

### PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE **AGENDA** MEETING No. 9

October 7, 2002 **Enquiry: Christine Archibald Date of Meeting:** 

Time: 9:30 a.m. Administrator Location: **Committee Room 1** (416) 392-7039

City Hall

100 Queen Street West

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

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### **DEPUTATION**

1(a).

1. 10:00 A.M. STAKEHOLDER SATISFACTION WITH COMMITTEE OF **ADJUSTMENT HEARING TIMES** 

> (Note: The Planning and Transportation Committee, at its last meeting on September 9, 2002, deferred consideration of this report to this meeting for the hearing of deputations.)

Commissioner of Urban Development Services (July 24, 2002)

Reporting back, as requested by City Council, on stakeholder satisfaction with the 2:00 p.m. Committee of Adjustment Public Hearing time and **recommending** that this report be received for

information.

Communications received by the Planning and Transportation

Committee at its meeting on September 9, 2002.

1(b). William Phillips, President

Lawrence Park Ratepayers Association

(September 11, 2002)

**Opposing** changing the sitting time of the Committee of Adjustment from the evening to the afternoon.

1(c). Robin Fraser, President
Rathnelly Area Residents Association
(September 10, 2002)

**Requesting** that the Committee of Adjustment meetings continue to be held in the evening.

## 2. PROGRESS REPORT - STREAMLINING THE APPLICATION REVIEW (STAR) PROCESS - ALL WARDS

<u>Development Review Task Force</u> (September 23, 2002)

**Reporting** to Committee on recent improvements to the City's development review and building permit issuance processes, **advising** on further reforms to these processes, and **recommending** that:

- (1) Council endorse the process of continued reform to the existing service model for the review of development applications and the issuance of building permits, in keeping with the approach outlined in this report;
- (2) the Chief Administrative Officer and the Commissioners of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Urban Development Services and Works and Emergency Services address the resource issue for the implementation of these reforms through the 2003 budget process;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration with the 2003 Operating Budget;
- (4) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to review the December, 1999 Council direction regarding new practices for Site Plan Control applications and to report thereon to Planning and Transportation Committee by the end of the year;
- (5) Council endorse the concurrent report from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services with respect to authorizing the use of conditional building permits across the City under the Building Code Act;
- (6) the Building Permit By-law (Article 1 of Chapter 363 of the Municipal Code) be amended to reduce the up-front payment of building permit fees on projects where the fee exceeds \$20,000.00 to 60 percent of the total, with the balance due upon issuance of permits for any work other than excavation and shoring. For permit

fees on projects where the fee is over \$20,000.00, the minimum up-front payment shall not be less than \$20,000.00;

(7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions, including the introduction of Bills to Council, to give effect thereto.

#### 3. CONTRACT FOR VEHICLE TEST FACILITY

<u>Commissioner, Urban Development Services</u> (September 5, 2002)

As a component of the review of services and programmes within the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, **advising** Council of the intention to investigate alternative service delivery options relative to the provision of mechanical safety testing for vehicles licensed by the City of Toronto under the provisions of By-law 574-2000 (taxis, livery vehicles and driving school vehicles); **noting** service has been contracted to a private service provider for many years and in order to facilitate the review seeking Council's approval to extend the existing service contract until June 30, 2003, to provide the necessary time to undertake this review, and **recommending** that:

- (1) approval be given to Urban Development Services to extend the current contract for the provision of vehicle inspection service at 25 Civic Road until June 30, 2003;
- (2) approval be given to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to examine options for the provision of mechanical inspections of licensed vehicles, in consultation with Corporate Services, Fleet Services Division; and
- (3) a further report be submitted to Committee on or about mid-January, 2003, with the results of the review which would include the provision of recommendations with respect to the nature, level and means by which mechanical inspections are provided for the various licensed vehicles, and to recommend any by-law amendments that may be required to support revisions to the method in which service is provided.

#### 4. CONDITIONAL BUILDING PERMIT AGREEMENT PROCEDURES

<u>Commissioner of Urban Development Services</u> (September 19, 2002)

**Seeking** Council's approval for the execution on behalf of the City of conditional permit agreements and related documents by the Chief Building Official and Deputy Chief Building Officials, and **recommending** that:

- (1) authority be granted to introduce a Bill in Council to amend the Municipal Code, substantially in the form of the draft by-law in Appendix 1, to authorize the Chief Building Official and Deputy Chief Building Officials to approve the entering into conditional permit agreements, consents to assignments of the agreements, and releases of registered agreements and to execute the agreements, consents and releases on behalf of the City; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### 5. WRITING-OFF INTEREST AND PENALTY CHARGES ACCRUED TO TAX ACCOUNTS SUBJECT TO APPORTIONMENT

<u>City Solicitor</u> (September 10, 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 the legality and risks of writing-off accrued interest and penalty charges accrued to tax accounts subject to apportionment, 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.

### 6. SUGGESTED AMENDMENTS TO BY-LAW 574-2000 RELATIVE TO FLAT RATES FOR TAXICAB SERVICE

<u>City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee</u> (September 20, 2002)

**Advising** that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2002, **recommended** to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for its meeting on October 7, 2002, the adoption of the following recommendations:

- (1) By-law 574-2000 be amended to prohibit taxicab brokerages from arranging for flat rate taxicab service within the boundaries of the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

### 7. LICENSING OF TICKET VENDORS AS PEDLARS

<u>City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee</u> (September 20, 2002)

**Advising** that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2002, **recommended** to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for its meeting on October 7, 2002, that licences continue to be issued to ticket vendors under Section (2), Subsection (17) of By-law 574-2000.

# 8. BY-ELECTION TO FILL THE TWO POSITIONS ON THE TAXICAB ADVISORY COMMITTEE VACATED BY THE REPRESENTATIVES OF TAXICAB BROKERS AND TAXICAB OWNERS

<u>City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee</u> (September 20, 2002)

**Advising** that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on September 18, 2002, **recommended** to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for its meeting on October 7, 2002, the adoption of the following recommendations contained in the communication (August 29, 2002) from the City Clerk, Taxicab Advisory Committee:

- (1) staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with the City Clerk, be directed to conduct a by-election, as soon as possible, in accordance with the Municipal Elections Act, to fill the two positions on the Taxicab Advisory Committee vacated by the representatives of taxicab brokers and taxicab owners;
- (2) staff of Municipal Licensing and Standards notify by mail all licence holders qualified as electors in the by-election;
- (3) all qualified electors be provided with details for filing nominations and voting;
- (4) election day be held within 15 working days following nomination day;
- voting take place at two locations: the East York Civic Centre; 850 Coxwell Avenue; and the York Civic Centre, 2700 Eglinton Avenue West; and
- voting places be open on election day between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

# 9. RUSSELL HILL SUBWAY TRAIN ACCIDENT OF AUGUST 11, 1995 DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST UPDATE

Vincent Rodo, General Secretary <u>Toronto Transit Commission</u> (August 29, 2002)

**Advising** that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on August 28, 2002, during its consideration of a report, entitled "Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995 Due Diligence Checklist Update", **adopted** the following recommendations:

- "(i) that the Commission receive for information the updated Due Diligence Checklist relating to the Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995, which provides a status report on the progress toward closing the Coroner's Jury Recommendations and the TTC's Internal Team Recommendations; and
- (ii) forward this report to the Chief Coroner of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and the Province of Ontario for information."