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PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE:

City Council, at its meeting held on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, had before it, Clause No. 8 contained in Report No. 14 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Other Items Considered by the Committee".

Council received this Clause, as information, subject to striking out and referring the following Item (a), entitled "Requiring Cab Drivers Issued Ambassador Taxicab Licences to Purchase Ultra Low Emission Vehicles", embodied in the foregoing Clause back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration:

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The Planning and Transportation Committee reports having:

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(ii) the concept of phasing in the use of ULEVs to the entire taxicab industry in the City of Toronto and incentives for moving forward to achieve this goal; and

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and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee as early as possible in 2002 on the outcome of these discussions; and

(2) referred this matter to the Sustainability Roundtable for discussion with a request that it report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee at the same meeting that the Commissioner of Urban Development submits her foregoing requested report.

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- (November 9, 2001) from George H. Rust-D-Eye, Weir Foulds LLP, Barristers & Solicitors, forwarding a legal opinion as to whether or not the City of Toronto has the authority to enact a by-law amendment to its taxicab licensing by-law to provide that all future Ambassador taxicab licences, in addition to those already approved under By-law No. 574-200, be issued only in respect of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles.

Bruce Davis, Executive Vice-President, Urban Intelligence, appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.®

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c. Commissioner of Urban Development Services

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