2006 Operating Budget

Building Division

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Planning & Transportation Committee

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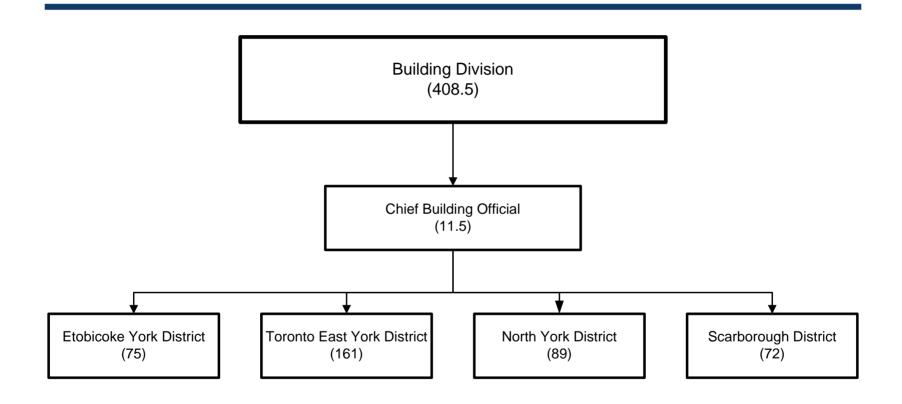
Mission Statement

"Together Striving for Excellence"

Prompt, Consistent, Responsive, Dependable and Professional Service



Program Map – 2006 Base Budget Request





Program Objectives

- To guide, support and monitor building construction, renovation and demolition to ensure the health, safety and accessibility through their compliance with all provisions of the Building Code Act and other applicable law.
- To enhance the quality of life in the City of Toronto for all residents, businesses and visitors, through quality services delivered with honesty and integrity, designed to maintain a high level of public health, safety and accessibility aimed at maintaining and enhancing communities.



Strategic Direction

- Complete implementation of Bill 124
- Program Changes (PAL, PPR)
- Residential Fastrack
- Commercial Express
- New Performance & Financial Reporting requirements
- Training and Qualification of Technical Staff
- Brownfields Implementation
- Objective Based Codes



Strategic Direction (cont'd)

- IBMS Changes
- Remote Computing and Internet Applications
- Integrated Inspections
- New Harmonized Zoning Bylaw
- DARP & One Window Service



Prior Year Accomplishments

- Maintained service delivery targets for permit issuance and inspection response within a continuous high volume development market (including surge of 10,000 residential units of applications related to DC bylaw phasing).
- Implemented the Division's service improvement strategy in preparation of Bill 124.
- Qualified 95% of "inspectors" under the Building Code Act.



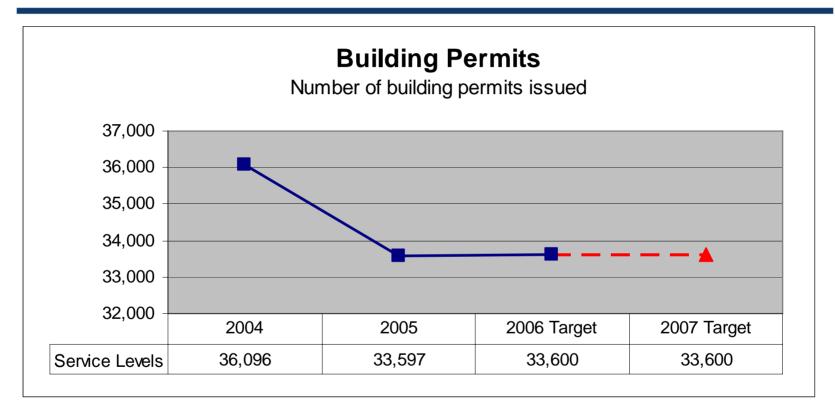
Prior Year Accomplishments (cont'd)

- Adopted Code of Conduct.
- Developed & Launched:
 - PAL
 - PPR
 - Commercial Express
 - Residential FASTRACK



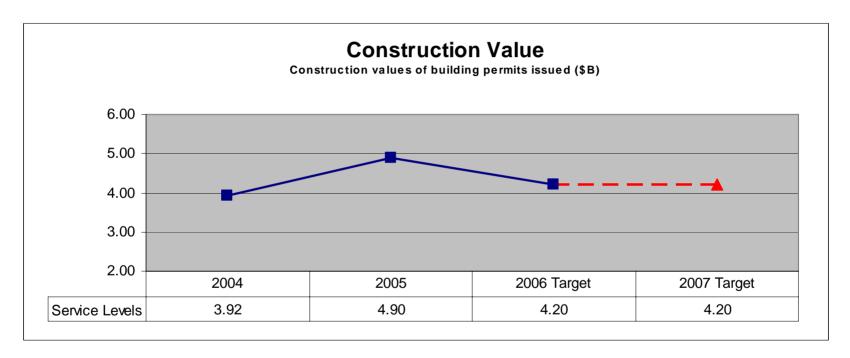
Activities	Volumes
Building permits issued (\$4.9 billion value)	33,597
Building inspections	168,707
Development approval applications processed (projected to year end)	4,240





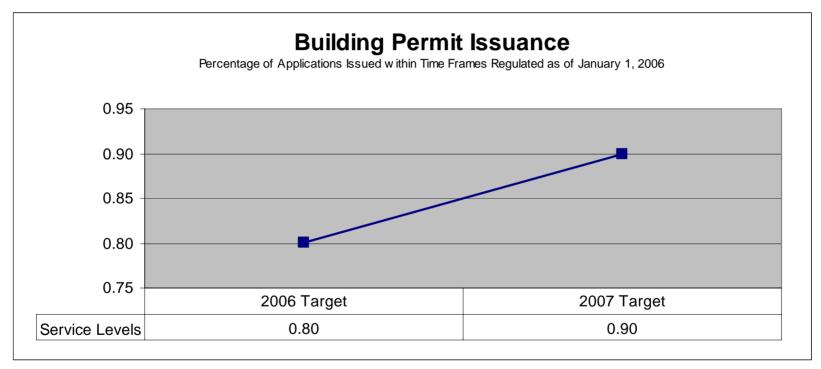
- measure indicates number of building permits issued annually
- steady increase since amalgamation with peak occurring in 2004
- continued steady volume projected over next two years



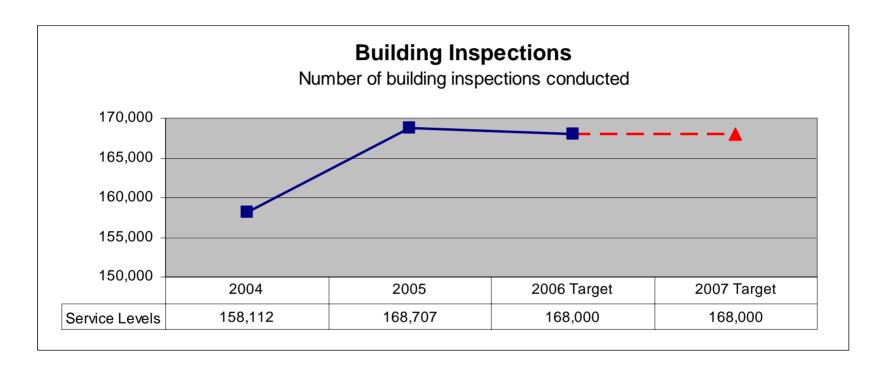


- measure indicates estimated construction value (issued permits)
- fluctuates in accordance with type of development
- construction industry forecasts indicate continued strong condominium market over next two years with other development remaining steady



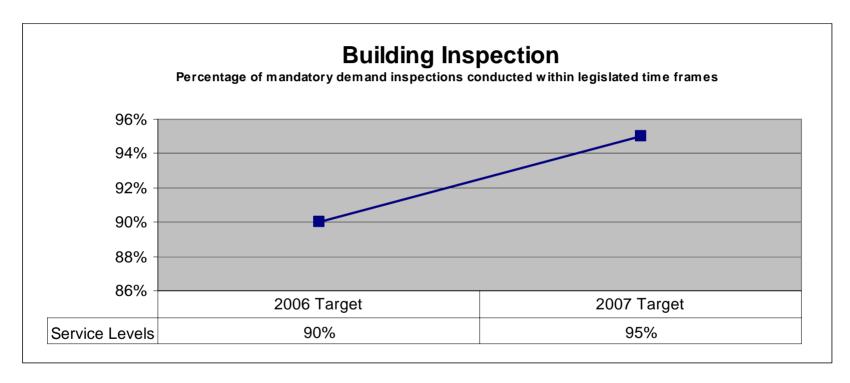


- measure indicates percentage of complete applications, all types, reviewed for Building Code compliance and applicable law within legislated time frames beginning January 1, 2006. (2004/05 levels achieved under non-legislated time frames prior to 2006 requirements)
- legislated time frames (beginning January 1, 2006 for "complete" applications): small residential (houses), 10 days; high rise & mixed residential, 20 days; complex projects, 30 days



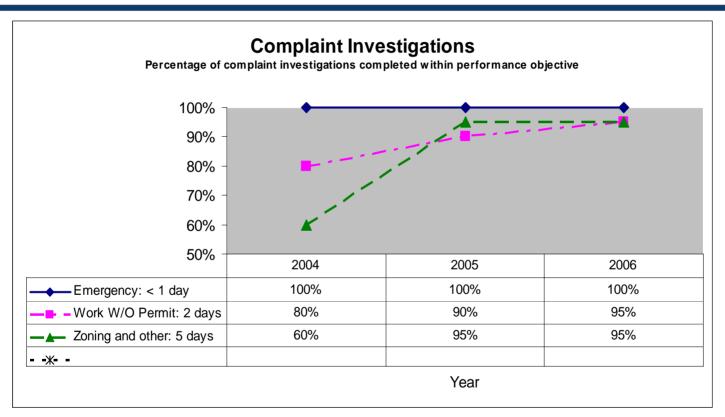
- measure indicates number of requested building inspections
- the Building Division also investigates about 40,000 complaints annually



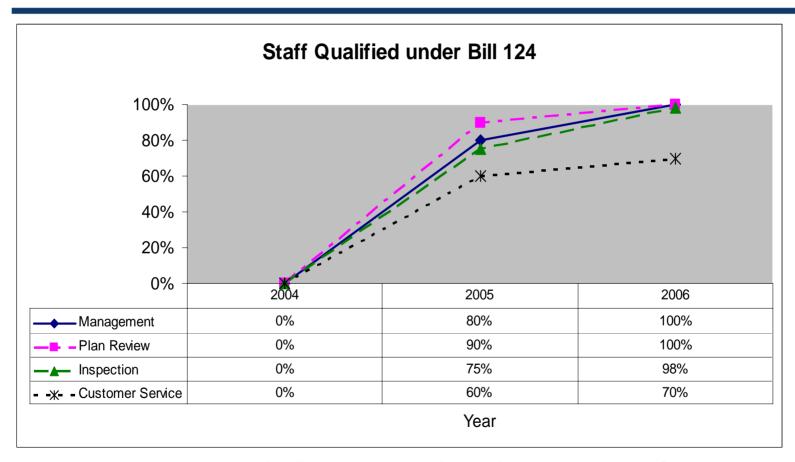


- measure indicates percentage of requested mandatory inspection completed within two working days from time request is received





- measure indicates Building Division consistently responded to emergency calls in less than 1 day continued to respond after hours 24/7.
- Building Division has also improved response time to address complaints over past few years additional resources approved in 2005 budget will enable Division to achieve performance objectives in 2006.



⁻ measure indicates percentage of staff that has achieved full qualification under Building Code Act



Issues/Opportunities/Challenges

- City of Toronto Act
 - Architectural control
 - Green roofs
- Other Legislated Changes
 - Planning Act Reform
 - OMB
 - TRCA
 - Fire Sprinklers



Opportunities for City-wide Collaboration

- DARP (Harmonized counter)
- Energy Efficiency
- Cross Division Sign Bylaw
- Affordable Housing & Best Start



Division Specific and/or Cross Cluster Issues

- 2006 Introduction of Objective Base Building Codes will alter work practices
- Fully implement Bill 124 legislated requirements
- Training & Qualification Building Code Act
- Training Inspection Health & Safety
- Harmonized Zoning By-law



2006 Base Budget Request (Net \$000's)

	\$000's	Staff
2005 Approved Adjusted Net Budget	(11,607.3)	413.5
2006 Merit, Step, COLA, Harmonization and Benefit increases	2,078.0	
Prior Year Impacts, Annualization, In-year Approvals	467.9	(4.0)
Service Efficiencies	(164.2)	(1.0)
2006 Requested Base Budget	(9,225.6)	408.5



2006 CM/CFO Proposed Base Budget (Net \$000's)

	Net	% Inc/(Dec)
		from 2005
2005 Approved Adjusted Base Budget	(11,607.3)	
2006 Requested Base	(9,225.6)	20.2
CM/CFO Recommended Change	(2,150.1)	
CM Proposed Base Budget	(11,375.7)	2.0
Net Target	(11,375.3)	
Over/(Under) Target	0.4	

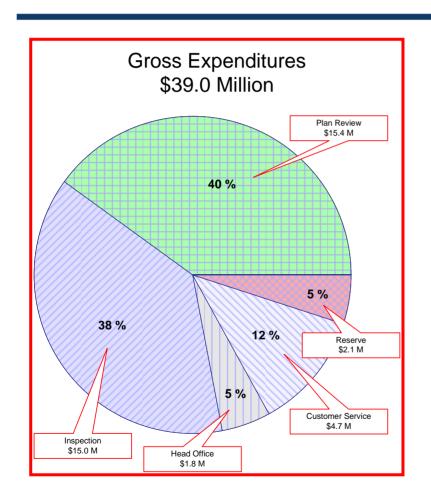


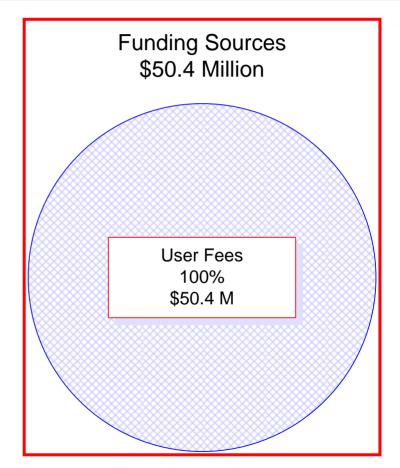
2006 CM/CFO Recommended Reductions (Net \$000's)

Reductions/Changes	\$	Staff
Permit Fees Increase	(2,150.1)	
Total Reductions/Changes to meet Base Budget Target	(2,150.1)	



2006 CM/CFO Proposed Base Budget







New & Enhanced Requested/Recommended (Net \$000's)

	Requested Net	Recommended Net	Recommended Staff
CM Proposed 2006 Net base Budget		(11,375.7)	408.5
New & Enhanced: Overtime related to Brownfield Statute Law Amendment Act (\$400,000 gross)	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total New & Enhanced	0.0	0.0	0.0
CM Recommended Net 2006 Budget	0.0	(11,375.7)	408.5

