



**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING No. 4**

Date of Meeting:	March 25, 2002	Enquiry:	Christine Archibald
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-7039
	City Hall		carchiba@city.toronto.on.ca
	100 Queen Street West		

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF JANUARY 14 AND 24, 2002 - available in q:\2002\standing\planning\minutes and on the City's website

PUBLIC MEETING

1. 10:00 A.M. HARMONIZATION OF THE SIGN BY-LAW CONCERNING POSTERS ON UTILITY POLES

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 28, 2002)

Reporting further on the Harmonization of the Sign By-law concerning Posters on Utility Poles, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

1(a).

City Clerk
(February 21, 2002)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting held on February 13, 14 and 15, 2002, in adopting, as amended, Clause No. 3 of Report No. 2 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Harmonization of the

Sign By-law Concerning Posters on Utility Poles", **authorized** the Planning and Transportation Committee to hold a public meeting on March 25, 2002 to consider proposed by-law amendments with respect to posters on utility poles, and also **referred** the following motion to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration at its public meeting scheduled to be held on March 25, 2002:

Moved by Councillor Jones:

"It is recommended that the location and placement of all collars be determined by the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in consultation with the local Ward Councillor."

1(b). City Solicitor
March 11, 2002

IN-CAMERA **In accordance with the Municipal Act, a motion is required for the Committee to meet privately and the reason must be stated.**

Confidential report respecting posters on utility poles and other City property, having regard that the subject matter relates to the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

2. 10:10 A.M. CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC STREETS IN TORONTO

City Clerk
(November 9, 2001)

Advising that City Council, at its meeting on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001, had before it Clause No. 8 of Report No. 12 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, titled "Other Items Considered by the Committee", and received this clause for information subject to **striking** out and **referring** the following Item (c) titled "Closure of Specific Streets in Toronto" back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration:

"(c) Closure of Specific Streets in Toronto

The Planning and Transportation Committee reports having:

- (1) received the report (October 9, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services; and
- (2) requested the deputants who addressed the Planning and Transportation Committee meeting to consult with the Ward Councillors, business associations and the City of Toronto's Pedestrian Committee, and when they have received some level of support from these bodies with respect to their proposal to forward this matter to the appropriate Community Council(s) for their consideration."

2(a).

Lela Gary
Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario
(October 30, 2001)

Forwarding thesis, titled "Street Opening: A Pedestrian Plan for Kensington Market".

(Attached Thesis is distributed to Members of the Committee and appropriate staff only).

2(b).

Derek Chadbourne
Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists
(undated)

Endorsing a plan to close certain parts of the city to motor vehicle traffic.

3. 10:20 A.M. **RESPONSE TO A PROPOSAL FOR A SHARED USE GO TRANSIT STATION/BUILDING AT THE INTERCHANGE OF THE STOUFFVILLE GO RAIL SERVICE AND KENNEDY SUBWAY STATION - Ward 35 – Scarborough West**

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 15, 2002)

Responding to the Community Resource Centre of Scarborough's request to appear before the Planning and Transportation Committee regarding their project proposal, entitled the Scarborough Eglinton Avenue Modernization (SEAM) Project, aimed at the development of a new shared use GO Transit Station/Building at the interchange of the Stouffville GO Rail Service and the Kennedy Subway Station, and **recommending** that:

- (1) GO Transit be encouraged to complete the development and construction of the connection between the TTC Kennedy Subway Station and the GO Transit Stouffville Service in 2002; and
- (2) the Community Resource Centre of Scarborough Group be encouraged to continue their efforts to attract investment and renewal in the vicinity of the station site through the development of initiatives that tie into the new transit connection being developed by GO Transit.

3(a).

Mike Olivier, Chair
Rocket Riders Transit Users Group
 (March 4, 2002)

Supporting the shared use Kennedy GO Station.

- 4. 11:00 A.M. TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION - RAPID TRANSIT EXPANSION STUDY (Ward 8 – York West; Ward 9 – York Centre; Ward 10 – York Centre; Ward 33 – Don Valley East; Ward 38 – Scarborough Centre; Ward 40 – Scarborough-Agincourt; Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River)**
AND
SPADINA-YORK SUBWAY EXTENSION: A BUSINESS CASE FROM SPADINA-YORK EXTENSION COMMITTEE (Ward 8 – York West; Ward 9 – York Centre)

PRESENTATION**4.A****TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION - RAPID TRANSIT EXPANSION STUDY**

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
 (February 28, 2002)

Discussing the Rapid Transit Expansion Study (RTES) prepared by the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC), **noting** this study was endorsed by the Commission on August 29, 2001 and forwarded to the City for information/comments and requesting Planning staff to provide a review of this study, and **recommending** that Council:

- (1) receive the Rapid Transit Expansion Study (RTES) prepared by the TTC (August 2001) and follow-up on the "next steps" identified in

the RTES Executive Summary report by directing TTC and City staff to:

- (a) undertake detailed ridership forecasts for the extension of the Sheppard and Spadina subway lines based on the City's latest forecasts of population and employment used in the development of the new Official Plan;
 - (b) further assess the feasibility of an alternative Keele Alignment for the extension of the Spadina corridor between Downsview station and Finch Avenue West;
 - (c) determine future transit demands to the downtown under different growth scenarios and the resulting implications for TTC rapid transit (particularly the Yonge subway line) and GO rail capacities and infrastructure requirements; and
 - (d) identify opportunities to implement other higher-order transit services (streetcars, light rail transit and bus rapid transit) as potential precursors to future rapid transit services, particularly for the extension of inter-regional services in the Yonge Street corridor north of Finch Avenue; the Spadina corridor north of Downsview station to York University and Vaughan Corporate Centre; and the Eglinton Avenue corridor west of the Eglinton West station to Mississauga;
- (2) continue to protect, through the policies of the new Official Plan, for higher-order transit extensions in the Spadina and Sheppard corridors, with the choice of technology(ies) and possible staging over time to be determined later through further studies and public consultation; and
 - (3) endorse the TTC position that the first priority for funding transit is to ensure the maintenance and safety of the existing transit system.

4.A(1)

General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(August 31, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on August 29, 2001, **adopted**, as amended, the recommendations contained therein and forwarded this report to the City of Toronto's Planning and Transportation Committee, and **requested** that Council approve, in principle, the TTC's direction for subway expansion.

(Bound report, titled "Rapid Transit Expansion Study (RTES)", August 2001, is distributed with this agenda to Members of Council and appropriate staff only).

4.A(2)

City Clerk, City of Vaughan
(December 21, 2001)

Forwarding Item 18, Report No. 77 of the Committee of the Whole, titled "Comment to the Toronto Transit Commission TTC Rapid Transit Expansion Study (RTES)", which was **adopted** without amendment by the Council of the City of Vaughan at its meeting of December 18, 2001, and, in so doing, **adopted** the following recommendations contained in the joint report from the Commissioner of Planning and the Commissioner of Development Services and Public Works, dated December 18, 2001:

- (1) the Toronto Transit Commission be advised that the City of Vaughan supports the comments of the Region of York, as approved by Regional Council on November 8, 2001, in respect of TTC's Rapid Transit Expansion Study; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee, the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transportation, the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Chair of the Federal Urban Task Force - Judy Sgro, M.P., the Regional Municipality of York, the Town of Markham and the Town of Richmond Hill.

4.A(3)

Town Clerk, Town of Markham
(November 29, 2001)

Advising the Hon. Chris Hodgson, Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that, at the meeting held by the Council of the Town of Markham on November 27, 2001, Clause 7 of Report No. 74, the following Motion was **approved**:

"That the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) be requested to broaden its Rapid Transit Expansion Study to include an analysis of a GTA rapid transit network taking into account growth outside of its current radial network expansion plan;

And that the TTC Study include an analysis of alternative modes of rapid transit technology such as light rail;

And that the scope of the TTC Study be broadened to include a rapid transit expansion to the Town of Markham;

And that the TTC analysis be expanded to include public private partnership opportunities;

And further that a copy of this report be sent to the TTC, Region of York, the Cities of Vaughan, Richmond Hill, Toronto, Ministers Brad Clark, Chris Hodgson, The Office of the Provincial Smart Growth Secretariat and the Chair of Federal Urban Task Force Member of Parliament Judy Sgro."

4.A(4)

Regional Clerk, The Regional Municipality of York
(November 15, 2001)

Advising that the Council of the Regional Municipality of York, at its meeting on November 8, 2001 **adopted**, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 6 of the Commissioner of Transportation and Works, titled "TTC Rapid Transit Expansion Study (RTES) - Screening of Options", and **authorized** the following:

- (1) the TTC Rapid Transit Expansion Study dated August 29, 2001 be endorsed in principle, subject to the comments contained in this report;
- (2) the earliest possible extension of the Spadina Subway to Steeles Avenue be the preferred option of the Toronto Transit Commission;
- (3) extension of the Yonge Street Subway be given equal consideration in the subsequent analyses to be undertaken for the Sheppard and Spadina Subway extensions;
- (4) a north/south corridor linking Markham Centre to the TTC Rapid Transit network be investigated for implementation of transit priority strategies including future rapid transit services;
- (5) in recognition of the need to engage in inter-regional planning and implementation of transit services, the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission and GO Transit be requested to work with the Region of York to address mutual planning, policy, funding and implementation issues, including a strategy to engage Federal and Provincial levels of Government; and
- (6) this report be forwarded by the Regional Clerk to the Federal and Provincial Ministers of Transportation, City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and York Region MPs and MPPs.

4.B**SPADINA-YORK SUBWAY EXTENSION: A BUSINESS CASE FROM SPADINA-YORK SUBWAY EXTENSION COMMITTEE**

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 28, 2002)

Responding to a request from the Chair of Planning and Transportation Committee to prepare a background report on the "Spadina-York Subway Extension, Business Case: A Solution for Gridlock in the Northwestern GTA", prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, in support of the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee, which is comprised of politicians from the City of Toronto, City of Vaughan, Region of York and a representative from York University, and **recommending** that Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) receive the Business Case report for information;
- (2) direct City staff to continue working with the TTC, City of Vaughan, and Region of York in developing strategies and priorities for future cross-boundary rapid transit initiatives;
- (3) confirm that the priority for funding transit is maintenance and safety of existing transit infrastructure ahead of system expansion; and
- (4) forward the staff report to the Toronto Transit Commission, City of Vaughan and Region of York for their information.

4.B(1)

Chair, Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee
(June 27, 2001)

Forwarding copy of report, titled "Spadina-York Subway Extension - Business Case: A Solution for Gridlock in Northwestern GTA, Final Report", dated June 22, 2001, prepared by PriceWaterhouseCoopers, LLP, **supporting** the proposed Spadina-York Subway Extension.

Re: 4.B(1)

Executive Summary of the Report, titled "Spadina-York Subway Extension - Business Case: A Solution for Gridlock in Northwestern GTA, Final Report", dated June 22, 2001

(Note: The full report titled , Spadina-York Subway Extension - Business Case: A Solution for Gridlock in Northwestern GTA, Final Report", dated June 22, 2001 is distributed with

this agenda to Members of Council and appropriate staff only).

4.B(2)

Regional Clerk, Regional Municipality of York
(October 11, 2001)

Advising that the Council of The Regional Municipality of York, at its meeting held on October 11, 2001 adopted, as amended, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 12 of the Transportation and Works Committee, titled "York Region Rapid Transit Initiatives", and **authorized** the following:

- (1) Regional Council reaffirm the following key elements of the future rapid transit system:
 - Yonge Street Transitway;
 - Highway 7 Transitway; and
 - North-south links between the Markham, Vaughan and Richmond Hill centres and Toronto;
- (2) staff be authorized to work with staff of the TTC, City of Toronto, Region of Peel and Durham, other affected agencies and the affected area municipalities regarding the implementation of improved cross-boundary transit services, especially the north-south links;
- (3) staff report back in December, 2001, after consultation with the parties referenced in 2 above, regarding the proposed implementation of a portion of the Yonge Street Transitway from Finch subway station to the Highway 7 area;
- (4) staff identify the cost of the property on the north side of Steeles Avenue, opposite York University; its future use as an inter-modal transit station, and report further on Regional acquisition of this property by November, 2001;
- (5) a property protection study be initiated by Regional staff for a rapid transit facility connecting the Markham Centre with the Toronto subway system;
- (6) staff be authorized to:
 - work with GO Transit staff towards an early implementation of express bus services on Highway 404, from Newmarket to Toronto; and

- work with Ministry of Transportation staff towards the implementation of reserved bus lanes on the shoulders of Highway 404;
- (7) staff pursue opportunities for Federal and Provincial funding support for the inter-regional rapid transit initiatives outlined in this report and report back in December, 2001; and
- (8) this report be circulated to the Ministry of Transportation, SuperBuild Corporation, the City of Toronto, the Regions of Peel and Durham, the TTC, the GTSB, the City of Vaughan and Towns of Richmond Hill and Markham, Newmarket and Aurora.

4.B(3)

City Clerk, City of Vaughan
(October 5, 2001)

Forwarding Minute No. 241, titled "Spadina - York Subway Extension Committee, Presentation of Business Case - PriceWaterhouseCoopers - Resolution requesting Federal and Provincial Funding for Public Transit Update on the Status of the Spadina Subway Extension", **noting** that Council endorsed the "Spadina-York Subway Extension - Business Case: A Solution for Gridlock in the Northwestern GTA" and **adopted** the two Resolutions, with the following recommendations and **requested all Municipal Councils in the GTA to endorse these Resolutions:**

Resolution No. 1:

That the Province of Ontario and the Federal Government be requested to:

- (1) provide financial support to the public transit systems in the Greater Toronto Area, including the provision of capital funding for the renewal of the existing systems and for further and substantial system expansions;
- (2) provide such funding on the basis of a long term commitment that will allow for comprehensive and rational system planning, together with the timely implementation of the planned improvements; and
- (3) secure such funding through a dedicated portion of the gasoline taxes, or other source, in order to provide: reassurance as to the long term commitment of the senior levels of government to public transit in the Greater Toronto Area; and to reflect the importance the respective governments place on the role of public transit in ensuring

the long term economic, social and environmental health of the Greater Toronto Area.

Resolution No. 2:

- (1) the principle of consistent, long term capital funding for the comprehensive planning and timely implementation of public transit improvements is reaffirmed;
- (2) the Province's resumption of control over the operation and funding of GO Transit is supported;
- (3) the Province's resumption of its role as a partner in the provision of capital funding for municipal public transit is supported;
- (4) the Federal Government is requested to join with the Provincial and Municipal Governments as a long term funding partner in the provision of public transit; and
- (5) the Province of Ontario is requested to provide further details on the nature of the program and allow for constructive dialogue with the municipalities and the Federal Government on the refinement of the goals and objectives of the program and the development and implementation of its rules and procedures.

5. PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO BY-LAW 574-2000 AS IT RELATES TO THE REPLACEMENT OF VEHICLES USED AS TAXICABS WHICH NO LONGER MEET THE AGE OF VEHICLE REQUIREMENTS CONTAINED IN THE BY-LAW

City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee
(February 25, 2002)

Advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on February 19, 2002, **recommended** to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for its meeting on March 25, 2002:

- (1) the adoption of the report (February 14, 2002) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, which recommends that By-law 574-2000 be amended to allow vehicles used as taxicabs to be replaced in the third regularly scheduled inspection period and furthermore that the by-law be amended to prohibit the use

of used taxicabs from other jurisdictions and used Police cars as replacement vehicles for taxicabs in the City of Toronto; and

- (2) requested that this item be considered as time-sensitive at the City Council meeting to be held on April 16, 2002 since the amendment to By-law 574-2000 referred to in Recommendation No. (1) above must be approved by Council before May 1, 2002. The by-law currently allows for vehicles to be replaced between May and August and Recommendation No. (1) above will allow vehicles to be replaced between September and December instead.

6. FILING OF PROVINCIAL REGULATION 45/02 TO EXTEND THE NEW MULTI-RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY CLASS FROM 8 TO 35 YEARS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
and Chief Financial Officer & Treasurer
 (March 1, 2002)

Reporting on the filing of Ontario Regulation 45/02 that extends the applicability period for properties in the new multi-residential property class to a maximum 35-year period; recommending the adoption of the new multi-residential property class in the City of Toronto for the taxation year 2002 and the adoption of the 35-year period of applicability for properties that were already classified as new multi-residential prior to 2002, **noting** adoption of the 35-year extension would enable the City to co-ordinate its assistance with federal assistance under the new affordable housing partnership program, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the optional new multi-residential property class that allows a reduced tax rate to apply to newly constructed multi-residential properties for a 35-year period following construction be adopted for the 2002 taxation year;
- (2) City Council opt to have properties in the City of Toronto that were already in the new multi-residential property class prior to the 2002 taxation year also be included in the class for a 35-year period rather than the 8-year period that would otherwise apply to such properties;
- (3) City Council enact a by-law giving effect to recommendations 1 and 2 in the form, or substantially in the form, of the draft by-law attached as Appendix A to this report;
- (4) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council;
- (5) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration at its meeting on April 4, 2002, and directed to City Council for its meeting on April

16, 17 & 18, 2002, to enable adoption of the multi-residential property class for the 2002 taxation year; and

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

7. NEW AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING: MUNICIPAL HOUSING FACILITY BY-LAW

Commissioner, Urban Development Services and
Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services
 (March 1, 2002)

Forwarding a Municipal Housing Facility By-law in accordance with Ontario Regulation 189/01 for Council approval, **noting** the By-law will facilitate the provision of new affordable rental housing by the private sector, as well as the non-profit sector, in partnership with the City of Toronto and the By-law will enable the City to co-ordinate its assistance with federal assistance under the new affordable housing program, and **recommending** that:

- (1) City Council adopt the framework set out in this report which enables the City to partner with both the private and non-profit sectors for the creation of affordable housing, and that City Council enact a Municipal Housing Facility By-law in the form, or substantially in the form, of the draft by-law attached as Appendix A to this report;
- (2) City Council, by enacting a Municipal Housing Facility By-law, expand the current range of assistance for the production of new affordable rental housing:
 - (a) to the private sector, through loans and/or grants from the Capital Revolving Fund for Affordable Housing or the capital budget; surplus municipal land pursuant to the existing Housing First policy; reduction of, or exemption from, municipal development charges; and
 - (b) to both the private and non-profit sectors through exemption from property taxes (municipal and education);
- (3) City Council approve each decision on specific assistance to any affordable housing project pursuant to recommendations 1 and 2;
- (4) City Council approve the framework for tenant eligibility and access set out in this report for housing units created under the Municipal Housing Facility By-law to ensure that the units accommodate a range of households with low and moderate incomes, including households on the social housing waiting list;

- (5) City Council approve the definition of affordable housing contained in this report for the purposes of the Municipal Housing Facility By-law;
- (6) City Council approve the provisions to be contained in all site-specific agreements to be entered into by the City for the provision of municipal housing project facilities as set out in this report;
- (7) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed to issue one or more competitive Requests for Proposals (RFPs) in 2002, taking into account the expanded assistance provided through the Municipal Housing Facility By-law, and including provisions to the following effect:
 - (a) half of the available assistance will be directed to private-sector proposals and half to non-profit sector proposals, subject to possible adjustments due to program rules or the merits of proposals received;
 - (b) proposed housing developments may receive assistance from the City alone or from a combination of City and senior government sources, subject to funding availability and program rules for the latter;
 - (c) the maximum total of loans and grants to be provided through City assistance for 2002 shall not exceed the unallocated balance in the Capital Revolving Fund; and
 - (d) specific assistance for each proposed housing development will be subject to Council approval and enactment of a site-specific by-law;
- (8) the Acting Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services be directed, in consultation with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the City Solicitor, and the CFO and Treasurer, to:
 - (a) report annually on activity under the Municipal Housing Facility By-law, including, achievement of targets, the types and amounts of assistance, status of new allocations, and adherence to terms and conditions for occupied affordable housing developments; and
 - (b) report on any required modifications to the Municipal Housing Facility By-law within 2 years of its adoption;
- (9) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee for information at its meeting on March 27, 2002; and
- (10) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

8. FEES AND CHARGES EXEMPTED FOR NON-PROFIT AFFORDABLE RENTAL HOUSING IN 2001

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 28, 2002)

Reporting on the fees and charges exempted in 2001 for non-profit affordable rental housing administered through the Let's Build Program, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

9. MINIMUM PROPERTY STANDARDS FOR GARBAGE AND DEBRIS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(December 10, 2001)

Reporting on a motion referred to the Planning and Transportation Committee by the City Clerk, and **recommending** that:

- (1) Chapter 629-22 of the Toronto Municipal Code be amended to require that all containerized garbage which is located outdoors on residential property be stored only in the side or rear yards; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to prepare and introduce in Council a bill giving effect thereto.

10. DESIGN REVIEW FOR TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION PROJECTS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 15, 2002)

Responding to a request by Councillor Pantalone, Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee, to address design review issues raised by the Toronto Transit Commission at their meeting of October 31, 2001, and **recommending** that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission develop a formal design review protocol for prominent TTC projects that addresses the requirements of the TTC and broader City objectives including design quality.

10(a). General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(November 19, 2001)

Advising that the TTC, at its meeting on October 31, 2001, raised concerns regarding the appearance and cost of the elevator structure being constructed at the northeast corner of University Avenue and College Street, and the City's review process which has resulted in an unaesthetic costly structure for the Queen's Park elevator installation and **recommending** that the Planning and Transportation Committee be requested to review the process used by the City Urban Planning Group as it relates to design requirements for such structures.

11. TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REQUEST CONCERNING SECTION 37 OF THE PLANNING ACT

PRESENTATION

Note: The Planning and Transportation Committee, at its last meeting on January 24, 2002, deferred consideration of this report to this meeting.

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(January 8, 2002)

Discussing the request of the Toronto Transit Commission to report on the use of Section 37 of the Planning Act to benefit the transit system, and **recommending** that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) be forwarded to the Toronto Transit Commission for information.

11(a). General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(November 30, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on November 28, 2001, in considering the report, titled "2002-2006 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast", **approved** the following motions:

- (1) that staff review the feasibility of creative utilization of Section 37 under the Planning Act for assistance to transit;
- (2) that staff review the model that the 905 Region has used for development levies to fund public transit, i.e. GO Transit, and make recommendations with respect to

development levies for public transit related projects within the City of Toronto;
and

- (3) that the Province of Ontario be requested to amend the Planning Act to provide for transit benefits under Section 37 and that this request be referred to the City Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration and a report thereon.

12. DEVELOPMENT OF NEW CITY-WIDE SIGN BY-LAW

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 27, 2002)

Reporting on the anticipated timing for the introduction of a new City-wide Sign By-law and its implementation, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

13. AMENDMENTS TO CHAPTER 835, TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE, VITAL SERVICES

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 28, 2002)

Reporting on amendments to Chapter 835, Toronto Municipal. Code, Vital Services to permit the intervention of the City prior to the services actually being cut off, and **recommending** that Council request the Province to amend Part VII of the Tenant Protection Act, 1997 to permit a Municipality to pass a by-law to provide that a landlord shall be deemed to have caused the cessation of a vital service for a rental unit if the landlord is obligated to pay for the vital service and fails to do so on the payment due date stipulated by the service provider.

14. PROTOCOL FOR ENFORCEMENT OF PROPERTY STANDARDS IN TORONTO COMMUNITY HOUSING CORPORATION OWNED BUILDINGS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 27, 2002)

Reporting on the development of a Protocol for Enforcement of Property Standards in Toronto Community Housing Corporation ("TCHC") Owned Buildings, and **recommending** that:

- (1) Council endorse the protocol as developed by the City in co-operation with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation; and

- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be directed to report in one year on the activity levels, inspection demands, and staffing requirements resulting from the adoption of the protocol.

15. INTERGOVERNMENTAL CO-OPERATION ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND FENCING OF RAILWAY AND HYDRO LANDS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 27, 2002)

Reporting further on Intergovernmental Co-operation on Property Maintenance and Fencing of Railway and Hydro Lands, and **recommending** that:

- (1) Council endorse the establishment of a working group made up of representatives from the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division of Urban Development Services, Works and Emergency Services, C.N.R. and C.P.R. to identify and resolve issues of concern to the City or railway companies;
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services forward the “General Minimum Standards for Fencing and Landscaping along Railway Rights-of-Way” identified in this report to the six (6) Committee of Adjustment Panels for their consideration when reviewing applications for minor variances and severances of properties adjacent to railway lines;
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services direct staff to utilize the “General Minimum Standards for Fencing and Landscaping along Railway Rights-of-Way” as set out in the body of this report, when reviewing applications for changes in land use adjacent to railway rights-of-way until such time as the standards can be incorporated into new comprehensive design guidelines; and
- (4) the balance of this report be received for information.

16. DIVISIONAL COURT DECISION UPHOLDS OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENT NO. 2 (OPA2)

Commissioner, Urban Development Services and Acting City Solicitor
(February 28, 2002)

Advising Council that in a unanimous decision issued February 20, 2002, the Divisional Court agreed with the Cities of Toronto, Hamilton and Ottawa on all three points of law raised in their appeal of the Ontario Municipal Board (OMB) decision which declared Official Plan Amendment No. 2 "illegal and invalid"; **noting** OPA2 sets out Council's

policy for the encouragement, preservation and replacement of rental housing, and that the Divisional Court has set aside the OMB Order, and remitted the matter to a differently constituted panel of the OMB for a hearing on the planning merits of OPA2, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the City Clerk be directed to communicate City Council's appreciation and thanks:
 - (a) to the City Councils, the City Solicitors and the staff of the Cities of Ottawa and Hamilton, for their support of the City of Toronto as joint parties to the appeal of the Ontario Municipal Board decision; and
 - (b) to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario for its support on behalf of all Ontario municipalities who need to preserve rental and affordable housing in their communities; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to undertake any necessary action to give effect thereto.

17. PARKLAND ACQUISITION STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS – REPORT REQUESTED BY THE COMMUNITY COUNCILS ON PLANNING POLICY IMPLICATIONS

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(February 25, 2002)

Addressing a range of planning policy implications, identified by the Community Councils, following presentations on the Parkland Acquisition Strategic Directions Report at their November 20 and 21, 2001 meetings, **noting** the planning policy implications include the relationship between the new Official Plan and Parkland Acquisition Strategic Directions Report, potential strategies to address needs in parkland-deficient communities, and consistency in the securing of parkland and cash-in-lieu through the land use planning process, and **recommending** that this report be received for information and be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration at its meeting on March 27, 2002.

18. RISK REDUCTION PROCEDURES FOR NSF CHEQUES

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(March 4, 2002)

Noting that City Council, on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, **adopted** Audit Committee Report No. 10, entitled "Urban Development Services Building Division Review", and

Recommendation 6 of the report required the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report on doubtful accounts pertaining to NSF cheques and procedures to minimize the risk of loss from NSF cheque payments, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

19. BILL 124 - BUILDING CODE STATUTE LAW AMENDMENT ACT, 2001

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(March 1, 2002)

Advising that City Council, on December 4, 5 and 6, 2001, requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report on the potential impact of provincial legislation and implementation of the BRAGG recommendations, most of which are now contained in Bill 124, **identifying** key issues contained in Government Bill 124, "An Act to Improve Public Safety and to Increase Efficiency in Building Enforcement", that if enacted would have a direct impact on City administration and operations relating to Building Code, **outlining** the potential impact of the issues that have been identified and making recommendations for revisions to the Bill for consideration by the provincial government, prior to its enactment, **noting** that Bill 124 was given first reading on November 1, 2001 and as of the date of this report has not been given second reading and that the Bill amends the Building Code Act and the Planning Act, and **recommending** that:

- (1) City Council adopt the recommendations contained in this report and itemized in Appendix A regarding Bill 124, *An Act to improve public safety and to increase efficiency in building code enforcement*, and forward these recommendations to the Province of Ontario for consideration during the legislative process; and
- (2) once the details and timing of the final legislation and implementing regulations are known, that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the impact of the proposed legislation on the City of Toronto, along with recommendations for further implementation of its provisions.

20. INCENTIVES FOR REQUIRING BUSINESSES LOCATED IN STRIP PLAZAS (STRIP MALLS) TO MAINTAIN COMMON PARKING AREAS

Acting City Solicitor
(March 8, 2002)

Commenting on a request for by-law amendments and licensing requirements which would create an incentive for businesses sharing a common parking area to be required to

maintain the common parking area, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

21. APPOINTMENTS TO TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE

City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee
(February 20, 2002)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on February 18, 2002, **recommended** the approval of the following to the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) that a nominations process be instituted now to replace four midterm vacancies on the Toronto Cycling Committee, using the following advertising means, deemed fair and equitable, by the Committee:
 - (a) electronic mail system;
 - (b) advertisements in bike papers;
 - (c) flyers at the Toronto International Bike Show, and other cycling events;
 - (d) subscriber list;
 - (e) posters; and
 - (f) community television;
- (2) that staff of the Transportation Planning Section report on a permanent interim nominations process for appointing midterm nominees to the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (3) that Ms. Helen Smith, Administrator, Nominating Committee, be invited to meet with the Toronto Cycling Committee to discuss the fair and equitable means of appointing persons to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (4) that a Nominations Working Group of the Toronto Cycling Committee be formed to appoint midterm nominees to the Committee, consisting of the following persons:
 - (a) Mr. Stephen Fisher;
 - (b) Mr. Clay McFayden; and
 - (c) Mr. Dave Meslin.