

Budget Committee

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Meeting Date Friday, September 19, 2008

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Confirmation of Minutes - June 17, 2008

Communications/Reports

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Capital Variance Report for the Six-month Period Ended June 30, 2008

(September 5, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

- 1. Council approve the in-year budget adjustments detailed in Appendix 2.
- 2. Council approve a technical adjustment to change the funding source for the Bergamot Avenue Child Care Project from Provincial Subsidies to a draw from the Child Care Expansion Reserve Fund (\$1.295 million).
- 3. Council approve a carry forward of unspent 2007 funding for Spadina Subway Extension (\$0.337 million) and Transit City Plan (\$1.925 million) as detailed in Appendix 2-A, in order to continue work on these projects in 2008.
- 4. Budget Committee forward this report to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Financial Impact

As summarized in Table 1 below, for the six months ended June 30, 2008, actual expenditures for Tax Supported Programs totalled \$531.4 million or 25.6% of a 2008 Approved Capital Budget of 2.077 billion. By comparison, these Programs spent 28.9% of their 2007 Approved Capital Budget during the same period in 2007. Tax Supported Programs project a spending rate of 85.8% or \$1.79 billion by the end of 2008.

Rate Supported Programs spent \$82.6 million or 18.9% of their 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$436.7 million. It is projected that by year-end, actual expenditures will approximate \$322.8 million or 73.9% of the 2008 Approved Capital Budget (see Table 1).

Table 1 Corporate Capital Variance Summary for the Six Months Ended June 30, 2008							
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	2008 Approved	Actual Expendi January 1 to Ju 2008		Projected Act Year-End			
	Capital Budget	\$000	%	'\$000	% of Plan		
Tax Supported Programs:	Tax Supported Programs:						
Citizen Centred Services - "A"	203,340	32,562	16.0%	145,945	71.8%		
Citizen Centred Services - "B"	500,447	73,920	14.8%	425,647	85.2%		
Internal Services	144,876	37,597	26.0%	112,697	77.8%		
Other City Programs	56,003	9,639	17.2%	52,467	93.7%		
Agencies, Boards & Commissions	1,172,189	377,712	32.2%	1,044,104	89.1%		
Total - Tax Supported	2,076,854	531,430	25.6%	1,780,860	86.0%		
Rate Supported Programs:							
Toronto Parking Authority	26,746	5,580	20.9%	15,592	58.3%		
Toronto Water	410,000	76,982	18.8%	307,169	74.9%		
Total Rate Supported	436,746	82,562	18.9%	322,761	73.9%		
Total	2,513,600	613,992	24.4%	2,103,621	83.9%		

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Capital Variance Report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008, and projected actual expenditures to December 31, 2008. Further, the report recommends adjustments to the 2008 Council Approved Capital Budget in order to ensure effective delivery of the City's capital program.

Capital expenditures for Tax Supported Programs during the six months period ended June 30, 2008 totalled \$531.4 million, representing 25.6% of the 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$2.514 billion (see Appendix 1). City Operations spent \$153.7 million or 17.0% of the 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$904.7 million; while Agencies, Boards and Commissions spent \$377.7 million or 32.2% of their collective 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$1.172 billion. Rate Supported Programs spent \$82.6 million or 18.9% of the 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$436.7 million. The above spending levels are consistent with prior years' performance. It is noted that capital project activities tend to be concentrated in the latter half of the year; therefore, capital spending rates will accelerate during the summer months in accordance with capital project plans and schedules.

As shown in Appendix 1, projected expenditures to year end are estimated at \$2.108 billion or 83.7% of the total 2008 Approved Capital Budget of \$2.514 billion. Tax Supported Programs estimate spending 85.7%, while Rate Supported Programs estimate spending 73.9% of their respective 2008 Approved Capital Budget. Projected under-expenditures to year end are

primarily attributed to unanticipated delays in construction start-up; challenges in hiring appropriate staff; unanticipated legal and environmental issues; reduced funding support from the Province on cost-shared projects; and the need to revise design plans.

Background Information

Capital Variance Report for the Six-month Period Ended June 30, 2008 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15476.pdf) Appendix 1

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15497.pdf)
Appendix 2

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15498.pdf)

Appendix 2a

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15499.pdf)

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Operating Variance Report for the Six-month Period Ended June 30, 2008

(September 5, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

- 1. Council approve the deposit of funds totalling \$21.466 million received from the Provincial government to create affordable housing into the Capital Revolving Reserve Fund; and further, that Council approve an in-year budget adjustment to increase the 2008 Shelter, Support and Housing Administration Operating Budget by \$6.1 million gross, funded by a draw from the Capital Revolving Fund in order to make construction payments to housing providers under the Canada-Ontario Affordable Housing Program.
- 2. Council approve an increase of \$2.407 million gross and revenue, and \$0 net to the 2008 Facilities and Real Estate Operating Budget to enable the program to receive financial incentives for electricity demand reduction from the Ontario Power Authority, and to disburse these incentives to the various participating entities upon delivery of their individual programs.
- 3. Council approve a transfer of deferred revenue in the amount of \$46,983.77 to the 2008 Public Information and Creative Services Budget to support the Toronto Immigration Portal in such areas as focus group testing, content development and advertising.
- 4. Council approve the technical adjustments to amend the 2008 Council Approved Operating Budget between Programs to ensure accurate reporting and financial

- accountability resulting in no net increase to the overall 2008 Council Approved Operating Budget as detailed in Appendix D.
- 5. Council authorize that the City Manager and the Deputy City Manager & Chief Financial Officer continue to monitor expenditures of City Programs, Agencies, Boards and Commissions that have projected over-expenditures and to institute appropriate strategies to ensure that they are on budget at year end.
- 6. Budget Committee forward this June 30, 2008 Operating Variance Report to the Executive Committee for its consideration.

Financial Impact

Net expenditures for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008 were \$3.234 million or 0.2% lower than planned expenditures (See Table 1). Projections to year end indicate a net operating budget under-expenditure of \$0.284 million. The favourable variance of \$3.234 million is attributed to under-expenditures in Citizen Centred Services "A", Internal Services, Other City Programs and in the Corporate Accounts which is partially offset by over-expenditures in Citizen Centred Services "B" (Transportation Services) and Toronto Transit Commission – Conventional Services. The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer will monitor expenditures of Programs and ABCs projecting over-expenditures at year end, and will institute appropriate strategies to ensure that they are on budget at year end.

Table 1 Net Expenditure Variance (\$ Millions)				
	June 2008 Over/(Under)	Projected Y/E 2008 Over/(Under)		
Citizen Centred Services "A"	(6.8)	(3.5)		
Citizen Centred Services "B"	19.0	15.3		
Internal Services	(4.1)	(2.4)		
City Manager	0.3	(0.5)		
Other City Programs	(3.0)	(2.5)		
Council Appointed Programs	(0.2)	(0.1)		
Total - City Operations	5.1	6.3		
Agencies, Boards and Commissions	5.7	3.0		
Corporate Accounts	(14.1)	(9.7)		
Sub-Total	(8.4)	(6.6)		
Total Variance	(3.2)	(0.3)		

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide the City of Toronto Operating Variance Report for the six-month period ended June 30, 2008, along with operating variance projections for the year ending December 31, 2008; and, to obtain approval of adjustments to amend the Council Approved Operating Budget between Program budgets in order to ensure accurate reporting and financial accountability with no increase to the 2008 Council Approved Net Operating Budget.

For the six-month period ended June 30, 2008, actual net expenditures were \$3.234 million or 0.2% under budget. This was primarily due to increased snow removal costs in Transportation Services and Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) arising from the large accumulation of snow from January to April 2008; and underachievement of revenues by TTC due to the April 2008 strike. Corporately, these over-expenditures were offset by under-spending in Social Services, Solid Waste Management Services and the Corporate Accounts.

Projections to year end indicate that the City's will be underspent by \$0.284 million. As indicated in Appendix A, City Operations project an unfavourable variance of \$6.340 million primarily attributed to over-expenditures of \$15.288 million in Transportation Services due to the significant snow removal costs associated with the higher than normal snowfall in early 2008. This is partially offset by favourable net expenditures in several City Programs including Social Services; Office of the Treasurer; Shelter, Support and Housing Administration; and Solid Waste Management Services. Collectively, Agencies, Boards and Commissions (ABC) project a net unfavourable variance at year end of \$3.035 million primarily resulting from the larger than normal snow removal cost and revenue loss as a result of the April transit strike. The over-expenditures in City Operations and ABCs are offset by the projected favourable net expenditure of \$9.659 million for the Corporate Accounts. The under-expenditures in the Corporate Accounts is primarily due to increased interest investment earnings of \$3.380 million, higher than expected Hydro revenues of \$1.416 million, higher than budget Parking Tag Enforcement & Operations revenue and Parking Authority Revenues of \$4.814 million.

Background Information

Operating Variance Report for the Six-month Period Ended June 30, 2008 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15477.pdf)
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(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15480.pdf)

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Reserves and Reserve Funds Variance Report – June 30, 2008

(September 4, 2008) Report from Treasurer

Recommendations

The Treasurer recommends that:

1. Council approve a transfer of \$1.247 million from the Fire Equipment Reserve to the Fire Vehicle Reserve to account for the 2007 timing of vehicle expenditures and further, that Council approve a reimbursement of \$0.939 million to the Fire Equipment Reserve from the Fire Vehicle Reserve in order to meet equipment requirements in 2008.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications contained in this report.

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

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide information on reserve and reserve fund balances as at June 30, 2008, activity in reserves and reserve funds during the first half of 2008, and projected year-end balances and also recommend an inter-reserve transfer for Fire Services. The vast majority of these funds have been committed to fund capital projects and known future liabilities, leaving minimal amounts for discretionary spending.

Background Information

Reserves and Reserve Funds Variance Report June 30, 2008 (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15465.pdf) Attachment

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15466.pdf)

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Financial Planning, Analysis and Reporting System

(September 10, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Summary

This is to advise that the Financial Planning, Analysis and Reporting System will be on the Supplementary Agenda for the Budget Committee meeting of September 19, 2008.

Background Information

Financial Planning, Analysis and Reporting System (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15478.pdf)

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Funding the Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Plan Settlement for Toronto Public Library

(September 19, 2008) Report from Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer

Recommendations

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer recommends that:

- 1. The retroactive payment of approximately \$6,384,930 (from March 1, 2004 to December 31, 2007) for the job evaluation and pay equity plan settlement be funded from the Employee Retiree Benefits Reserve Fund, resulting in an one-time increase to the Toronto Public Library's 2008 Operating Budget of \$6,384,930 gross and \$0 net.
- 2. Toronto Public Library make every effort possible to mitigate within the 2008 Approved Operating Budget, the 2008 financial impact resulting from the job evaluation and pay equity plan settlement.

Financial Impact

There is no provision to fund the job evaluation and pay equity plan settlement costs within the Toronto Public Library's or the City's 2008 Approved Operating Budget.

The settlement results in a 2008 budget pressure of \$8,332,585, comprised of an in-year 2008 pressure of \$1,947,665 and a retroactive payment of \$6,384,930 from March 1, 2004 to

December 31, 2007. The settlement also results in an on-going budget pressure of approximately \$280,000 for 2009. The settlement costs are as follows:

Year	Prior to 2008	2008	2009
	(one-time)	(ongoing)	(ongoing)
Settlement Costs	\$6,384,930	\$1,947,655	\$280,000

Consistent with past practices, this report recommends that the retroactive payment of \$6,384,930 from March 1, 2004 to December 2007 be funded from the Employee Retiree Benefits Reserve Fund. Also, the 2008 in-year impact of \$1,947,655 is recommended to be mitigated where possible from savings within Toronto Public Library's 2008 Approved Operating Budget. Finance staff will be monitoring spending of the Toronto Public Library and corporately throughout the remaining of the year to mitigate this pressure and report as part of the year-end 2008 Operating Variance report. The total incremental cost of \$2,227,655 (\$1,947,655 in 2008 and \$280,000 in 2009) is to be included in the Toronto Public Library's 2009 Operating Budget Submission and subject to the 2009 operating budgetary guidelines and targets.

The projected uncommitted balance to December 31, 2008 of the Employee Retiree Benefit Reserve Fund is \$147.824 million.

Summary

This report responds to the request made from the City Librarian in the report entitled "Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Plan Settlement - Toronto Public Library" to the City of Toronto to fund the settlement costs of job evaluation and pay equity plan that was reached between the Toronto Public Library (TPL) and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416 (CUPE).

Background Information

Funding the Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Plan Settlement for Toronto Public Library (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15479.pdf)

5a Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Settlement – Toronto Public Library

(September 19, 2008) Report from City Librarian

Recommendations

The City Librarian recommends that:

1. The City of Toronto fund the cost of the Toronto Public Library's Job Evaluation and

Pay Equity Plan settlement, which includes an increase to the 2008 operating budget of \$1,947,665 and a further increase in 2009 of \$280,000, and a retroactive payment of \$6,384,930.

Financial Impact

There is no provision for the job evaluation and pay equity settlement in the Library's 2008 operating budget.

The settlement requires an increase to the 2008 Operating Budget of \$1,947,665. There is a further increase on January 1, 2009 of \$280,000. The cost of the retroactivity to December 31, 2007 is \$6,384,930.

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

Summary

The Toronto Public Library Board and the Toronto Civic Employees' Union, Local 416 (CUPE) have reached a settlement on a job evaluation and pay equity plan.

This report is a request to the City of Toronto to fund the settlement costs.

Background Information

Job Evaluation and Pay Equity Settlement ý Toronto Public Library (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15473.pdf)

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City-Wide Security Plan – ABC Comparator Information

(September 2, 2008) Report from City Manager

Recommendations

The City Manager recommends that:

- 1. Consultations occur with Agencies, Boards, and Commissions without dedicated security management, such as the Arena Boards, Arts and Heritage Organizations, and Board-run community centres and facilities, to determine if the City can provide more effective security.
- 2. All Agencies, Boards and Commissions with dedicated security management, such as Exhibition Place, the Toronto Parking Authority, the Toronto Transit Commission, and the Toronto Zoo be requested to review and apply the security framework and report to

their respective Boards regarding their own security plans by the end of 2008.

3. The Corporate Security Unit coordinate the establishment of a City-wide Security Workgroup, comprised of representatives from the ABC's, for the purpose of the effective implementation of the Corporate Security framework and the enhancement and effectiveness of City-wide security through information sharing.

Financial Impact

There are no new financial requirements emanating from this report.

Summary

As part of the 2007 Operating Budget, the City Manager was asked to report on a City-wide security plan prior to the 2008 Operating Budget process. This report, titled "City-Wide Security Plan", was submitted to the February 11, 2008 Budget Committee. The report described the Corporate Security framework and the details of the required improvements and enhancements to produce a City-wide security plan to be completed and reported to City Council in the fall of 2008.

Budget Committee on February 11, 2008 directed that, "Staff report to the Budget Committee in July 2008 on the comparator information and options utilized by other major cities, and staff report on the framework and implementation as they relate to ABC's".

Staff contacted a number of major cities in North America. Although the configurations of Agencies, Boards, and Commissions (ABC's) varied greatly, staff have provided a profile of which major ABC functions are secured by the Corporate Security Unit of each city directly. With this benchmarking, this report also provides recommendations on the security framework and implementation for the City of Toronto's ABC's.

Background Information

City-Wide Security Plan - ABC Comparator Information (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15401.pdf)

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Request for In-Year Adjustment of Toronto EMS' 2008 Capital Budget

(August 27, 2008) Report from Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services

Recommendations

The General Manager of Emergency Medical Services recommends that:

1. the Emergency Medical Services' 2008 Approved Capital Budget be increased by \$1.26 million to be fully funded from the EMS Equipment Reserve XQ1019 for the purchase of various essential emergency service equipment.

Financial Impact

There is no net financial impact resulting from the approval of the recommendation contained within this report. The recommendation seeks to authorize the creation of a new capital project within the Capital Budget for the purchase of essential emergency medical equipment. The total project cost of \$1.26 million in 2008 will be fully funded from the EMS' Equipment Reserve Fund. The current balance of the EMS' Equipment Reserve as of August 2008 is \$2.058 million.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request approval to create a new capital project in the amount of \$1.26 million to be fully funded from the EMS' Equipment Reserve Fund XQ1019 for the purchase of various essential emergency service equipment.

Background Information

Request for In-Year Adjustment of Toronto EMS' 2008 Capital Budget (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15441.pdf)

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City Planning Division - 2008 Operating Budget Adjustments

(September 2, 2008) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Recommendations

The Chief Planner and Executive Director of City Planning recommends that:

- 1. The 2008 City Planning Operating Budget be amended to include a funding increase of \$0.100 million gross and \$0.0 net funded by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Green Development Municipal Fund in the form of a grant to continue work underway related to the Toronto Green Development Standard.
- 2. The 2008 City Planning Operating Budget be amended to include a one-time funding increase of \$0.050 million gross and \$0.0 net funded from equal contributions across ten City Divisions, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, as well as a \$0.010 million grant from FCM to develop a Green/ Sustainable Development training course.
- 3. The 2008 City Planning Operating Budget be amended to include a one-time funding increase of \$0.100 million gross and \$0.0 net funded from Section 37 contributions to cover all costs associated with the creation and placement of public art in the Queensway and Islington Avenue area.

Financial Impact

The table below summarizes the required budget adjustment of \$0.250 million gross and \$0.0 net to City Planning's 2008 Council Approved Operating Budget. Details are provided in the chart below.

BUDGET ADJUSTMENTS TO THE 2008 COUNCIL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET						
PROGRAM	No. of Positions	GROSS \$000s	REVENUE \$000s	NET \$000s	2009 GROSS IMPACT	FUNDING SOURCE
Green Development Standard	0	100	100	0	(100)	FCM Grant
Green/Sustainable Development Training	0	50	50	0	(50)	FCM Grant and contributions across ten City Divisions and ABCs
Queensway-Islington Public Art Plan	0	100	100	0	(100)	Section 37
Total	0	250	250	0	(250)	

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

Summary

The purpose of this report is to request budget adjustments to City Planning's 2008 Council Approved Operating Budget due to confirmation of funding from various sources received after Council approval of the 2008 Operating Budget for City Planning in March 2008.

Background Information

City Planning Division - 2008 Operating Budget Adjustments (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15463.pdf)

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Transportation Services - Mid-Construction 2008 Cash Flow Reallocations and Deferrals

(September 4, 2008) Report from General Manager, Transportation Services

Recommendations

The General Manager of Transportation Services recommends that:

- 1. City Council approve the deferred and accelerated cash flows in the amount of \$6,100,000 detailed in Table 1, attached, which will have no net impact on the approved 2008 approved debt.
- 2. The General Manager, Transportation Services Division, be requested to report back to the Budget Committee as part of the 2009 Capital Budget process, on a revised ten year capital plan.
- 3. The appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

Funding in the amount of \$6,100,000 will be decreased and deferred from various projects for a number of reasons, as outlined in the body of this report. In this regard, an equivalent cash flow can be accelerated, increased and reallocated to a number of projects that are ready to proceed. These cash flows represent debt funded projects with no net change to the approved 2008 net debt funding requirement. The cumulative financial impact on project costs resulting from the cash flow reallocations approved by City Council on July 15, 16 and 17 along with those recommended in this report is \$19.332 million.

Transportation Services staff, as part of the upcoming 2009 budget process and consistent with the Divisional submission, has reassessed all ongoing and imminent project cash flows and all available funding sources in order that the increase in project costs will have no net impact on the approved five year debt targets for Transportation Services.

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

Summary

The Transportation Services Division submitted a report dated June 2, 2008 to the Budget Committee recommending the reallocation of anticipated cash flow expenditures from 2008 projects that, for various reasons, needed to be deferred to other projects that were ready to proceed. (Executive Committee Report No. EX22.33 adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008).

As with the previous reports, additional 2008 cash flows are needed to be realigned to other program areas that are ready to proceed. This involves the deferral of 2008 approved cash flows along with a corresponding acceleration and increase within other Transportation Services Capital Budget items that yield a zero net impact on the approved debt target for 2008. The cumulative impact on project costs resulting from the cash flow reallocations approved by City Council on July 15, 16 and 17 and recommended in this report is \$19.332 million. An equivalent amount of project costs will be either funded from other sources or there will be an offsetting reduction in future year project costs. In view of the foregoing, Transportation staff, as part of the upcoming 2009 budget process and consistent with the Divisional submission, has reassessed all ongoing and imminent project cash flows and all available funding sources in order that the increase in project costs will have no net impact on the approved five year debt targets for Transportation Services.

Background Information

Transportation Services Mid-Construction 2008 Cash Flow Reallocations and Deferrals (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15471.pdf)
Attachment

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15472.pdf)

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Toronto Atmospheric Fund Revenue Variance

(September 5, 2008) Report from Acting Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications arising from this report.

Summary

This report provides the Budget Committee with information regarding the 1st and 2nd Quarter revenue variance from the Toronto Atmospheric Fund 2008 Approved Budget.

Background Information

Toronto Atmospheric Fund Revenue Variance (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15464.pdf)

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Radio Communications System Replacement

(September 19, 2008) Report from Fire Chief

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide a project status update to the Budget Committee as requested by Council through the 2008 Capital Budget process. The Chiefs of Toronto Police Service and Emergency Medical Services as well as the Steering Committee for the Radio Communication System Replacement project were consulted in preparation of this report.

The Radio Communications System Replacement Project is currently in the system design stage and registers good progress in this area. However, there are new radio frequency spectrum regulatory issues that have an impact on the system design and on the timelines of the subsequent project phases. The Steering Committee, at its July 2, 2008 meeting, has approved the changes to the project timelines as put forward by the Technical Subcommittee. The changes do not present additional risk to the radio infrastructure and do not impact the overall success of the project. There is no total project budget impact and there are no changes to the 2008 expenditures. There are requirements to change the requested cash flows for future years. This report will present the adjustments to the required 2009-2012 cash flows. In addition, the approved project cash flows will be further reviewed and adjusted as required as part of the 2009 Capital Budget process.

Background Information

Radio Communications System Replacement (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15481.pdf)

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Land Exchange with the Toronto District School Board for Lands at Edithvale Park

(September 8, 2008) Report from Chief Corporate Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise that a staff action report, "Land Exchange with the Toronto District School Board for Lands at Edithvale Park" will be considered at the Government Management Committee meeting scheduled for September 17, 2008, and if adopted the report will be submitted to the Budget Committee meeting scheduled for September 19, 2008.

Background Information

Land Exchange with the Toronto District School Board for Lands at Edithvale Park (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15492.pdf)

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Procurement Authorization Amendment - Option to Purchase 120 Forty-Foot Hybrid Low Floor City Buses

(August 28, 2008) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Recommendations

The Toronto Transit Commission recommends that City Council:

1. Approve the Toronto Transit Commission's request for project commitment and approval, in October 2008, to proceed with the award of the supplementary order of an additional 40 forty-foot buses, to be exercised no later than October 31, 2008.

Summary

For consideration by Council requesting project commitment and approval in October 2008 to proceed with the award of the supplementary order of an additional 40 forty-foot buses.

Background Information

Procurement Authorization Amendment - Option to Purchase 120 Forty-Foot Hybrid Low Floor City Buses

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15402.pdf)

Attachment

(http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-15403.pdf)

(Deferred from February 11, 2008 - 2008.BU26.3)

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Community Development and Recreation Committee Item 6.4 Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects

(June 28, 2007) Letter from City Clerk

Summary

Advising that City Council on June 19, 20 and 22, 2007, adopted as amended Community Development and Recreation Committee item 6.4, entitled "Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects", and in doing, referred the request for including residential fire sprinklers in the design of future City-funded affordable homes to the 2008 Budget process.

Background Information

Letter from City Council re use of residential fire sprinklers in new housing projects. (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-13621.pdf)
City Council decision on Use of Residential Fire Sprinklers in New Housing Projects (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/bu/bgrd/backgroundfile-13622.pdf)