

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Meeting No. 7

Tuesday, July 3, 2001

The Planning and Transportation Committee met on July 3, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Councillor	9:30 a.m.	11:00 a.m.	2:00 p.m.
Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair	x	x	x
Councillor Mario Silva, Vice-Chair	x	-	-
Councillor Gerry Altobello	x	x	x
Councillor Brian Ashton	x	x	x
Councillor Joanne Flint	x	x	x
Councillor Pam McConnell	x	x	x
Councillor Peter Milczyn	x	x	x
Councillor Howard Moscoe	-	-	-

Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None declared.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Altobello, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on June 4, 2001, were confirmed.

- 7.1 Proposed Sign By-law Amendments to the Former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 297, Signs, Former Borough of East York By-law 64-87, Former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code, Chapter 215, Signs, Former City of North York Sign By-law 30788, Former City of Scarborough Sign By-law 29980, and Former City of York Municipal Code, Chapter 835, Sign (Introduction of Bill to Increase Sign Permit Fees)**

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The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 7, 2001) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services providing the necessary Bill to amend the various sign by-laws of the former municipalities across the City of Toronto in order to implement a 5% increase to fees for sign permits and variance application fees, and recommending that:

- (1) former East York Sign By-law 64-87 be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of the application;
- (2) Chapter 297, Signs, and Chapter 178 of the former Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (3) Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (4) former North York Sign By-law 30788 be amended to increase sign permit fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (5) former Scarborough Sign By-law 22980 be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (6) Chapter 835, Sign, of the former City of York Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action, including the introduction of a bill, in Council, substantially in the form of draft by-law attached to this report, to give effect thereto.

The Committee reported that pursuant to the Municipal Act, notice with respect to the proposed enactment of by-law amendments was advertised in a daily newspaper on June 18, 2001, and no one addressed the Committee.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the adoption of the report (June 7, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 8)

7.2 Preliminary Proposal to Expand the Don Valley Parkway

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (May 31, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services responding to a request to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to comment, in the context of the Official Plan, on a preliminary proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway by adding four centre toll lanes, and recommending that Council receive for information the preliminary proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway by adding four centre toll lanes.

The Committee also had before it the following transmittal letters/communications:

- communication (May 4, 2001 from Councillor Disero forwarding a report (April 20, 2001) from Councillor Sutherland which requested staff to report on a proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway, which would include maintaining up to three existing lanes in either direction while adding two new centre toll lanes each way and funding to be provided by private firm(s) with a portion of the tolls being returned to the City for transit initiatives, and advising that this report, addressed to the Works Committee, comes within the jurisdiction of the Planning and Transportation Committee and is referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration in the context of the Official Plan;
- transmittal letter (June 15, 2001) from the City Clerk, North Community Council referring a Resolution submitted by Councillor Sutherland to the Planning and Transportation Committee, which recommended that the North Community Council request the Planning and Transportation Committee to accept the proposal from the Ontario Road Development Corporation to explore, at its cost, the feasibility of constructing public non-tolled lanes and that the following be included in the study:
 - (1) a full costing analysis of the road widening;
 - (2) that the road widening be paid for and constructed with no tax dollars;
 - (3) that a formula be prepared and an estimate provided on expected new revenue to the City;

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- (4) that the new resources be dedicated to City transportation and environmental projects;
 - (5) that the report detail the potential reduction of smog emissions from moving vehicles on the new tolled lanes compared to the smog emissions produced by idling vehicles;
 - (6) that the report detail the feasibility of using new asphalt materials that can reduce noise pollution by as much as 50% from current levels;
 - (7) that the report provide details on new ice eliminating materials available that would decrease most or all of the salt and oil entering the Don River;
 - (8) that the report indicate methods of using a transponder toll system that would allow for pollution-free or alternative fuel vehicles to travel the toll lanes at reduced rates;
 - (9) that an estimate of daily use of the bus expressway by GO and TTC be provided, including the number of estimated new transit riders; and
 - (10) that the consortium be requested to work with City Transportation and Planning staff and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee as soon as possible;
- communication (May 7, 2001) from the Acting Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board advising that the Transportation Committee of the Greater Toronto Services Board considered correspondence (March 29, 2001) from Councillor Sutherland, and:
- (1) directed that this correspondence be referred to the City of Toronto with a request that it report back to the GTSB on the status of Councillor Sutherland's proposal vis-à-vis the City of Toronto's transportation plan; and
 - (2) forwarded this material to the City of Toronto Commissioner of Urban Development Services and to the GO Board for comment;
- communication (May 30, 2001) from Joel Ornoy requesting that the Committee invest in better public transit options rather than widening our roadways;
- communication (June 1, 2001) from Councillor Sutherland submitting the following material:
- correspondence from Tony Dionisio, Universal Workers Union Local 183;

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- correspondence from Kerrie MacPherson and Elyse Allan, The Toronto Board of Trade; and
- report, entitled "Strategic Development Partnership - Parkway Transportation Express Corporation";
- communication (May 31, 2001) from John P. Wilson, Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don, opposing any plan to add traffic lanes to the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (June 20, 2001) from Mark Wilson, Chair, Don Watershed Regeneration Council, opposing the expansion of the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (June 23, 2001) from Neil Vosburgh, President, Imago Restaurants Inc., supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 27, 2001) from Shirley Reichberg, Artshouse Communications Inc., supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 27, 2001) from Kathy Stranks, Executive Assistant, Chair & CAO, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, advising that a staff report would be brought back to the Watershed Management Advisory Board regarding this proposal, and requesting that the City of Toronto be advised that this proposal is being discussed in advance of the adoption of, and in conflict with, the City of Toronto's draft Official Plan, and that this proposal requires coordination with the GTSB and the Transportation and Works Committee of affected Municipalities;
- communication (June 27, 2001) from William O.S. Ballard, The Next Investment, (TNI), supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (July 2001) from Mark Veilleux, Sales Representative, Retail Investment, CB Richard Ellis, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 27, 2001) from Marlin A. Keranen, Vice President of Operations, Holiday Inn, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;

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- communication (June 29, 2001) from Ganesh Mohan, Owner/Chef, Solo Grill and Wine Restaurant, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 28, 2001) from Charles-Antoine Rouyer, Hygeia Healthy Communication Saine Inc., proposing that a fast rail service be put in place of the proposed four added lanes to the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (June 28, 2001) from Jo-Anne Azzarello, Chair, Government Affairs & Planning, Toronto Entertainment District Association, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 28, 2001) from John Watts, Joe Badali's Ristorante Italiano & Bar, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (July, 2001) from Joanne Smale, CEO, Planet3 Communications Ltd., supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 28, 2001) from Bud Purves, President, CN Tower, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from Nick Majors, President, North York Chamber of Commerce, supporting the feasibility study;
- communication (June 28, 2001) from John Wellner, Director, Air Programme, Pollution Probe, opposing the proposal to add four new toll lanes to the Don Valley Parkway south of Highway 401;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from Joseph Pope supporting the proposal from the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a partnership with the City of Toronto to develop the Don Valley Parkway Express Corridor;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from Michael H. Keltz, Chartered Accountant, supporting the study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;

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- communication (July, 2001) from HMV Queen West supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 27, 2001) from James Cowan, Vice President & Director, Macquarie North America Ltd., Project and Structured Finance Group, forwarding comments regarding the possibilities of a tolled expansion of the DVP;
- communication (July 2, 2001) from Donna Henhoeffler, Partner/Event Consultant, boom-D A, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from George Vandebek, President and Dorothy McCabe, Executive Director, Richmond Hill Chamber of Commerce, supporting undertaking the feasibility study;
- communication (undated) from William E. Brown opposed to the proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway with four (4) toll lanes;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from David H. Bradley, President, Ontario Trucking Association, supportive of fully examining any proposal that will expand capacity and help relieve congestion on our crowded roads and highways;
- communication (June 29, 2001) from Gregor Beck, Director, Conservation and Science, Federation of Ontario Naturalists, opposing the widening of the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (undated) from Janice Palmer, Don Watershed Regeneration Council, opposing any proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (July 3, 2001) from Natalie Litwin, Transport 2000 Ontario, opposing the proposal to add four lanes to the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (July 3, 2001) from Martin Abela opposing the proposal to expand the number of lanes on the Don Valley Parkway;
- communication (July 3, 2001) from Hamish Wilson opposing the proposal for the Don Valley Expansion;
- communication (July, 2001) from Gino Empry, A Division of Gino Empry Enterprises, supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario

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Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto; and

- communication (July, 2001) from Nicholby's Franchise Systems Inc. supporting a study to further explore the proposal by the Ontario Road Development Corporation for a strategic Development Partnership with the City of Toronto.

The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Rob Wanless, Vice President, Transportation and Planning, Marshall Macklin Monaghan (Ontario Road Development Consortium);
- Richard Grant, Consultant, Miller Paving (Ontario Road Development Consortium);
- Penina Cooper-Smith;
- David Leinster, Ontario Association of Landscape Architects;
- Janice Palmer, Don Watershed Regeneration Council;
- Natalie Litwin, Transport 2000 Ontario;
- Joel Ornoy, Federation of Ontario Naturalists;
- Peg Lush, Feet on the Street;
- Derek Chadbourne, Bikeshare;
- Wayne Scott, Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- Andy Manahan, Universal Workers Union, Local 183;
- Gord Perks, Toronto Environmental Alliance;
- Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario;;
- Michael Canzi
- Faye Lyons, Canadian Automobile Association;
- Hamish Wilson;
- Laurie Ward;
- William Brown;
- Elyse Allan, President and CEO, Toronto Board of Trade;
- Fred Luk, President, Filet of Sole Restaurant Group;
- Dalton Shipway; and
- George Soulis, President, Muirhed Area Ratepayers Association (Ward 33).

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that no further action be taken with respect to the proposal to widen the Don Valley Parkway as it will further damage the Don Valley ecosystem and is totally inconsistent with City of Toronto policies respecting the reduction of car dependencies as contained in the existing Official Plans of the former municipalities and the emerging new Official Plan for the City of Toronto.

The following motions were placed but not voted on having regard that the motion that Council not take further action was voted on and carried:

By Councillor Flint:

That a study be conducted, at no cost to the City of Toronto, to explore the merits of constructing additional tolled lanes on the Don Valley Parkway, such study to examine:

- (a) the issues outlined in the resolution referred by North Community Council, as contained in the transmittal letter (June 15, 2001) from the City Clerk; and
- (b) the possibility of providing light rail transit, dedicated lanes for trucks and tolling the entire Parkway; and

that the consultant(s) for the Don Valley Parkway enhancement proposal meet regularly with the Strategic Transportation Planning Group (Chief Planner; General Manager, Transportation Services; Executive Director, GO Transit) for technical and process guidance; and that the Strategic Transportation Planning Group report progress as necessary to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

By Councillor Milczyn:

That Councillor Flint's motion be amended by requesting that the study also provide an analysis of the following options:

- (1) increasing the capacity of the Don Valley Parkway without widening it; and
- (2) implementing tolls on the Don Valley Parkway without widening it.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 8)

7.3 Strategic Plan for Cycling in Toronto: The "Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears" (All Wards)

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a joint report (June 14, 2001) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner, Urban Development Services and Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism presenting the accompanying report, Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears, which

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sets out a recommended ten year plan of action for encouraging and supporting cycling as an important mode of transportation in the City. This report makes the following nine recommendations which, if adopted by City Council, will set in motion the process for implementing the Bike Plan over the next ten years:

- (1) the Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears, June 2001, be adopted by City Council as the strategic plan for implementing cycling policies, programs and infrastructure improvements over the 10 year period, 2002-2011;
- (2) an inter-departmental Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, as outlined in this report, be established to co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan, in consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee, and that the Transportation Services Division take the lead in establishing and chairing the Committee;
- (3) the Commissioners of Works and Emergency Services, Urban Development Services, and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to clearly identify the Bike Plan projects identified as short term priorities in their five year Capital and Operating Budget submissions for the years 2002-2006;
- (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare annual progress reports to City Council, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, documenting the progress of the Bike Plan and presenting implementation priorities and funding requirements for the following year, and that the first report be presented in the fall of 2001 outlining Bike Plan projects to be implemented in 2002;
- (5) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Urban Development Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to review staffing resources required to implement the Bike Plan and report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on any proposed changes to the current establishment beginning January 2003;
- (6) the bikeway routes proposed in the Bike Plan be subject to the existing approval process (detailed analysis, design and public consultation) before being considered by City Council for implementation;
- (7) staff be directed to begin negotiations with Hydro One to establish a protocol for securing access to active hydro corridors for the provision of new off-road trails as part of the bikeway network;
- (8) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, be requested to undertake a study of all issues relating to winter maintenance of off-road trails, including cost implications, and report back in 2002; and

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- (9) this report be referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee for information.

The Committee also had before it the following material:

- transmittal letter (May 22, 2001) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, requested:
 - (1) that the report (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee, for their information; and
 - (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly endorses the acquisition of the abandoned CN Leaside Branch, by the City of Toronto, for the purpose of connecting the Upper Don trail to the Lower Don Trail, providing a continuous cyclable off-street route through the City of Toronto, as recognized in the Toronto Bike Plan and the Victor Ford Associates Hydro Rail Corridor Study;
- transmittal letter (May 23, 2001) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, requested the Planning and Transportation Committee to:
 - (1) approve a staff team:
 - (a) comprised of representatives from the Department of Works and Emergency Services, Department of Urban Development Services, and the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to meet at least four times a year to determine the implementation of the annual work plan, as established through the Toronto Bike Plan, and such meetings include the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, if possible; and
 - (b) led by staff of the Transportation Services Section of the Department of Works and Emergency Services, and, such staff, with the assistance of the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, establish the agenda for each meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, and such staff be the designated lead to ensure the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan.

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- transmittal letter (June 28, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that Recommendations 10-1, 10-2, 10-6 and 10-7 as contained in Section 10 of the Toronto Bike Plan Report "Shifting Gears" and included in Appendix A of the joint report (June 14, 2001) be adopted, as amended, to read as follows:

- "(1) Recommendation 10-1: Establish Inter-Department Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee

That an interdepartmental Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee be established to co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan, in consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee reporting to the Co-Chairs of the Committee every four months with an annual planning meeting in September, and that Transportation Services Division take the lead in establishing and chairing the Committee;

- (2) Recommendation 10-2: Prepare Annual Progress Report to Council

That the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare annual progress reports in May to City Council, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, documenting the progress of the Bike Plan, and present implementation priorities and funding requirements for the following years in September, and that the first report be presented in the Fall of 2001 outlining Bike Plan projects to be implemented in 2001;

- (3) Recommendation 10-6: Explore Alternate Funding Sources

That the City of Toronto explore alternative funding sources and opportunities, including the federal, provincial and private sectors to assist in the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan, and submit appropriate portion into the sports and culture section of the provincial "Superbuild" infrastructure program; and

- (4) Recommendation 10-7: Collect and Analyze Cycling Data

That the City collect and analyze high quality data to measure the progress of the Bike Plan, and submit results annually through the annual progress report in May, including:

- (a) bicycle traffic counts to monitor cycling trends;
- (b) focussed user surveys on specific cycling issues;

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- (c) public attitude surveys every 3 to 5 years; and
 - (d) annual bicycle collision data analysis;"; and
- communication (July 2, 2001) from Hamish Wilson forwarding concerns and suggesting that the targets be sought in three to five years.

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Works and Emergency Services gave a PowerPoint presentation on the Toronto Bike Plan Report, and the following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Sarah Climenhaga, Black Creek Regional Transportation Management;
- Martin Koob;
- Hamish Wilson; and
- Crawford Murphy.

The Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that:

- (1) on motion by Councillor Flint, the joint report (June 14, 2001) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be adopted subject to:

- (a) amending Recommendation (1) to read:

"(1) the recommendations of the Toronto Bike Plan Report - Shifting Gears, June 2001, as outlined in Appendix A of this report, be adopted by Council as the strategic plan for implementing cycling policies, programs and infrastructure improvements over the 10 year period, 2002-2011 subject to amending Recommendations 10-1, 10-2, 10-6 and 10-7 to read:

Recommendation 10-1: Establish Inter-Department Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee

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- (c) public attitude surveys every 3 to 5 years;
and
 - (d) annual bicycle collision data analysis.;
- (b) with Councillor Silva in the Chair, on motion by Councillor Pantalone, recommended that the report be further amended by adding to Recommendation (4) the words "and establish clear time lines and the steps needed to implement each of the recommendations of the Bike Plan Report" at the end, so as to read:
- "(4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare annual progress reports to City Council, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, documenting the progress of the Bike Plan and presenting implementation priorities and funding requirements for the following year, and that the first report be presented in the fall of 2001 outlining Bike Plan projects to be implemented in 2002, and establish clear time lines and the steps needed to implement each of the recommendations of the Bike Plan Report;"
- (2) on motion by Councillor McConnell, the report, titled "Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears", be submitted to the Police Services Board with a request that an enforcement plan for bicycle lanes be developed;
- (3) on motion by Councillor Flint, Council support, in principle, the separation of bicycle and pedestrian paths; and
- (4) on motion by Councillor Flint, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on:
- (a) the possibility of licensing bicycles;
 - (b) a requirement that cyclists carry insurance when on City streets; and
 - (c) how cyclists can be encouraged to wear colourful clothing in order to make them more noticeable on City streets.

Council was advised that Planning and Transportation Committee's recommendations in this regard were also forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration of the financial implications contained therein and for comment by the Policy and Finance Committee, if necessary, directly to Council for its meeting on July 24, 2001.

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(Clause No. 3, Report No. 8)

7.4 Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 19, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the Rental Action Plan developed by the Urban Development Roundtable - Rental Working Group, entitled "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action", and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse the Rental Action Plan report: "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action", and its recommendations;
- (2) Council authorize, in response to two recent actions taken by the Province of Ontario and in accordance with the Rental Action Plan:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to undertake any actions necessary, including the preparation of a by-law if required, to extend the applicability period for the new multi-residential property tax class from 8 years to 35 years for newly-constructed, purpose-built rental properties, in compliance with previous Council direction; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor to prepare a Municipal Housing Facilities By-law, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 189/01, to facilitate the provision of new affordable rental housing by the private sector as well as the non-profit housing sector, in partnership with the City of Toronto;
- (3) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to continue the process of constructive engagement with officials from the federal and provincial governments in seeking to implement the Rental Action Plan and to seek joint action;

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- (4) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:
 - (a) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to senior Planning and Housing officials in the major municipalities and regional municipalities in Ontario as well as other major Canadian cities;
 - (b) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
 - (c) to convene an inter-municipal meeting on implementing the Rental Action Plan to be held in Toronto during the Fall of 2001; and
- (5) Council authorize the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Vance Latchford, Senior Planner, Public Analysis, Research and Development, Latchford Associates; and
- Brad Butt, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Apartment Association.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that:

- (1) Council endorse the Rental Action Plan Report: "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action" and its Recommendations (1)-(5) and (8)-(16), which read:

"(1) The federal government should ensure that there is a level playing field for new rental housing investment by directing CMHC to:

- revise the underwriting criteria it uses to approve mortgage insurance for rental developments;
- lower the requirements for equity demanded of rental investors;

- ensure that its application process is efficient, fair and transparent; and
 - allow for an appeal process when an application is rejected;
- (2) the federal government should actively encourage new rental investment by amending income tax legislation to:
- re-introduce Capital Cost Appreciation pooling provisions to permit developers to defer income tax on the sale of rental buildings if they reinvest in new rental buildings; and
 - expand the allowable "soft costs" that can be deducted from the first year of operation for new rental buildings;
- (3) the federal government should ensure fair treatment for rental housing by amending GST legislation to:
- eliminate or lower the GST on costs of new rental construction;
 - allow developers to pay GST annually on new rental construction as the units are occupied, rather than as a lump sum payment when the first unit is rented; and
 - re-classify rents as "zero-rated" goods for GST so that GST credits can be claimed against expenses;
- (4) to encourage the development of affordable rental housing, the federal government should:
- establish a tax credit program;
 - allow the creation of tax-exempt savings accounts that act as investment pools; and
 - allow the use of labour-sponsored investment funds for affordable housing;

- (5) the federal government should make suitable surplus federal land available, on preferential terms, to encourage the creation of new rental housing;
- (8) the Province of Ontario should amend the Planning Act, The Building Code Act and the Development Charges Act to allow municipalities to reduce or waive fees, charges or requirements (e.g. parking) for new rental housing;
- (9) the Province of Ontario should continue to provide PST incentives for rental housing by:
 - explicitly including low rise and townhouse rental housing in its PST rebate program; and
 - eliminating or reducing the PST on construction materials used for all new rental housing;
- (10) the Province of Ontario should introduce policies to ensure a greater level of consistency in responding to the need for rental and affordable rental housing in municipalities across Ontario;
- (11) the Province of Ontario should mount a public awareness campaign, in consultation with municipalities, on the need for and benefits of rental housing;
- (12) the Province of Ontario should take steps to increase the number of people trained in construction-related trades every year to prevent a shortage of skilled trades people;
- (13) the City of Toronto should ensure that its Official Plan and Zoning By-law allow for the production of more housing, including rental housing, to meet the anticipated demand over the next 30 years;
- (14) the City of Toronto should establish a separate class for purpose-built rental housing in order to have the flexibility to waive fees and charges to encourage the development of new rental housing. (Awaiting provincial approval. This will require changes to the Planning Act, the Building Code Act and the Development Charges Act);

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- (15) the City of Toronto should conduct a parking survey, in consultation with the rental industry, to determine rates of automobile ownership among tenants to assist in setting appropriate parking requirements for new rental housing; and
 - (16) the City of Toronto should monitor its development approval process to ensure that applications to build rental developments are handled as expeditiously as possible and that developers of rental housing are not put to unnecessary expense because of delays.";
- (2) Council authorize, in response to two recent actions taken by the Province of Ontario and in accordance with the Rental Action Plan:
- (a) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to undertake any actions necessary, including the preparation of a by-law if required, to extend the applicability period for the new multi-residential property tax class from 8 years to 35 years for newly-constructed, purpose-built rental properties, in compliance with previous Council direction; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor to prepare a Municipal Housing Facilities By-law, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 189/01, to facilitate the provision of a new affordable rental housing by the private sector as well as the non-profit housing sector, in partnership with the City of Toronto;
- (3) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to continue the process of constructive engagement with officials from the federal and provincial governments in seeking to implement the Rental Action Plan and to seek joint action;
- (4) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

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- (a) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to senior Planning and Housing officials in the major municipalities and regional municipalities in Ontario as well as other major Canadian cities;
 - (b) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
 - (c) to convene an inter-municipal meeting on implementing the Rental Action Plan to be held in Toronto during the Fall of 2001;
- (5) Council authorize the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

With Councillor Silva in the Chair, on motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Planning and Transportation Committee requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the September 11, 2001 meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on:

- (a) areas of the City, such as developments connected to a subway station, where parking restrictions could be significantly reduced; and
- (b) a critical path which would review City-wide parking requirements, recognizing that there are varying standards still in existence within the City.

The Planning and Transportation Committee advised City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001 that during production of the Rental Action Plan Report, "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action", the Provincial Government addressed Recommendations (6) and (7) by:

- extending the new multi-residential property tax rate to 35 years, effective January 1, 2002; and
- amending the Municipal Act to allow for housing to be deemed a "capital facility", thereby allowing the City to partner with the private sector, as well as the non-profit sector, in producing affordable rental housing.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - July 8, 2001)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 8)

**7.5 New Official Plan - Incremental Growth Study - Phase 2 Reports:
Bloor Street West between Dundas Street West and Lansdowne Avenue
The Queensway between Mimico Creek and Kipling Avenue
Kingston Road between the Guildwood GO Station and Highland Creek
Finch Avenue centred at Weston Road between Signet Road and Milvan Avenue**

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services presenting for Council's information an overview of the Phase 2 reports for four Incremental Growth Studies, outlining the role of future studies, and recommending that Council receive this report for information. The Incremental Growth Studies were undertaken as part of the ongoing work leading to the development of the City's new Official Plan. The purpose of these studies is to establish guidelines and principles for selected arterial corridors and to develop a tool kit to assist both the City and landowners in directing and managing change along them.

The Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) on motion by Councillor Altobello, received the report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for information; and
- (2) on motion by Councillor Ashton, requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the possibility of including the corridor of Kingston Road between Brimley Road and Markham Road, in Phase 3 (Implementation) of the Incremental Growth Study.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - July 13, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(a), Report No. 8)

7.6 Oak Ridges Moraine Update

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services responding to recent initiatives pertaining to the Oak Ridges Moraine, including the report jointly prepared by the Regions of Peel, York and Durham, entitled "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for

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the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" and Bill 55: "An Act to Protect the Oak Ridges Moraine", and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto support the Moraine-wide approach promoted in the report "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" (May 2001) as an important first step in achieving the long term protection of the Moraine;
- (2) the City Clerk forward this report to the Councils of the Regions of Peel, York and Durham for their consideration during deliberation of the report "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" (May 2001); and
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with Works and Emergency Services, report to the September 11, 2001 Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on actions the Province might take with respect to protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine.

The Committee also had before a communication (July 3, 2001) from Councillor Miller recommending that Council:

- (1) request that the Province invite the City of Toronto to participate on the Oak Ridges Moraine Advisory Panel; and
- (2) request the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, report directly to Council at its meeting July 24 on the City's position in regards to long-term protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that:

- (1) the report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be adopted; and
- (2) the Province of Ontario be requested to invite the City of Toronto to participate on the Oak Ridges Moraine Advisory Panel.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Planning and Transportation Committee requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, to report directly to Council at its meeting on July 24, 2001 on the City's position in regards to long-term protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; c.c.: Interested Persons - July 13, 2001)

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 8)

7.7 Extension of New Multi-Residential Tax Class from 8 Years to 35 Years

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 7, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services informing City Council about the recent announcement by the province of an extension to the applicability period of the new multi-residential tax class from 8 years to 35 years, and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (June 7, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for information.

(Clause No. 13(b), Report No. 8)

7.8 Expansion of Preliminary Project Review Service

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services introducing the necessary Bill to amend the Municipal Code to require the payment of fees for detailed development project review applications and recommending that:

- (1) the Municipal Code be amended to introduce a schedule of fees for applications for a preliminary project review, in accordance with the table included in this report;
- (2) Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 178-6, which currently sets the fees for preliminary zoning review (preliminary project review in this report) in South District (formerly City of Toronto) be repealed; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action, including the introduction of Bills in Council, to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it revised Appendix - Draft By-law - "To amend Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees, to establish preliminary project review fees".

The Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that:

- (1) on motion by Councillor Altobello, the report (June 8, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be adopted; and
- (2) on motion by Councillor Milczyn, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to review the turnaround time for signs, accessory residential buildings and structures such as garages, porches, balconies, etc.; and new houses with a view to providing this as a `while you wait' service and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its October, 2001 meeting on this review and include in her report a fee structure that could be built into building permit fees or Committee of Adjustment fees.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 8)

7.9 Status of the Formulation of City-wide Official Plan Policy for the Use of Section 37 of the Planning Act

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting on the formulation of city-wide Official Plan policy for the use of Section 37 of the Planning Act, and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Altobello, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (June 20, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for information.

(Clause No. 13(c), Report No. 8)

7.10 Proposed Car Free Day - Status Report (All Wards)

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 26, 2001) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services presenting the preliminary options for holding a Car Free Day in Toronto, the terms of reference for the Car Free Day Working Group and the outline for a detailed plan for a proposed 2002 Car Free Day, advising that the detailed plan will be reported to City Council before the end of 2001, for consideration as part of the 2002 Operating Budget review process, and recommending that City Council adopt, in principle, the concept of a Car Free Day to be conducted in a defined location in the inner city on September 22, 2002, and that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be directed to prepare a detailed plan and budget for the Car Free Day proposal for consideration during the 2002 budget review process.

On motion by Councillor Silva, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the adoption of the report (June 26, 2001) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 8)

7.11 Rodent Control at Construction and Demolition Sites

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (June 19, 2001) from the City Solicitor providing an update on the methods by which the City of Toronto can control rodent displacement that results from construction and demolition of buildings, and recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it a confidential report (May 17, 2001) from the City Solicitor having regard that the subject matter may contain the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Jane and Sandy Ross appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, that, until such time that special legislation is enacted by the Province to make rodent control a condition of undertaking building construction or demolition, and to extend to the entire City of Toronto the powers of legislation that presently exist in the former City of Toronto requiring the keeping of lands and buildings free of rodents, all applicants for demolition and construction permits be requested to implement a voluntary rodent control plan.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also:

- (1) on motion by Councillor McConnell, received the confidential report (May 17, 2001) and the (June 19, 2001) report from the City Solicitor for information; and

on motion by Councillor Ashton:

- (2) requested the Medical Officer of Health to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the definition of a rodent, the issue of rodents as carriers of disease and on the success rate of eradication of rats citing successful methods; and

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- (3) requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the coordination of efforts between Property Standards and Public Health in controlling rodent infestation.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; Medical Officer of Health; c.c.: Interested Persons - July 8, 2001)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 8)

7.12 Year 2002 Licensing Fees

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a transmittal letter (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee, advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, recommended that:

- (1) Council approve the proposed Schedule of Licence Fees attached as Appendix "A" to the report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, subject to the following:
- (a) amending Schedule 1 to By-law No. 574-2000 attached to the above mentioned report by adding the following under the columns indicated and after the licence category titled "Plumbers":

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Description of Licence	Fee	Expiry Date
Private Property Enforcement Agency		
For Initial Licence	\$186.00	December 31st
For Renewal	\$100.00	

- (b) amending Schedule 1 to By-law 574-2000 attached to the above mentioned report by adding the following under the columns indicated and after the licence category titled "Cabs: Taxicab Owners - Ambassador Taxicabs - When Issued to a Cab Driver on the Waiting List":

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Description of Licence	Fee	Expiry Date
For Renewal - Ambassador Taxicabs	\$604.00	December 31st

- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Committee also had before it a communication (June 28, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee forwarding full communication (June 14, 2001) from Robert A. Stewart appended to the report (June 18, 2001) from the Licensing Sub-Committee.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the adoption of the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee as contained in the transmittal letter (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 8)

7.13 Liability Insurance for Premises Licenced to Sell Liquor

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a transmittal letter (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee recommends the adoption of the report (May 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services which recommends that Council request the Province of Ontario to include amongst the requirements for obtaining a liquor licence that the operator obtain and keep in place appropriate public liability insurance.

On motion by Councillor Milczyn, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the adoption of the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee as contained in the transmittal letter (June 18, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 8)

7.14 Nominating Sub-Committee of the Toronto Cycling Committee

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a transmittal letter (May 21, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, requested the Planning and Transportation Committee to approve the following persons as appointees to the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Toronto Cycling Committee:

Councillor Olivia Chow;
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem;
Mr. Phil Piltch;

Ms. Debbie Dimoff; and
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, staff representative.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the adoption of the recommendations of the Toronto Cycling Committee as contained in the transmittal letter (May 21, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 8)

7.15 Provincial Smart Growth Initiative

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 21, 2001) from J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, The Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, advising that the Watershed Management Advisory Board of the Region Conservation Authority strongly supports the Provincial Smart Growth initiative as a vision and mechanism with the potential to achieve sustainable communities, provides recommendations and comments regarding this initiative and seeks the endorsement of the City of Toronto, Regions of Peel, Durham, York, the Town of Mono, the Township of Adjala-Tosorontio, the Greater Toronto Services Board, Conservation Ontario and the 38 Conservation authorities within Ontario with respect to these recommendations.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council, for its meeting on July 24, 2001, the endorsement of the comments to the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority respecting "Ontario Smart Growth" as outlined in the communication (June 21, 2001) from J. Craig Mather, Chief Administrative Officer, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority.

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 8)

7.16 CanBike Program Waiver

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 16, 2001) from Councillor Filion forwarding a waiver which parents would be required to sign before their children could be shown some basic road safety rules in a supervised setting with no traffic, and recommending that staff report back, in consultation with the Legal Department, on appropriate wording that would achieve the same objective.

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On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee on appropriate wording for the Release, Waiver and Indemnity for the CanBike Program in order to address the concerns raised by Councillor Filion in his communication.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - July 8, 2001)

(Clause No. 13(d), Report No. 8)

The meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Chair