

BRIEFING NOTE

2004 Budget: Police Station 43 / EMS Station 26

Issue/Background:

- At the Community Services Committee meeting on February 4, 5, and 11, 2004 a request was made for the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to report to the Budget Advisory Committee, the Community Services Committee, and the Ward Councillor on why the Analyst Notes for Emergency Medical Services contains the following statement on page 13, under the heading “Joint Building Project with Toronto Police Service”:

 - “TPS has decided not to proceed with this project in 2004 but rather delay it until 2005.”

- The Toronto Police Service (TPS) was granted Council Approval for the Station 43 in 2001 with a total project cost of \$10.960 million. Due to inflation, project costs increased to \$12.700 million by 2003.
- Since 2001, the cost of this project has been deferred several times as the following chart indicates.

Budgeted Police Cash Flow from 2001 to 2005 (in \$'000)

Year	2001 Cash Flow	2002 Cash Flow	2003 Cash Flow	2004 Cash Flow	2005 Cash Flow	Total Project Costs
2001	600	3,000	5,000	2,360		10,960
2002		1,690	1,900	5,150	2,431	11,271
2003			3,000	8,900		12,700
2004				5,706	4,002	12,700

The 2004 Toronto Police Service submission included cash flow at \$8.706 million in 2004 and \$1.002 million in 2005. During the EMT review phase \$3.0 million was deferred from 2004 to 2005 resulting in a cash flow recommendation of \$5.706 million in 2004 and \$4.002 million in 2005 as shown in the table above.

- By the end of 2002 the initial stages of planning and design of the joint Police / EMS station was initiated by TPS.

- In 2003, TPS categorized this project as a lower priority on its list due in part to debt funding priorities. The 2003 Capital Analyst Notes for Toronto Police Services included the following statement:

TPS view the previously approved 43 Division as a very low priority. TPS has therefore reflected this project as being outside their priority listing and suggest that if Council wishes to still proceed on the initiative at the City's, not the Service's, expense.

- By the end of 2003 the TPS had spent \$1.196 million or 10% from the \$12.700 million assigned in project costs. A majority of the cash flow spending was used for planning & design and not actual construction.
- The Toronto Emergency Medical Services (EMS) program will use part of the Police Station 43 facility for its purposes and has identified capital costs associated with its project in the EMS Capital Budget as Station 26. The EMS portion of the project was submitted for consideration for the first time during the 2004 budget process. EMS had identified Station 26 in the 2001, 2002, and 2003 plan, as a future year estimate of requirements.
- EMS did not request funding for this project until 2004 because the agreement between EMS and TPS was that the EMS share of costs for additional ambulance parking garages and additional EMS staff crew quarters would not be required until the construction phase of the EMS sections of the TPS facility.
- The 2004 EMS Capital Budget recommendation includes a new project for Station 26 parking garages and staff crew quarters at a total project cost of \$2.210 million with cash flows of \$0.105 million in 2004 and \$2.105 million in 2005.

Key Points:

- During the EMT Review of the EMS Capital Budget \$1.0 million of spending on this project was deferred to 2005 resulting in recommended cash flow of \$0.105 million in 2004 and \$2.105 million in 2005. This decision was based on the EMT review of the Police Capital Budget that deferred \$3.000 million to 2005. The recommended funding for both TPS and EMS allows the project to proceed within the City's capital financing targets.
- EMS is consulting further with TPS on the timelines and funding requirements for the Station 26 / 43 facility. The 2004 recommended cash flow provided anticipates the completion of the EMS portion of this project in 2005.

Conclusion:

- The statement on page 13 of the EMS Capital Analyst Notes should have read "The EMS Station 26 portion of this project is anticipated for completion in 2005 and the cash flow requirements have been adjusted accordingly."

- The Community Services Committee also requested a report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services regarding the exact time line of the Joint Building Project with Toronto Police Service (EMS Station 26/Toronto Police Service Station 43 – Lawrence Avenue). This report will clarify that sufficient funding exists in the 2004 Capital Program for TPS to start construction in 2004 and will be forwarded to Budget Advisory Committee, the Community Services Committee and the Ward Councillor.
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