

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Meeting No. 4

Tuesday, April 25, 2000

The Planning and Transportation Committee met on April 25, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Pam McConnell, Acting Chair
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Milton Berger
Councillor John Fillion
Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Dick O'Brien
Councillor Joe Pantalone

Members were present for some or all of the meeting. The Committee adjourned several times and the attendance chart is included at the end of these minutes.

Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

No Conflicts of Interest were declared.

Councillor Walker requested that a matter respecting the recent decision of the OMB pertaining to Second Suites be put before the Committee as new business with a request that staff report on this matter for consideration at the Committee's next meeting.

Councillor McConnell, Chair Pro Tem, ruled that as the matter was not included on the agenda, procedurally it was not appropriate for the Committee to consider it. She advised that the recent Council directive regarding the handling of late agenda items prevailed, and in addition Council's Procedural By-law required a motion to introduce, as new

business, matters which were not included on the agenda, such motion requiring a majority vote to carry. She added that she would ask staff to report on this matter for the Committee's next meeting.

A motion to introduce this matter pursuant to Section 124 of the Procedural By-law placed by Councillor Berger was voted on and lost.

4.1. Official Plan Submission #2 – Stable Neighbourhoods Policy

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (March 29, 2000) from Councillor Walker stating that the City of Toronto's new Official Plan must include a 'preservation of stable neighbourhoods' policy which should include the following three components:

- (1) identify specifically each individual neighbourhood across the City of Toronto and enshrine them in the new Official Plan;
- (2) establish a special planning regimen for areas zoned low-density residential; and
- (3) development and entrench "Neighbourhood Stability Plans" (NSPs) for each of the neighbourhood areas identified,

and recommending that:

- (1) staff from the Urban Planning and Development Department be requested to report on this submission; and
- (2) this report outlines a suggested consultation process including constituencies to consult and timeframes to report back for final inclusion in the new Official Plan.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee adopted the report from Councillor Walker and in so doing requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for consideration as a deputation item, on Councillor Walker's submission which outlines a suggested consultation process including constituencies to consult and timeframes to report back for final inclusion in the new Official Plan.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; cc: Councillor Walker – April 27, 2000)

(Report No. 4, Clause 5(a))

4.2. Greater Toronto Area Agriculture Economic Impact Study

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (March 7, 2000) from the Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board forwarding, for information and any action deemed appropriate, Clause 1 of Countryside & Environment Working Group Report No. 6, entitled "Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Economic Impact Study", and advising that the following recommendations were adopted by the Greater Toronto Services Board:

- (1) the GTA Federations of Agriculture be thanked for their work and presentation to the Working Group;
- (2) the GTSB adopt the eight recommendations of the study;
- (3) the GTSB include consideration of the agriculture industry as an important component of the GTSB strategies; and
- (4) the recommendations of the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Economic Impact Study be taken into account by the Greater Toronto Services Board in reviewing terms of reference and a work program for the countryside and the environment.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee concurred with the action taken by the Countryside & Environment Working Group of the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) as outlined in the report (March 7, 2000) from the GTSB.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee referred this report to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services with a request that she report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on how the City's new Official Plan can support agricultural lands;

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Committee also referred this report to the Commissioner of Corporate Services with a request that she follow-up on the direction taken by the GTSB in this respect and discuss this concept with permit holders of the City's facilities who operate farmers markets, and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee accordingly; and

Councillor Pantalone assumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Committee also referred the report to the Food Policy Council with a request that it review this submission and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

Councillor McConnell resumed the Chair.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Commissioner, Corporate Services, Food Policy Council; cc: Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board – April 27, 2000)

(Report No. 4, Clause 5(b))

4.3. Free Transit On Air Quality Advisory Days

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (February 9, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000, struck out and referred Item (d) of Clause No. 6 of Report No. 1 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled “Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days”, back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and the hearing of depositions, with a request that the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee be notified when this matter will again be before the Planning and Transportation Committee.

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (March 21, 2000) from Hamish Wilson providing his perspectives on means of providing some action on on the issue of free transit on air quality days and concluding that fiscal conservatives ignore the many avoided costs of automobiles.
- (April 24, 2000) from Hamish Wilson providing further comments and suggesting to defer the charges a user-fee could be put into place on the existing limited access freeways.

The following persons addressed the Committee with regard to this matter:

- Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Courier Coalition
- Helen Hansen
- Franz Hartmann, Executive Assistant, Councillor Layton
- Stephen Fisher, Co-chair, Toronto Cycling Committee

Councillor Lindsay-Luby assumed the Chair for the introduction of this item and the hearing of speakers.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council the concept of encouraging citizens to switch from cars to public transit.

On motion by Councillor O'Brien, the Committee amended Councillor Moscoe's foregoing motion by adding:

"and the promotion of vehicles using alternative fuels"

so that this motion now reads:

"The Committee recommended to City Council the concept of encouraging citizens to switch from cars to public transit and the promotion of vehicles using alternative fuel be adopted in principle"

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee requested the Medical Officer of Health to report directly to Council for its meeting on May 9, 2000 on an effective education system to achieve the aforementioned recommendation and include in her report an indication of the financial implications inherent in such an education program.

(Medical Officer of Health; cc: City Treasurer, Toronto Transit Commission, Interested Persons – April 27, 2000)

(Report No. 4, Clause 1)

4.4. School Closures

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (March 2, 2000) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services providing

- (1) Members of Council with an update regarding the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Phase 1 closures; and
- (2) a preliminary assessment of the impact of TDSB Phase 2 school closures on the local delivery of municipal services and programs,

and recommending that:

- (1) City Council adopt the draft principles for re-use of surplus schools as set out in Appendix A to this report;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and that they be requested to review and adopt the principles for re-use of surplus schools contained within Appendix A, prior to the release of any requests for proposals for schools declared surplus; and

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- (3) the Toronto District School Board be requested to consult with appropriate City officials prior to any restriction of evening use of school facilities, to ensure that existing municipal programs can be adequately accommodated, and public meeting space continues to be available to local residents.

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (March 3, 2000) from the Executive Officer, Facility Services, Toronto District School Board forwarding, in compliance with *Ontario Regulation 444/98*, a proposal for school properties.
- (April 25, 2000) from Mary Ford and Rob Maxwell, Essex-Hawthorne School Consolidation Review Committee supporting the recommendations of the staff report and requesting that the City protect its investment in the Hawthorne School, particularly the handicapped-accessible playground adjacent to this facility, by ensuring it remain open for public use, regardless of the future disposition of Hawthorne School.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (March 2, 2000) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, as amended;

Councillor Pantalone assumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Committee recommended to Council that the foregoing report be amended by:

- (a) deleting the words "Appendix A" in Recommendations (1) and (2);
and
- (b) expanding upon Recommendation (3) by directing staff to determine what steps are required to ensure that public access to evening use of school facilities is maintained;

Councillor McConnell resumed the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended that Council:

- (1) adopt a policy which directs that the recovery of capital costs contributed towards school facilities by the City be negotiated with the School Boards; and
- (2) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to evaluate the proposed uses to determine the extent to which they

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match the existing zoning requirements, and that re-zoning applications be required when the present zoning requirements are not met.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report directly to Council for its meeting on May 9, 2000 on:

- (a) any new developments or information which may be available by that time;
- (b) how the City can protect its investment in Hawthorne School as outlined in the joint communication (April 25, 2000) from Mary Ford and Rob Maxwell, by ensuring that it remains open for future public use, especially with regard to the handicapped-accessible playground adjacent to this facility; and

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee amended Councillor Pantalone's foregoing motion by requesting the Commissioner to also report on the possible use of a "holding" by-law as necessary to protect school properties.

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(Report No. 4. Clause 2)

4.5. Waterfront Consultation Strategy

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (April 12, 2000) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services outlining a public consultation process to facilitate comment on the report of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force released on March 27, 2000 and recommending that the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force be requested to take all steps necessary to organize and facilitate the recommend consultation process by the end of May, 2000.

David Hanna, Friends of the Lower Don 'Fold' addressed the Committee with respect to this matter

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee extended its adjournment time of 12:30 p.m. in order to complete this agenda item.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended to Council that the report (April 12, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be amended by deleting the words "open house" in

the body of the report and substituting therewith the words “public meeting”;

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee recommended that Council:

- (1) adopt the report (April 12, 2000) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, as amended by Councillor Moscoe’s foregoing motion.
- (2) endorse the continued involvement of the Federal and Provincial Governments in the follow-up to the report of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force released on March 27, 2000, including the public consultation process;
- (3) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to identify, and report to the Planning and Transportation Committee by the end of May 2000, on the acreage of land in the area encompassed by the report that is de facto parkland (in use if not in designation) and compare such acreage with the extent of the parkland proposed by the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force; and

On motion by Councillor Johnston, the Committee also requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to Planning and Transportation Committee on models of governance which have been successful in other Cities which have undergone improvements by all levels of government and what level of involvement has been appropriate for the local level.

(Report No. 4, Clause 3)

4.6. GTSB Strategic Transportation for the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (April 11, 2000) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services responding to the report “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” and recommending that Council:

- (1) Adopt and endorse the attached Strategic Transportation Planning Group response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan and in so doing:

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- 1.1. Endorse a GTA Strategic Transportation Plan as a first step towards coordinated transportation planning and investment in the GTA;
 - 1.2. Support maintaining and improving existing infrastructure as a priority over new initiatives when determining overall GTA infrastructure funding requirements;
 - 1.3. Support the transit focus of “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” as the means to move a greater proportion of the population and support a transit network that builds on the existing rapid transit and commuter rail networks;
 - 1.4. Support in principle the GTA Transit Plan on the condition that components of the Plan are revised and clarified based on sound integrated transportation and land use planning including cost-benefit and ridership analysis;
 - 1.5. Support the upgrading of Union Station for GO Transit services and the addition of a new TTC platform for Union Subway station as the first priority for infrastructure enhancement to improve transit in the GTA; and
 - 1.6. Support the expansion of GO Transit rail services in the peak periods as the means to support continued downtown development.
- (2) Endorse “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” as a conceptual framework for transportation planning in the GTA subject to changes being made to the report as recommended in the STPG Response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan.
 - (3) Support the Recommended Actions for Implementation of the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan subject to the changes being made as recommended in the STPG Response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan.
 - (4) Communicate these recommendations to the GTSB and member municipalities of the GTSB and request that the GTSB incorporate the recommendations in the final GTA Strategic Transportation Plan, Recommended Actions for Implementation of the Plan and 2000 work program.
 - (5) Request the GTSB to establish study teams for the 2000 work program items to provide guidance and input and involve City and TTC staff in the study teams.

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- (March 20, 2000) from Lynn Morrow, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board advising that the GTSB, at its meeting on March 3, 2000, adopted Clause 1 of Transportation Committee Report No. 8 of the GTSB titled "Recommended Actions for Implementing the Draft GTSB Strategic Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth", and noting that Recommendation 3 therein requests the regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Peel and York and the City of Toronto to coordinate the preparation of development charges by-laws for GO Transit services and supporting documentation for those by-laws. The attached Clause also notes that the timeline for receipt of comments by municipalities of April 3, 2000 has subsequently been extended by the GTSB to May 15, 2000.
- (February 15, 2000) from Lynn Morrow, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board forwarding the GTSB Strategic Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth to member municipalities and other stakeholders for comment and report back to the GTSB Transportation Committee and advising that the report is also available on the GTSB website at www.gtsb.on.ca.
- (April 6, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission forwarding Toronto Transit Commission Report No. 22 regarding the TTC – City Response to the GTSB's Strategic Transportation Plan, for consideration by the Planning and Transportation Committee at its April 25, 2000 meeting in conjunction with a joint City Works and Planning report on the same subject, and requesting that the City of Toronto, through the Planning and Transportation Committee, accept this report as the TTC's input to the City's formal response to the GTSB regarding this plan

On motion by Councillor Lindsay-Luby, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (April 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services.

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Attendance				
Councillor	9:30 a.m. – 10:45 a.m.	11:00 a.m. - 11:25 a.m.	12:00 noon – 12:50 p.m.	2:00 p.m. – 2:10 p.m.
Councillor Joanne Flint	-	-	-	-
Councillor Pam McConnell	x	x	x	x
Councillor Maria Augimeri	x	-	x	x
Councillor Milton Berger	x	x	x	x
Councillor John Filion	-	x	x	-
Councillor Anne Johnston	x	x	x	x
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan	x	-	x	x
Councillor G. Lindsay Luby	x	x	x	x
Councillor Howard Moscoe	x	x	x	-
Councillor Dick O'Brien	x	x	x	-
Councillor Joe Pantalone	x	x	x	-

The meeting adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

Chair