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Parks & Recreation

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$70.2 million [1999 Budget - \$44.1m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: the completion of previously approved capital projects; new capital projects including community centres, park development and repair and maintenance.

Approval of \$44 million in 2000 to complete previously approved capital projects including:

- \$3.0 million for construction of Maryvale/Wexford Community Centre (Scarborough), scheduled for 2001.
- \$4.0 million for construction of Heron Park Community Centre (Scarborough), scheduled for 2001.
- \$7.0 million for construction of Main Square Community Centre (Toronto), scheduled for 2001.
- \$2.3 million for renovations to McCormick Recreation Centre (Toronto), scheduled for 2001.
- \$0.5 million for completion of the North District Soccer Field (North York)
- \$9.8 million for the development of 30 parks, scheduled for completion in 2000.
- \$2.0 million for trail and pathway development.
- \$3.2 million for upgrade and rehabilitation of playgrounds, all scheduled for 2000, including three waterplays in:
 - Regent Park (Toronto)
 - King Dufferin Park (Toronto)
 - Glamorgan Park (Scarborough)

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- \$1.9 million for reconstruction of Pinepoint Outdoor Pool (Etobicoke).
- \$3.1 million for replacement of Lord Dufferin Pool (Toronto).

Approval of \$26.7 million in 2000 for new capital projects including:

- \$1.0 million to design the new St. Jamestown Recreation Centre. Total cost is \$15 million with an additional \$150,000 for proposed library study.
- \$1.6 million for renovations to nine community centres:
 - Regent Park South (Toronto)
 - John Innes (Toronto)
 - Amesbury (North York)
 - O'Connor (North York)
 - Falstaff (North York)
 - Gord & Irene Risk (North York)
 - Toronto Track & Field Centre at York University (North York)
 - Fairbank (York)
 - Lambton House (York)
- \$4.3 million for development of 15 parks:
 - 1550 Danforth Road (Toronto)
 - George Etienne Cartier (Toronto)
 - Dufferin & King Park (Toronto)
 - Alexander Muir Gardens (Toronto)
 - Edgewood Park (Toronto)
 - 110 Wildwood (Toronto)
 - Shawnee Park (North York)
 - Colonel Sam Smith Park (Etobicoke)
 - Newport Beach Park (Etobicoke)
 - Lakeshore Village Park (Etobicoke)
 - Rexdale Park (Etobicoke)
 - Don Valley Brickworks (East York)
 - Greystone Park (Scarborough)
 - L'Amoreaux Park (Scarborough)
 - Toronto School Board Park Sites (York)
- \$1.3 million for playground development including six waterplays:
 - Lanyard Park (North York)
 - Lawrence Heights (North York)
 - Kingsview (or other north end Ward 3 park) (Etobicoke)
 - Fairfield/Stonegate Park (Etobicoke)
 - Topham Park (East York)
 - Coronation Park (York)
- \$2.6 million for improvements to four arenas/ice rinks:
 - Christie Pits Artificial Ice Rink (Toronto)
 - Otter Creek Artificial Ice Rink (Toronto)
 - Broadlands Rink (North York)
 - Pine Point Arena (Etobicoke)
- \$1.7 million for Environmental Initiatives including \$1 million in new tree planting
- \$2.0 million in new parkland acquisition (# of acres to be determined)
- \$2.8 million for the development or improvements to 14 outdoor recreation centres:
 - Withrow Park Building (Toronto)
 - Trinity-Bellwoods Soccer (Toronto)
 - G. Ross Lord Cricket Pitch (North York)
 - Bathurst Heights Outdoor Basketball (North York)
 - Brookwell Park Sports Pad (North York)
 - Cummer Park - Skateboard Park (North York)
 - Silverview Ball Diamond (North York)

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- Bocce Development (Etobicoke)
- Centennial Park Stadium (Etobicoke)
- Edenbridge Bocce Court (Etobicoke)
- Dentonia Park Ball Diamond & Tennis Building (East York)
- George Webster Park Ball Diamond (East York)
- Mimico Tennis Club (East York)
- L'Amoreaux Tennis Court (Scarborough)
- \$7.0 million in repair and maintenance for 35 projects for existing parks and recreation infrastructure for two projects in East York, seven projects in Etobicoke, six projects in North York, two projects in Scarborough, 12 projects in Toronto, two projects in York and four city-wide projects.

Transportation

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$165.3 million [1999 Budget - \$121.9 m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: increase to reduce State-of-Good-Repair projects.

The City of Toronto has a total road inventory of 5,232 kilometres to maintain.

- \$25.1 million for 28 kilometres of road reconstruction [*\$21.9m in 1999, for 24.5k*]
- \$27.1 million for 120 kilometres of road resurfacing [*\$24.4m in 1999, for 103k*]
- \$23.3 million for bridge rehabilitation [*\$18.9m in 1999 for 17 bridges*]
- \$14.2 million for traffic control/calming/safety/lighting [*\$7.4m in 1999*]
- \$43.3 million for expressway rehabilitation: the Gardiner from the DVP to 427, including bent & deck repairs between Bathurst & Parliament, for 10.2m; DVP for 4.2m; Humber bridges for 14m (includes \$15m for Gardiner East dismantle [*\$28.8m in 1999*])
- \$5.3 million for 60 k of sidewalk rehabilitation/reconstruction [*\$2.4m in 1999, for 30k*]
- \$27 million for other projects (includes North Yonge service road \$2m; Fort York Blvd. \$3.2m; various construction projects \$14.9m—fully recoverable) [*\$18.1m in 1999*]

Fire Services

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$24.6 million [1999 Budget - \$23.2m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: n/a

- \$17.9 million for the radio communications system, approved in 1998, will be completed in 2001.
- \$1.6 million funding for the 2000 completion of the Harbourfront Fire Station, previously approved.
- \$1.7 million (fire portion of the project) for a new fire station has been approved in Northeast Scarborough—a joint facility with Ambulance Services.

The remaining budget addresses training facilities and large scale maintenance to the various fire stations.

Toronto Police Services

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$20.4 million [1999 Budget - \$19.5m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: n/a

Key 2000 projects include:

- \$4.3 million in 2000 to begin the construction of a new 51 Division.
- \$4.6 million in 2000 towards completion of Occurrence Re-Engineering projects.

Ambulance Services

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$6.8 million [1999 Budget - \$0.4m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: Increased Provincial funding

- \$2.5 million towards implementation of an upgraded communications system (100% funded by Province).
- \$0.9 million towards construction of a new station, shared with Fire Services, at Morningside and Sheppard in Scarborough.

Facilities and Real Estate

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$25.6 million [1999 Budget - \$12.5m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: Budget carried forward, capital maintenance backlog, new projects.

- Of the new projects, \$6.3 million is for restoration of old City Hall (60 Queen St. W.), the first phase of the three-year project to replace the copper roof and other repairs. In 2000, \$5 million will be spent on the first phase and \$1.3 million is planned for clock tower and masonry repairs.
- \$4.1 million is for maintenance and restoration at Toronto City Hall (heating, ventilation, air conditioning, exterior and roofing for \$1.76 million) and Nathan Phillips Square (repairs and garage roof for \$2.31 million).

Culture

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$8.7 million [1999 Budget - \$4.5m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: Budget carried forward, capital maintenance of cultural facilities.

- \$3.7 million for the Lakeshore Assembly Hall project was carried forward, with additional funding from 1999. This project will be complete in 2000.
- \$1.8 million for capital maintenance projects which include structural repairs and restoration of Casa Loma (\$1m) and its associated buildings, as part of an ongoing \$20 million project.

Toronto Zoo

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$9.5 million [1999 Budget - \$5.6m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: prior year projects, new projects

new projects

- \$4.1 million is for the new Gorilla Exhibit, the African Tropical Rainforest (prior yr. project).
- \$1.5 million will refurbish buildings and services.
- \$1.6 million will improve visitor circulation and the Zoomobile for visitor transportation.
- \$2.3 million is for miscellaneous projects such as exhibit refurbishing, food service & information systems.

Toronto Transit Commission

Total 2000 Gross Budget, base program, is \$270.4 million [1999 Budget - \$445.9m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: fewer subway cars to be purchased.

Total 2000 Gross Budget, Sheppard Subway, is \$185.7 million [1999 Budget - \$198.8m]

Base Program - \$270 million:

- Subway & Surface Track (\$20.7 million)

Signals, Electrical and Communications

- Traction Power (\$4.8 million)
- Subway Signals System (\$4.7 million)
- Power Dist./Electrical Systems (\$2.9 million)
- Communications - Various (\$2.2 million)

Buildings and Structures

- Bus Garage Replacement (\$16.0 million)
- Bridges & Tunnels (\$14.4 million)
- Transit Control Centre (completed by 2003) (\$16.4 million)
- Easier Access (elevators installations at 2 stations in 2000) (\$9.5 million)
- Birchmount Garage Renovation (\$9.0 million)
- New Bus Garage Property (\$8.0 million)
- Queens Quay Streetcar Connection (opening in July 2000) (\$5.1 million)
- Fire Ventilation Upgrade (\$5.3 million)
- Subway Storage & Maintenance (\$4.1 million)
- Subway Escalators (\$3.4 million)

Vehicles

- 372 T1 Subway Cars (ongoing program with 80 cars delivered in 2000) (\$60.9 million)
- Bus Rebuild Program (212 buses in 2000) (\$31.0 million)
- Computer Equipment & Software (\$15.2 million)
- 127 Replacement Wheel-Trans Vehicles (ongoing program with 40 vehicles delivered in 2000) (\$8.7 million)
- Other State-of-Good-Repair Projects (\$28.1 million)

Extraordinary Program - \$185.7 million:

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- The Sheppard Subway project is well underway. The project is anticipated to be complete on time and budget, opening in 2002.

Solid Waste Management

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$21.3 million [1999 Budget - \$21.6m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: n/a

Previously Approved and On-Going Projects:

- \$7.9 million in 2000 towards the continued development of the Keele Valley Landfill and the ongoing assessment and remediation of former landfill sites.
- \$9.2 million to complete a mixed-waste processing facility, supporting the City's waste diversion target of 50% by year 2006.
- \$1.4 million in new capital maintenance and improvements to transfer station facilities
- \$1.3 million for waste management planning, securing options for future disposal/diversion.

Children's Services

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$2 million [1999 Budget - \$0m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: new - budget created for 2000

- \$2 million for a new child care centre in North York fully funded from the private sector, and scheduled to open in 2000.

Toronto Public Library

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$6.9 million [1999 Budget - \$3.8m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: budget carried forward; state-of-good-repair projects.

\$4.3 million will complete and supplement previously approved facilities, including:

- Deer Park (Toronto) retrofit, completed in 2000
- Eatonville Library (Etobicoke) reconstruction, completed by April 2001
- Leaside Library (East York) reconstruction, completed by spring 2001
- Maria Shchuka (York) design study

\$2.7 million to commence new projects, including:

- Toronto Reference library (Toronto), completed in 2000.
- St. James Town (Toronto) construction, completed in 2002.
- Dawes Road (East York) renovation, completed in 2000.

Shelter, Support & Housing

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$ 12.5 million [1999 Budget - \$2.7m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: 50% cost-sharing with Province; expanded program.

\$4.9 million to complete the following projects, all to be completed in 2000:

- Womens' Residence renovations
- Robertson House renovations
- Seaton House renovations

\$15 million for the following new projects:

- Short term shelter accommodation
- Family shelter (with 50 rooms & 160 beds), to be complete by 2002.

Streetscape Improvements

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$11.1 million [1999 Budget - \$7.2m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: additions, new streetscape projects

- \$1.9 million for BIA streetscape Improvement Program
- \$0.9 million for Employment Area Revitalization Program
- \$0.7 million for Commercial Facade Improvement Program
- \$1.6 million for other streetscape improvement projects (new)
- \$6 million to complete previously approved projects

Homes for the Aged

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$6.4 million [1999 Budget - \$15.4m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: most Cummer Lodge renovations completed during 1999; projects just beginning for Albion Lodge and True Davidson Acres.

Previously Approved Projects:

- \$2.6 million for completion of the Cummer Lodge (North York) renovation.
- \$1.8 million for site redevelopment study for Albion Lodge (Etobicoke) & True Davidson Acres (East York), expected to be complete by October 2000.

New Projects:

- \$2 million to begin site redevelopment/construction (Albion Lodge & True Davidson Acres)

Exhibition Place

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$5.7 million [1999 Budget - \$5.7m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: n/a

- \$1.4 million to complete various projects related to state of good repair.
- \$4.2 million for new projects to maintain State-of-Good-Repair at Exhibition Place, including roof replacement and retrofit projects for:
 - Food Building (\$1.7m)
 - Automotive Building (\$0.5m)
 - Better Living Building (\$0.4m)
 - Horticulture Building (\$0.3m)
 - Equipment (\$0.8m)
 - Parking lots, roads & parks (\$0.5m).

Toronto Parking Authority

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$32.6 million [1999 Budget - \$34.6m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: n/a

- \$24.9 million for acquisition of land and completion of construction for 14 previously approved facilities throughout the City.
- \$7.5 million for expansion of Carpark 26 – Queen St. E. Garage and the acquisition of land for the development of a carpark in the Queen St. West/Spadina area.

Toronto & Region Conservation Authority

Total 2000 Gross Budget is \$ 5.1 million [1999 Budget - \$4.3m]

Rationale for year-over-year difference: New projects – Black Creek Pioneer Village projects to address the backlog of maintenance needs and to provide strategic infrastructure enhancements.

Previously-Approved Projects:

- \$1 million for Port Union Waterfront Development

New and On-Going Projects:

- \$1 million for waterfront and valley erosion control
- \$2 million for waterfront development
- \$0.4 million for Toronto remedial pan
- \$0.6 million for Black Creek Pioneer Village retrofit
- \$1 million for Black Creek Pioneer Village attraction development
- \$0.1 million for public use infrastructure

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