
Parks and Environment Committee

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| Meeting No. | 21 | Contact | Dela Ting, Acting Administrator |
| Meeting Date | Friday, January 16, 2009 | Phone | 416-397-7769 |
| Start Time | 9:30 AM | E-mail | pec@toronto.ca |
| Location | Committee Room 1, City Hall | Chair | Councillor Paula Fletcher |

| Parks and Environment Committee | | |
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| Councillor Paula Fletcher (Chair) Councillor Raymond Cho | Councillor Ron Moeser Councillor Frances Nunziata | Councillor Karen Stintz Councillor Michael Walker |

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| PE21.1 | Information | | | Ward: All |
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Appointments to the Parks and Environment Committee, January 1, 2009 to November 20, 2010 Term**Origin**

(December 9, 2008) Letter from City Clerk

Summary

City Council appointed the following Members of Council to the Parks and Environment Committee for a term of office starting January 1, 2009 to November 30, 2010, and until their successors are appointed:

Councillor Paula Fletcher, Chair

Councillor Raymond Cho

Councillor Ron Moeser

Councillor Frances Nunziata

Councillor Karen Stintz

Councillor Michael Walker

Background Information

Letter from City Clerk

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-18084.pdf>)

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| PE21.2 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Election of Vice Chair(s)**Summary**

Election of Vice Chair(s).

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| PE21.3 | Presentation | | | Ward: All |
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Agencies, Boards, Commissions, Corporations and Divisions (ABCCDs) Presentations - Environmental Initiatives

Summary

Presentations from:

- a. Toronto Public Health by Dr. David McKeown, Medical Officer of Health; and
- b. Corporate Communications by Kevin Sack, Director, Strategic Communications, City Manager's Office.

(no written material)

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| PE21.4 | ACTION | | | Ward: 19 |
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Outcome of June Callwood Park Design Competition and Award of Contract to Winner

Origin

(December 18, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Acting Director, Purchasing and Materials Management

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Acting Director of Purchasing, Materials and Management recommend that:

1. Council endorse the decision of the Competition Jury to select the proposal for June Callwood Park by gh3 as the winner of the June Callwood Park Design Competition.
2. Council authorise Parks, Forestry and Recreation to enter into and execute an agreement on behalf of the City with gh3 to provide professional landscape architectural services for June Callwood Park, based on a proposed fee of up to 12 percent of the construction costs for the Phase 3 project, or up to \$0.200 million net of GST, depending on the final budget of construction phase.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request Council endorsement of the winning landscape architecture team in the June Callwood Park design competition, as selected by the Competition Jury. This report also seeks Council's approval to award a contract to the winning team to provide professional landscape architectural services for the detailed design and implementation of June Callwood Park.

The design proposal by Toronto firm gh3 was selected by the Competition Jury as the winner.

Financial Impact

The projected budget for all phases of the June Callwood Park capital project is estimated at \$2.000 million.

At the September 26 and 27, 2007 Council Meeting, park levies in the amount of \$1.115 million that were held by the City from the Fort York Neighbourhood development, were made available for the design and development of the park.

2007 Capital Budget included \$0.150 million, with cash flows of \$0.035 million in 2007 and \$0.115 million in 2008, for the June Callwood Park design competition. The June Callwood Park detailed design project was approved at the December 10, 2008 Council Meeting with a cash flow of \$0.165 million in 2009. 2010 Capital Plan includes \$0.800 million for construction and development of the June Callwood Park, subject to an increase once additional funding is received.

The proposed fee for professional landscape architectural services for June Callwood Park is up to 12 percent of the estimated \$1.730 million construction budget, or up to \$0.200 million net of GST, depending on the final budget of the construction phase. The fee is based on a scope of work that includes detail design development, construction documents, bidding and negotiation, and construction and contract administration. This fee is scalable depending on the availability of funds.

The project is planned to be completed in three phases:

Design

Phase 1: The June Callwood Park Design Competition was approved at the September 26 and 27, 2007 Council Meeting, at a capital cost of \$0.150 million, with cash flows of \$0.035 million in 2007, \$0.115 million in 2008.

Phase 2: The June Callwood Park Detailed Design was approved at the December 10, 2008 Council Meeting with a cash flow of \$0.165 million in 2009.

Construction

Phase 3: The June Callwood Park Tender and Construction phase is scheduled from 2010 to 2011. This phase is expected to cost \$1.730 million.

\$0.800 million has been received and appears in the Capital Plan for 2010. It is anticipated that by the time the tender is awarded in 2010, the additional funding will have been received. This additional funding is expected to be generated from park levy money and Development Charges, as available, from future Fort York Neighbourhood development. This Capital Plan will be revised, as necessary, to reflect the receipt of any additional funding when the 2010 Capital Budget comes forward for approval.

If the remaining funds are not available by fall of 2009, park construction will be staged. The first stage of construction will be done to the full extent of the funds received by that time. The build-out of the remainder of the park will be completed upon receipt of outstanding funds. The agreement for professional landscape architecture services will allow for park construction to be staged, if required.

It is estimated that annual operating costs will be approximately 10 per cent of capital construction costs or \$0.173 million, starting in 2012.

The June Callwood Park Reserve Fund has been created to receive donations from public and private donors who would like to contribute to the maintenance and programming of this new park.

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-18096.pdf>

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| PE21.5 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Proposed Amendment to Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks, to Prohibit Smoking around Playgrounds and Other Areas in City of Toronto Parks

Origin

(December 9, 2008) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Medical Officer of Health

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation and the Medical Officer of Health recommends that:

1. Smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco be prohibited within a 9-metre radius of the edge of playground safety surfaces or any playground equipment in Toronto parks, and within a 9-metre radius of the edge of wading pool basins or safety surfaces of splash pads operated by Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division;
2. Smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco also be prohibited within zoos and farms managed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation;
3. The City Solicitor be directed to amend Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, to prohibit smoking tobacco and holding lighted tobacco within a 9-metre radius surrounding the edge of playground safety surfaces or any playground equipment in Toronto parks, within a 9-metre radius surrounding the edge of wading pool basins or safety surfaces of

splash pads, and within zoos and farms operated by Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, substantially as outlined in Appendix A of this report, subject to any necessary minor substantive or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and the City Solicitor;

4. The amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, come into force the day after the set fine order is issued by the Province;
5. Signage be designed and installed identifying the smoking prohibition and identify the relevant provisions of Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks;
6. The Parks and Environment Committee forward this report to the Board of Health for endorsement at its meeting on January 19, 2009; and
7. The City Solicitor be authorized to introduce the necessary bills to give effect to these recommendations.

Summary

Tobacco use is the greatest single cause of preventable disease. Research clearly indicates that there is no safe level of exposure to second-hand smoke. Children are especially vulnerable. Second-hand smoke impacts a growing child's body and has been linked to increased respiratory illnesses including ear infections, lower lung capacity, childhood asthma and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).

This report proposes amendments to Municipal Code, Chapter 608, Parks, to prohibit smoking tobacco and the holding of lighted tobacco in City of Toronto playgrounds, wading pools and splash pads, and within zoos and farms that are managed by Parks, Forestry and Recreation.

Financial Impact

It will cost \$16,000.00 in 2009 to provide signage in City of Toronto parks. Fifty percent of these costs will be funded through the Parks Branch 2009 Operating budget for signage replacement. The balance will be paid by Toronto Public Health through 100 percent provincial funding from the Smoke Free Ontario Program.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-17702.pdf>

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| PE21.6 | ACTION | | | Ward: All |
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Commercial Dog Walkers Permit Policy Annual Review and Appeal Process

Public Notice

Origin

(January 7, 2009) Report from General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Recommendations

The General Manager of Parks, Forestry and Recreation recommends that:

1. City Council approve amendments to the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Policy outlined in bold print in Attachment 1, subject to any necessary minor, substantive, or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and City Solicitor, and including the following:
 - (a) Replacement of the former “Revoked Permit” section in the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Policy with the “Permit Suspension” section;
 - (b) the establishment of an Appeal Process for Commercial Dog Walkers who have been notified that their permit will be suspended; and
 - (c) the establishment of a three-member Commercial Dog Walker Permit Appeal Committee composed of the Managers of Animal Services, and Policy and Planning Services, both of Municipal Licensing and Standards; and the Project Manager of the Clean and Beautiful City Secretariat of Transportation Services.
2. City Council approve the corresponding amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks to implement the revisions to the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Policy, as outlined in Attachment 2, subject to any necessary minor, substantive or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and the City Solicitor;
3. Council approve the terms of reference for the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Appeal Committee, and that Municipal Code Chapter 608, Parks, be amended accordingly, substantially as outlined in Attachment 3 of this report, subject to any necessary minor substantive or stylistic refinements as may be identified by the General Manager and the City Solicitor;
4. Council approve a \$200.00 non-refundable application fee to appeal the suspension of a commercial dog walker permit and that Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees and Charges, be amended to include the new fee; and
5. The City Solicitor be authorized to introduce the necessary bills to give effect to these recommendations.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to recommend the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Policy be amended as part of the annual review and include revised criteria for permit suspension and an appeal process, as requested by City Council. (See Attachment No.1)

The report also recommends that City Council establish a Commercial Dog Walker Permit Appeal Committee, composed of three senior City staff, to hear appeals with respect to the suspension of commercial dog walker permits. The criteria for the permit suspension and the proposed appeal process require amendments to Municipal Code Chapters 608, Parks and Chapter 441, Fees and Charges.

Overall compliance with the Commercial Dog Walker Permit Policy since its implementation in November, 2007, has been very high. Our experience indicates that permitted commercial dog walkers comprehend and have been complying with this policy. However, in the event of a suspension of a commercial dog walker's permit under the revised policy, the establishment of an appeal process is being recommended.

Financial Impact

Although the Division has had no prior experience to base an estimate of volume or associated cost to conduct a commercial dog walker permit suspension appeal process, it is anticipated that the hearings would not have a significant expenditure impact and would be off-set by the \$200 non-refundable fee which must accompany the request for hearing.

The Division does not anticipate many hearing requests. To date, permitted commercial dog walkers have demonstrated compliance with the policy. This appeal process is, therefore, not expected to have an impact on the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Operating Budget and no budget adjustment is recommended at this time.

The Acting Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Background Information

Staff Report

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2009/pe/bgrd/backgroundfile-18191.pdf>