
Parks and Environment Committee

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Organizational Structure of the Toronto Environment Office

City Council Decision

City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council request that, starting in September or after, each Division and Agency, Board and Commission make a short presentation on their green initiatives and implementation strategies.
2. City Council request all agencies, boards, commissions and divisions that report through the City's budget process to report on the implementation of environmental and climate change initiatives which are generally consistent with internal City Divisions, and that those reports be forwarded to and co-ordinated with the Toronto Environment Office.

(Deferred from May 8, 2007 meeting in order that notice be given for Committee questions and debate - PE4.3)

(April 20, 2007) report from Deputy City Manager Richard Butts.

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

1. City Council request that, starting in September or after, each Division and Agency, Board and Commission make a short presentation on their green initiatives and implementation strategies; and
2. City Council request all Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Divisions that report through the City's budget process to report on the implementation of environmental and climate change initiatives which are generally consistent with internal City Divisions,

and that those reports be forwarded to and co-ordinated with the Toronto Environment Office.

Summary

This document responds to the request of the Parks and Environment Committee to report on a review of staff and policy co-ordination structures of the Toronto Environment Office to ensure better focus and co-ordination of City initiatives and one-stop shopping for the public.

The City of Toronto's new administrative structure that was implemented in 2005 assigned responsibility for the environment to the Deputy City Manager, Cluster B. An informal review of environmental activities and responsibilities across the City was undertaken in 2006, resulting in the establishment of the Toronto Environment Office.

The Toronto Environment Office's mandate is the management, co-ordination and integration of environmental issues across the City of Toronto, as well as enterprise-wide environmental planning and policy development. The Toronto Environment Office will be a central point of contact for City Councillors or the public for environmental issues or questions. Other co-ordinating mechanisms are the Executive Environment Team, project-based staff co-ordinating teams and the staff review of upcoming committee reports.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-3859.pdf>

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee:

1. requested Deputy City Manager Richard Butts to submit a further report to the September 14, 2007 Committee meeting which addresses some of the concerns of the Committee including structure; expertise needed within the office; location within the organization including an Organization Chart; co-ordination with Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Departments; and partnership with other governments and non-governmental organizations;
2. requested Deputy City Manager Richard Butts to report on how the Toronto Environmental Office will regularly engage external stakeholders; and
3. requested that the Toronto Environment Office, in consultation with the Director of Purchasing, report to the Government Management Committee on the development and components of a green purchasing policy for the City of Toronto and its ABCs and divisions.

PE5.5	NO AMENDMENT			Ward: 13
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Donation Towards Playground Improvements in Sir Casimir Gzowski

Park

City Council Decision

City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council accept, with thanks, the contribution of \$80,000.00, via the Conservation Foundation of Greater Toronto, from “Bay Street Fore A Cau\$e”, for playground improvements in Sir Casimir Gzowski Park.
2. The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation be directed to include a sub-project to the 2008 Capital Budget submission to make improvements to the playground in Sir Casimir Gzowski Park, for \$80,000.00 gross, funded by the \$80,000.00 donation from “Bay Street Fore A Cau\$e”.

(May 16, 2007) report from General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

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2. the General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation, be directed to include a subproject to the 2008 Capital Budget submission to make improvements to the playground in Sir Casimir Gzowski Park, for \$80,000.00 gross, funded by the \$80,000 donation from “Bay Street Fore A Cau\$e”.

Summary

“Bay Street Fore A Cau\$e” has committed to make an \$80,000 donation to the City of Toronto in January of 2008 to be directed towards improvements to the Sir Casimir Gzowski Park playground.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-4051.pdf>

PE5.6	NO AMENDMENT			Ward: 11
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Donation to Build an Outdoor Court in Woolner Park

City Council Decision

City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council accept, with thanks, the contribution of \$75,000.00, via the Toronto Parks and Trees Foundation, from the Raptors Foundation, for an outdoor sports court in Woolner Park.
2. The 2007 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be amended to add a sub-project to construct an outdoor sports court in Woolner Park, for \$75,000.00 gross, funded by the \$75,000.00 donation from the Raptor Foundation.

(May 16, 2007) memo from General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Committee Recommendations

The Parks and Environment Committee recommends that:

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2. the 2007 Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget be amended to add a subproject to construct an outdoor sports court in Woolner Park, for \$75,000 gross, funded by the \$75,000 donation from the Raptor Foundation.

Summary

The Raptors Foundation, the charitable arm of the Toronto Raptors Basketball Club, has committed to donate the complete funds required for the City of Toronto to build a new outdoor sports court in Woolner Park. The court is to be built before August 2007 and is valued at approximately \$75,000.

Background Information

Staff Report

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-4052.pdf>)

Submitted Wednesday, June 6, 2007

Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair, Parks and Environment Committee