana Cultural Committee without the written approval of the newly-formed Caribana Festival Support Group.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- D. Councillor Balkissoon moved that Appendix "A" be amended by adding the following members to the Caribana Festival Support Group:
- Chair, Economic Development Committee;
 - one staff from Finance; and
 - one staff from the Access and Equity Centre.
- E. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Municipal Grants Review Committee is not precluded from granting more or less than \$203,000.00 to the Caribana Cultural Committee for its budget allocation.
- F. Councillor Shiner moved that upon the Mayor being unable to attend the Caribana Festival Support Group, the Deputy Mayor be his designate.
- G. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Mayor designate Councillor Balkissoon as his designate.

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Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Chow, it was lost.

Part (1) of motion A. and motions B, C, D, E, F and G carried.

The Budget Committee also recommended that the City Auditor be responsible for a more in-depth audit of Caribana to be carried out and that such audit be funded by the Caribana Cultural Committee.

On motion by Councillor Shiner, the Budget Committee approved, as amended, the report (March 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services entitled "Listing of Municipal Grants".

The Budget Committee recommended the approval of the report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding the City of Toronto's financial support to the Caribbean Cultural Committee and Caribana.

The following persons appeared addressed the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Mihevc, York-Eglinton;
- Councillor Pantalone, Trinity-Niagara; and
- Councillor Giansante, Kingsway-Humber.
- Mr. Charles Smith, Manager, Access and Equity Centre.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 41)

114. Eviction Prevention Strategy for the City of Toronto

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee wherein the Committee on March 26 and 27, 1998 recommended to the Budget Committee the adoption of the following motion:

"that City Council approve an amount no greater than \$55,000.00 to support programs that deal with eviction prevention".

- A. Councillor Ootes moved that the foregoing transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee be referred to the Municipal Grants Review Committee.

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- B. Councillor Ootes moved that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be requested provide a report on the number of people who have been evicted even though they have paid their rent.
- C. Councillor Chow moved that \$55,000.00 be allotted to the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services to deal with the eviction prevention strategy.
- D. Councillor Chow moved that staff report on this specific request before the deputations to Council in Committee of Whole.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- E. Councillor Jakobek moved that this matter be deferred and that, prior to the deputations at the Special Meetings of Council in Committee of the Whole on April 14 and 15, 1998 regarding the discussions of the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services submit a report to the Budget Committee on April 14, 1998 on the following:
 - (1) in-house resources;
 - (2) the need and service required;
 - (3) how the service can be provided; and
 - (4) the cost-effectiveness of the use of the money if it is required, similar to the homeless initiative funding.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- F. Councillor Kinahan moved that the City Solicitor submit a report to the Budget Committee on April 14, 1998 as to what action the City can take with respect to landlords who are abusing the process, i.e. eviction of tenants who have paid their rent.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion E. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion F. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

The following persons appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Denis Casey, Acting President, Local CUPE 79;
- Councillor Jack Layton, Don River; and
- Councillor Gordon Chong, Don Parkway.

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(Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; City Solicitor;
c. Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 8,
1998)

(Agenda Item No. 31)

115. 1998 Public Health - Animal Control Services

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (April 2, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding recommendations of the York Community Council on the Provision of Animal Shelter Services in 1998;
 - (b) (April 2, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding recommendations of the East York Community Council on Animal Services in the City of Toronto;
 - (c) (April 2, 1998) from the City Clerk regarding recommendations of the Etobicoke Community Council on Animal Control Services; and
 - (d) (April 3, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services regarding Options for the Provision of Municipal Animal Shelter Services in York and East York.
- A. Councillor Ootes moved that Option Number 1, embodied in the joint report (April 3, 1998) from the Medical Officer of Health and the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services entitled "Options for the Provision of Municipal Animal Shelter Services in York and East York" be adopted.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- B. Councillor Jakobek moved that the East York shelter be closed and the achieved savings of \$29,000.00 be re-allocated to better animal enforcement.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- C. Councillor Balkissoon moved that the East York Community Council schedule a meeting to consider the future of the East York Animal Shelter and report back to the Budget Committee on the funding of same.
- D. Councillor Chow moved that after receipt of the report from the Chief Administrative Officer, public depositions be held with regard to animal services across the entire City.

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Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Balkissoon, it was carried.

(Medical Officer of Health, East York Community Council; c. Chief Administrative Officer - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 5)

116. 1998 Operating and Capital Budget - Arts and Culture

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) communication (March 25, 1998) from Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair of Exhibition Place, regarding Marine Museum;
- (b) joint report (March 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the Operating and Capital Budget Updates for Arts, Culture and Heritage;
- (c) communication (March 30, 1998) from Mr. J.F. Gill, Chair, Friends of Fort York, regarding the Capital Budget Heritage Toronto - Fort York; and
- (d) transmittal letter (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk, forwarding the recommendations of the Community and Neighbourhood Services Committee with regard to the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

A. Councillor Jakobek moved that:

- (1) the Pier Project funding not be reduced as part of the expenditure reductions exercise; and
- (2) \$300,000.00, in total, be approved for the restoration of Fort York in 1998, as part of the Capital Budget.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

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- B. Councillor Kinahan moved that the funds for the Lakeshore Assembly Hall project be approved as requested within the Capital Budget;
- C. Councillor Chow moved that the Marine Museum property, and any budget allocated thereto, be transferred to Exhibition Place and that the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services report to the appropriate Standing Committee outlining the considerations and an implementation plan for the transfer of the Marine Museum property to Exhibition Place.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Kinahan, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

(Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services; c. Chief Administrative Officer, Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair of Exhibition Place, Mr. J. F. Gill, Chair, Friends of Fort York - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 8)

117. 1998 Operating and Capital Budget - Parks and Recreation

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports from Mr. Ray Biggart:

- (a) (March 31, 1998) regarding the Parks and Recreation Capital Program and the use of reserve funds; and
- (b) (March 31, 1998) regarding the Toronto Brick Works.

495 Sherbourne Street

- A. Councillor Ootes moved that the City acquire the property at 495 Sherbourne Street and that no further funds be expended on this site until such time as the five year capital plan is approved.
- B. Councillor Shiner moved that \$250,000.00 be deleted from the Parks and Recreation Capital Budget for feasibility studies and that any feasibility studies be carried out internally.

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Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- C. Councillor Jakobek moved the adoption of the Parks and Recreation Budget at \$20 million including the Don Valley Brick Works issue and that \$1.7 million remaining be considered on a priority list, if and when any additional monies for capital purposes are dealt with.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- D. Councillor Shiner moved that \$40,000.00 be allocated to the 1998 Capital Budget for upgrades in playground equipment in Alamosa Park.
- E. Councillor Kinahan moved that the issue of \$1.7 million be dealt with by the Budget Committee after hearing the depositions in Committee of the Whole.
- F. Councillor Ootes moved that \$250,000.00 be approved the Rationalization Study project in the recommended 1998 Parks and Recreation Capital Budget, excluding the expenditure of \$60,000.00 for the feasibility study and concept design work for 495 Sherbourne Street.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Ootes, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Shiner, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion F. by Councillor Ootes, it was carried.

The Budget Committee also recommended:

1. the McCormick Recreation Centre project be referred to Parks and Recreation for consideration with its five year capital works plan;
2. the Functional Lead, Parks and Recreation, in consultation with appropriate staff, include the improvement of the Toronto portion of the walkway from the Phil White Arena to Heath Street as part of the recommended 1998 capital works program for York;

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3. the request contained in the communication (February 16, 1998) from Mr. Chiatanya K. Kalevar in support of building a recreation centre in Cedarvale Park, be referred to Parks and Recreation staff for consideration with its five year capital works plan; and
4. that the Parks and Recreation 1998 Capital Budget submission of \$56.760 million gross and \$22.575 million net be reduced by \$1.765 million to reflect the recommended 1998 capital works program and that the balance of \$1.765 million for projects included within the "Other Requirements" category be referred for consideration with the Capital Budget Quarterly Variance reporting process, should additional funds become available.

Councillor Layton, Don River, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9 1998)

(Agenda Item Nos. 37 and 1(dd))

118. 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets - Urban Planning and Building

The Budget Committee had before it the following:

- (a) joint report (March 25, 1998) from the Interim Functional Leads for Building and By-law Enforcement and Licensing regarding perceived changes to service levels for sign by-law enforcement;
- (b) transmittal letter (March 25, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Urban Environment and Development Committee regarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Urban Planning and Building;
- (c) report (March 31, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services regarding Yonge Street Facade Improvement Grant and Loan Program;
- (d) joint report (March 30, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services regarding Urban Planning and Development Capital Budget and Reserve Request; and
- (e) report (March 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services regarding Urban Planning and Development Capital Budget - Reallocation of Capital Funding Requirements.

The Budget Committee recommended that:

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1. the following recommendations contained in the joint report (March 25, 1998) from the Interim Functional Lead for Building and Interim Functional Lead for By-law Enforcement and Licensing be adopted:
 - (a) \$60,000 expenditure and \$15,000 revenue be allocated in the Departmental budget in order to continue to provide pro-active sign by-law enforcement in the former municipality of Scarborough; and
 - (b) at the time of the review of best practices, Interim Functional Lead, Building, in co-operation with other Departments and Agencies, be requested to develop a City-wide pro-active sign by-law enforcement procedure;
2. that \$80,000.00 be reinstated in the 1998 Capital Budget for the Yonge Street Facade Improvement Grant and Loan Program; and
3. the adoption of the following recommendations contained in the report (March 30, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development that:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services with the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and appropriate City officials report back to the Budget Committee prior to the commencement of the 1999 capital budget process on the procedures and policies for funding and administering streetscape improvements, and public art; and
 - (b) the \$20 thousand 1998 capital request for a public art project at the Trinity Bellwoods Recreation Centre be incorporated as part of the reconstruction costs for the recreation centre administered by Parks and Property.

Councillor Ron Moeser, Scarborough Highland Creek, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item 6 and 14)

119. Proposed 1998 Fee Schedule for Planning Applications

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 10, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and Interim Functional Lead for Planning, recommending that:

- (1) Council adopt the 1998 fee schedule for planning applications, as shown on Table 1. The fee schedule, if adopted, can be implemented effective May 1, 1998; and

- (2) the Urban Environment and Development Committee forward a copy of this report to the Budget Committee for its information; and

advising that the adoption of a single planning application fee schedule represents a harmonization of the existing fee structures of the former municipalities and is an important step in the process of creating one planning organization; that this step will also enable the harmonization of other matters including the development of one common application form across the City; and stating that the harmonized fee schedule will reduce the Department's administrative costs and improve the accuracy of its budget forecasts, thereby achieving a greater cost-saving for the City of Toronto.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing report (March 10, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development and Interim Functional Lead for Planning.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 39)

120. By-law for Building Permits

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee wherein it:

- (1) recommended, inter alia, that Council adopt the reports (February 27, 1998) from the Functional Lead and (March 17, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, regarding By-Law for Building Permits; and
- (2) directed that a copy of the aforementioned reports be forwarded to the Budget Committee for information.

The Budget Committee received the foregoing transmittal letter (March 26, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 40)

121. 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets - Economic Development and Tourism

The Budget Committee had before it the following transmittal letters:

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- (a) (March 25, 1998) from the Urban Environment and Development Committee regarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets for Economic Development and Tourism; and
- (b) (March 31, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Municipal Grants Review Committee on reinstatement of grants funding.

The Budget Committee approved the recommendations contained in the foregoing transmittal letters.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 7)

122. 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets - Corporate Services

The Budget Committee had before it transmittal letters (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee forwarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budgets.

Facilities Management

The Budget Committee approved the 1998 Operating Budget submission with a reduction of an additional \$921,000.00 or 1.1 percent, to reflect additional savings from consolidation.

Information Technology

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved the adoption of the Information Technology Budget and requested the Chief Administrative Officer to provide a comprehensive report on Information Technology functions by November 1998.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that members of the Budget Committee be provided with a list of the consultancy fees and proposed consultancy fees before the deputations at Committee of the Whole.
- C. Councillor Shiner moved that this matter be deferred for a report to the Budget Committee on the extent of hiring consultants being hired.
- D. Councillor Chow moved that funds be left in the budget but that the implementation be deferred until Council has approved same.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Shiner, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Real Estate

The Budget Committee approved a reduction in the 1998 Operating Budget submission for Real Estate of an additional \$96,600.00, or 1.5 percent, to reflect additional savings from consolidation and having approved the 1998 Operating Budget, as amended.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Commissioner of Corporate Services, City Clerk - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item Nos. 43 and 44)

123. 1998 Capital Budget - Toronto Transit Commission

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer regarding Funding Capital Requests from Under-Expenditures.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee received the report (April 2, 1998) from the Chief Administrative Officer.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. City Clerk - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 36)

124. Property Acquisition for Parkland - Canada Lands Company - Ward 13 - Scarborough Bluffs

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee wherein the Committee on March 30, 1998, recommended to the Budget Committee the adoption of the report (February 12, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

The Budget Committee referred the transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee to the Scarborough Community Council.

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(Scarborough Community Council; c: Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services - April 6, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 45)

125. Acquisition of Former Landfill Site Owned by the Ministry of Transportation - Ward 16 - Scarborough Highland-Creek

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee wherein the Committee on March 30, 1998 recommended to the Budget Committee the adoption of the report (February 20, 1998) from the Commissioner of Corporate Services.

The Budget Committee referred the transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee, regarding the acquisition of the former landfill site owned by the Ministry of Transportation, to the Scarborough Community Council.

(Scarborough Community Council; c: Chief Administrative Officer; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services - April 6, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 46)

126. City of Ottawa Request for Financial Support - International Institute of Municipal Clerks (IIMC) Conference - May, 1999

The Budget Committee had before it a transmittal letter (March 30, 1998) from the Corporate Services Committee wherein the Committee forwarded the report (March 30, 1998) from the City Clerk without a recommendation.

The Budget Committee referred the request for a grant in the amount of \$10,000.00 for the City of Ottawa "to help defray the costs of hosting the 1999 Conference of the International Institute of Municipal Clerks" to the Municipal Grants Review Committee for consideration.

(Municipal Grants Review Committee; c: Chief Administrative Officer Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and Commissioner of Corporate Services - April 27, 1998.)

(Agenda Item No. 47)

127. Membership Fees - Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities

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The Budget Committee had before it a memorandum (March 26, 1998) from Councillor Howard Moscoe, North York Spadina, requesting that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer provide a report regarding the costs involved for the City participating in the Association of Municipalities of Ontario and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

- A. Councillor Shiner moved that the City's contribution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be equivalent to the amount paid by the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto in 1997.
- B. Councillor Chow moved that the City's contribution to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario be equivalent to the total of all of the amalgamated cities' fees.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 48)

128. 1998 Transportation Capital Budget

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee:

- (1) re-opened consideration of the 1998 Transportation Capital Budget; and
- (2) recommended that funds in the amount of \$400,000.00 for Project No. 702 - Scarborough-Milliken Boulevard Roadway (2772) be deleted.

(See Minute Nos. 75 and 112)

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 4)

129. Preliminary Guidelines for Defining Operating and Capital Items

The Budget Committee had before it a report (March 29, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding Preliminary Guidelines for Defining Operating and Capital Items.

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On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee deferred consideration of the report (March 29, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, entitled "Preliminary Guidelines for Defining Operating and Capital Items", in order for a workshop to be held with the Finance staff and members of the Budget Committee for a report back to the Budget Committee in June, 1998.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee - April 9, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 38F)

130. 1998 Preliminary Transition Project Requests - Consolidated Listing

The Budget Committee had before it the following reports:

- (a) (March 27, 1998) from the City Clerk forwarding the recommendations of the Emergency and Protective Services Committee regarding the transitional funding for a radio communications system; and
- (b) (April 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding a consolidated listing of the 1998 preliminary transition project requests.

On motion by Councillor Balkissoon, the Budget Committee deferred the following motion for consideration by the Budget Committee at its next meeting on April 20, 1998, after hearing the deputations at the Special Meetings of Council in Committee of the Whole on April 14 and 15, 1998:

"that no new contracts be issued for capital projects requiring borrowing for which no cash flow has been included in the 1998 capital program as recommended by the Budget Committee but for which previous financing authority exists, without the approval of the Budget Committee".

- A. Councillor Chow moved that the Corporate Contingency Fund be increased from \$30 million to \$36 million.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Chow, it was lost.

The Budget Committee deferred consideration of the two foregoing reports until its next meeting scheduled for April 20, 1998 and requested that any additional material be provided at that time.

(Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; c: Chief Administrative Officer; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Fire Chief - April 9, 1998.)

(Agenda Item No. 19 and 53)

131. 1998 Capital and Operating Budgets - Water and Water Pollution

The Budget Committee had before it a report (April 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the 1998 Operating and Capital Budget for the Water and Water Pollution Control Programs and Harmonization of Water and Sewer Rates.

- A. Councillor Chow moved that monies for the Water Conservation and the Downspout Disconnection Program be funded from other sources.
- B. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Capital Budget be reduced by \$3.7 million and that money be found by either additional restructuring savings or a further draw on the water stabilization reserve.
- C. Councillor Shiner moved:
 - (1) the adoption of the report (April 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and
 - (2) that staff be requested to report to the Budget Committee on the cost implications of extending the Water Service Replacement Program over the entire City and determine funding for same.
- D. Councillor Shiner moved in amendment that the figure of \$570,000.00 be increased to \$800,000.00.
- E. Councillor Kinahan moved that the Etobicoke sandblasting services be reinstated on the basis of 50 percent of the user cost.
- F. Councillor Balkissoon moved that:
 - (1) the report (April 3, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be referred to the Scarborough Community Council for consideration and a report back to the Budget Committee; and
 - (2) revenues generated be used to accelerate the metering program.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- G. Councillor Jakobek moved that:
 - (1) the 1998 Capital and Operating Budget be approved;

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- (2) the implementation and impact of harmonization on the former City of Scarborough be deferred and considered at the meeting scheduled for April 20, 1998;
- (3) the Scarborough Community Council be requested to hold an emergency meeting before April 20, 1998 and that the Finance staff be in attendance; and
- (4) a report be brought back to the Budget Committee on April 20, 1998.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

H. Councillor Shiner moved:

- (1) the water rates in North York and Etobicoke be increased;
- (2) the water rates in Toronto, York and East York not be decreased; and
- (3) the issue of water rates in Scarborough be deferred until the Scarborough Community Council has met.

I. Councillor Kinahan moved in amendment to:

- (1) Councillor Jakobek's motion G. that Etobicoke Community Council also hold a special meeting; and
- (2) Councillor Shiner's motion H. to delete any reference to Etobicoke.

J. Councillor Shiner moved in amendment to Councillor Kinahan's motion E. that:

- (1) the Etobicoke sandblasting services be reinstated free of charge; and
- (2) the watermain replacement for non-copper lines be on a 50 percent user cost basis.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion C. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion A. by Councillor Chow, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion D. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

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Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion B. by Councillor Kinahan, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion G. by Councillor Jakobek, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion I. by Councillor Kinahan, it was lost.

Upon the question of the adoption part (2) of the foregoing motion H. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motion F. by Councillor Balkissoon , it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (1) of the foregoing motion I. by Councillor Shiner, it was carried.

Upon the question of the adoption of part (2) of the foregoing motion I. by Councillor Shiner, it was lost.

Councillor Jack Layton, Don River, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Chief Administrative Officer, Interim functional lead, Water/Sewer - May 5, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 1)

132 1998 Interim Capital Budget - Capital Projects Requiring Urgent Financing Approval - Watermain Capital Maintenance.

The Budget Committee had before it a report (February 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer regarding the approval of \$6,950,000.00 for city-wide watermain relining and replacement proposed for 1998.

The Budget Committee recommended to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee, and Council, that interim funding for the City-wide Watermain Relining and Replacement Projects in the amount of \$6,950,000.00 be approved and considered by Council at its next meeting scheduled for April 16, 1998.

(Strategic Policies and Priorities; c: Chief Administrative Officer, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and Interim Functional Lead, Waste and Wastewater - April 9, 1998.)

(Agenda Item No. 54)

133. Toronto Atmospheric Fund

The Budget Committee had before it report (March 27, 1998) from the Finance Department regarding the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, History of Operating Results and Fund Balance since 1993.

Councillor Jakobek appointed Councillor Ootes Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

- A. Councillor Jakobek moved that this matter be deferred and considered at the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for April 20, 1998.

Councillor Jakobek resumed the Chair.

- B. Councillor Shiner moved that the City not pay its interest to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund for 1998.

Upon the question of the adoption of the foregoing motions A. and B. moved by Councillor Jakobek and Councillor Shiner, they were carried.

Councillor Layton, Don River, appeared before the Budget Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

(Chief Administrative Officer; c. Interim Function Lead, Transportation, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer - April 30, 1998)

(Agenda Item No. 1 and 13)

The Budget Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:50 p.m.