



BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE

DECISION DOCUMENT MEETING 4

Date of Meeting:	Monday, January 24, 2005	Enquiry:	Betty Henderson
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		416-392-8088
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- *recommendations of the Committee to Policy and Finance Committee are in bold type under the heading "Action taken by the Committee";*
- *action taken by the Committee on its own authority that does not require Policy and Finance Committee approval is also reported under the heading "Action taken by the Committee"; and*
- *Declarations of Interest, if any, appear at the end of an item.*

Communications/Reports:

General

The Budget Advisory Committee adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) that all Budget Advisory Committee recommendations and actions taken at this meeting be forwarded to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer for inclusion in the recommendations section of the Capital and Operating Budget Advisory Committee Summary Report to the Policy and Finance Committee to be considered at its meeting of February 10, 2005; and
- (2) if any further clarification of the Budget Advisory Committee recommendations and actions taken is required by the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the City Clerk shall report to the Budget Advisory Committee with additional clarification recommendations in advance of the February 10, 2005 Budget Advisory Committee meeting.

1. Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Capital)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 4, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Committee forwarding the 2005 Capital Budget Recommendations.

2. Planning and Transportation Committee Transmittal (Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 4, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Committee forwarding the 2005 Operating Budget Recommendations.

3. Urban Development Services (Capital and Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

(1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by the Planning and Transportation Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to:

- (a) adding \$500,000 for the Union Station Project;
- (b) deferring \$200,000 of the New Official Plan - Mediation Support Costs until 2006; and
- (c) deleting \$40,000 for the 2004 Croft Street Project;

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- (d) deferring consideration of the following matters until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting:

- (i) **\$280,000 of unallocated projects, and requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide details of those projects at that time;**
- (ii) **Beautiful City Routes 2005; and**
- (iii) **Beautiful City Places 2005;**

Operating

- (2) **recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Urban Development Services, as recommended by Planning and Transportation Committee, subject to:**
 - (a) **in order to achieve 100 percent cost recovery, community planning fees be increased in the amount of \$2.875 million per year; hire 9 additional staff in 2005; and defer hiring 5 additional staff for consideration during the 2006 budget cycle;**
 - (b) **the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to Budget Advisory Committee, through its quarterly Variance Report, providing information on the number of building permit applications and staff levels, including new hires required and projected attrition;**

save and except

- (c) **deferring consideration of the report (November 30, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services respecting the Implementation of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act, 2003 (Bill 124, until its wrap up meeting and requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report at that time with respect to a reserve fund from increased permit fees;**
- (d) **deferring consideration of the report (January 14, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled “Implementation of the Building Code Statute Law Amendment Act (Bill 124), Service Efficiencies and Public Service Improvement”;**

Other:

- (3) **requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to provide a Briefing Note for the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on resources required to initially respond to waste, litter, graffiti and long grass, within a seven day period;**
- (4) **received the following communications and reports:**
 - (a) **communication (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk, entitled, “Civic Improvement Program and its Relationship to the City Beautification Initiative”;**

- (b) **communication (July 27, 1994) from the City Clerk, entitled, “Request for Direction - 511 Bremner Boulevard and 2 and 20 Housey Street - Ontario Municipal Board Hearing”;**
- (c) **report (January 13, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled, “2005 Operating and Capital Budget - Statistics Regarding Complaints Relating to Private Property”;**
- (d) **report (January 20, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled, “Financial Implications of 100 Percent Cost Recovery on Community Planning Fees for Existing and New Planning Resources”;** and
- (e) **report (January 20, 2005) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, entitled, “Allocation of City Resources to Cycling Programs”;**

4. Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives (Capital)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiatives, as recommended by Planning and Transportation Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to:

- (1) **City Council authorize the City to act as proponent or co-proponent for environmental assessment processes as may be required associated with waterfront revitalization initiatives that are approved as part of the 2005 Capital Budget; such initiatives include the creation of Commissioners Park, Interim Playing Fields, and the Western Beaches Watercourse Facility; as well as transit, roads in West Donlands and East Bayfront, storm and sanitary sewer facilities, community facilities, and parks and public spaces initiatives in East Bayfront and West Don Lands; and**
- (2) **the 2005 Cash Flow for the Waterfront Rev. Initiative be revised as outlined in the Briefing Note, dated January 18, 2005, entitled “Briefing Note re 2005-2014 Capital Works Program for the Waterfront Revitalization Initiative”, and that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report on the TWRC’s 5 year business plan in the spring of 2005, noting that 2006 and beyond are estimates only;**
- (3) **deferring the Front Street Extension Project to be considered when Toronto City Council meet to deal with the Gardiner Expressway and its possible dismantling, such meeting expected later on in 2005, and that, as a consequence:**
 - (a) **no significant additional expenditures be undertaken in 2005 relating to the Front Street Extension; and**

- (b) all motions relating to Front Street Extension also be deferred to the above mentioned City Council meeting; and
- (4) the adoption of the recommendations in the Recommendation Section of the confidential report (January 21, 2005) from the City Solicitor and because the subject matter deals with possible litigation under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, discussion be held in-camera.

5. Works Committee Transmittal (Capital)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 6, 2005) from the Works Committee, forwarding the 2005 Capital Budget Recommendations.

6. Works Committee Transmittal (Operating).

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee received the communication (January 6, 2005) from the Works Committee forwarding the 2005 Operating Budget Recommendations.

7. WES - Support Services (Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the WES - Support Services Operating Budget and requested staff to meet with interested Councillors and provide recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting.

8. WES - Technical Services (Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee deferred consideration of the WES - Technical Services Operating Budget and requested staff to meet with interested Councillors and provide recommendations to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting.

9. WES - Departmental (Capital)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for WES - Departmental, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments.

10. Solid Waste Management Services (Capital and Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for Solid Waste Management, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to:**
 - (a) the reduction of \$250,000 for the New and Emerging Technologies Program;**
 - (b) the reduction of \$550,000 for the Re-Use Centre;**
 - (c) deferring \$3.5 million for the Capital Project on Additional Source-Separated Organics Processing Capacity until 2006;**
 - (d) adopting Recommendations (1), (2), (3), (4) and (6) in the Recommendation Section of the report (November 3, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, on the adequacy of the perpetual care of landfill reserve:**
 - (1) approval in principle be given for the 40-year financing plan shown in Appendix A for the adequate provision of funding for perpetual care activities for known former landfill sites under the jurisdiction of the City of Toronto;**
 - (2) a 2005 contribution of \$3.0 million to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be funded from the 2004 operating surplus of Solid Waste Management Services, if any, and the balance, if any, be considered as part of the 2005 Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submission;**
 - (3) for 2006 and future years until 2024, the contribution to the Perpetual Care Reserve Fund (XR1013) be increased by 5.55 percent annually as shown in Appendix A and included in future Solid Waste Management Operating Budget submissions;**

- (4) the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer review and update the long-term financing plan every three years and report back to Council with financing recommendations;
- (5) this report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto;

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Solid Waste Management, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to:
 - (a) delaying implementation of North York Green Bin Program by one month for a cost savings of \$100,000; and
 - (b) accelerating Multi-family Waste Reduction Levy by two weeks for a net savings of \$241,100;

Other

- (3) received the following reports:
 - (a) (January 10, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled, "Fines for Illegal Dumping;" and
 - (b) (January 12, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled "2005 Budget Review of Solid Waste Management Services, Source-separated Organics Program Roll-out".

11. Transportation Services (Capital and Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, including technical adjustments, subject to:

- (a) **the Cycling Infrastructure – Road Crossing Program be \$200,000 in the year 2005, \$150,000 in 2006 and 2007 thereby reducing the cycling infrastructure program by \$300,000 for 2005;**
- (b) **the Facilities Improvements Budget be increased by \$200,000;**
- (c) **\$13,349,000 gross and \$0 net be added back to the 2005 Transportation Capital Budget to fund current obligations for the Front Street Extension Project and that the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer be authorized to allocate the funds to the appropriate previously approved projects;**
- (d) **the adoption of the following recommendations, in the Recommendation Section of the report (January 20, 2005) from the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, on a three-year accelerated Light Emitting Diode (LED) Conversion Program, subject to amending such Recommendations to read:**

 - (1) **authority be granted, in principle, to amend the Transportation Services Division’s 2006-2014 Capital Program to support an accelerated LED conversion program for completion by the end of 2008;**
 - (2) **the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, in consultation with the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, be requested to determine the most effective financial strategy for the implementation of an accelerated LED conversion program, taking into consideration a loan from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), or other external funding opportunities through Toronto Hydro based on Energy Conservation and Demand Management Strategies, as well as any other possible funding sources in an effort to minimize capital budget impacts;**
 - (3) **authority be granted to proceed with the LED signal lamp procurement process in 2005, in consultation with the Purchasing and Materials Management Division, to establish a multiple year supply contract to support the accelerated LED conversion program for installation in 2006, 2007 and 2008;**
 - (4) **the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed that, upon the publication of the new Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE) standard for LED Vehicle Traffic Control Signal Heads, LED vehicle yellow displays be incorporated into the LED conversion program for traffic signal lamps as availability, schedule and budget permit;**

- (5) authority be granted to amend the Transportation Services Division's 2005 Operating Budget submission to provide for an additional temporary Engineering Technologist position at an annual cost of \$62,000.00 to support the accelerated LED conversion program with funding to be provided from the Transportation Capital Budget; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto; and

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for Transportation Services, as recommended by the Works Committee, subject to:
 - (a) On Street Parking Permits Fees be increased by \$1.50 to \$10.00 per month (\$120.00 annually) for the first vehicle; by \$7.00 to \$25.00 per month (\$300.00 annually) for the second vehicle; and by \$10.00 to \$35.00 per month (\$420.00 annually) for permits with access to off-street parking; and temporary visitor permits be increased by \$4.00 to \$14.00 effective June 1, 2005, for increased revenues of \$880,000 in 2005;
 - (b) Front Yard, Driveway Widening and Residential Boulevard Parking Permits be set at the same annual level as the "On-Street" parking permits (first vehicle rate of \$120.00 annually) effective January 1, 2006; the fee for processing of applications be harmonized at \$260.00; and implementing a \$60.00 transfer fee for changes in property ownership effective June 1, 2005 for increased revenues of \$220,000 in 2005;
 - (c) Surface Maintenance be reduced to \$9.1 million from \$9.6 million for savings of \$500,000;
 - (d) On Street Permit Parking be instituted starting June 2005 on 18 streets in the former City of Scarborough, where there currently is free overnight "On Street" parking and that the City Solicitor be requested to bring forward appropriate by-laws as part of the budget process;

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- (e) requesting the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Budget Advisory Committee for its wrap up meeting on the implications of:
 - (i) reducing Traffic Study Investigations by \$750,000;
 - (ii) reducing Flushing of Collector and Local Roads by \$225,000;

- (f) **deferring consideration of the \$110,000 for “Car Free Day” and all motions regarding this matter until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting and the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with interested Councillors and stakeholders, be requested to prepare a summary report for the Committee at that time;**
- (g) **deferring all Clean and Beautiful City issues until the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting, including the following:**
 - (i) **Advancing Clean City - Cleaning around parked cars from 2007 to 2005 in the amount of \$144.6 thousand;**
 - (ii) **Advancing Clean City - Increase grass cutting, litter pick up and plantings from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$200.0 thousand per year; and**
 - (ii) **Advancing Clean City - Roadway/Roadside Weed Control from 2006/2007 to 2005/2006 in the amount of \$125.0 thousand per year;**

Other

- (3) **requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee once negotiations are finalized for the news vending boxes, on maximizing the revenue and minimizing the hiring of staff;**
- (4) **requested the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee wrap up meeting on options for allocating additional funds to the “Energy Retrofit Fund” in 2005 and/or 2006, to allow the consideration of additional projects beyond what has been approved thus far;**
- (5) **requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the Commissioners of Economic, Development, Culture and Tourism and Urban Development Services, to report to the Works Committee on the feasibility of consolidating all cycling matters under the purview of the Works Committee; and**
- (6) **requested the Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee on the cost of harmonizing City-wide street cleaning.**

12. Toronto Parking Authority (Capital and Operating)

Action taken by the Committee:

The Budget Advisory Committee:

Capital

- (1) **recommended the adoption of the 2005 Capital Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority, including all technical adjustments;**

Operating

- (2) recommended the adoption of the 2005 Operating Budget for the Toronto Parking Authority, subject to:
- (a) parking meter hours being extended to midnight in the downtown areas;
 - (b) organizing a pilot project to extend parking meters on residential streets that flank major arterial roads;
 - (c) approving, in principle, the transfer of parking enforcement on street meter/pay-and-display areas from the Toronto Police Service - Toronto Parking Enforcement Unit to the Toronto Parking Authority and requested the Chief Administrative Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to work with the Toronto Parking Authority and the Toronto Police Service to facilitate the transfer with the objective of improving service and achieving savings to take effect in the 2006 fiscal year or earlier;

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- (d) requesting the President, Toronto Parking Authority to report to the Budget Advisory Committee at its wrap up meeting on the following:
 - (i) revenues generated from Recommendation 2 (a) and (b) above;
 - (ii) additional revenues generated from parking in regional parks; and
 - (iii) maintaining materials and supplies, services and rents at rates of increase not to exceed 3 percent; and

Other

- (3) requested the President, Toronto Parking Authority, in consultation with the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, to report to the Toronto Transit Commission and the Toronto Parking Authority on a Commuter Parking strategy.