



**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING No. 5**

Date of Meeting:	April 28, 2003	Enquiry:	Christine Archibald
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Committee Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-7039
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Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

**Confirmation of Minutes of Meeting of March 24, 2003 - available in Q:
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Items 1-3 are Public Meetings under the Municipal Act

Public Meeting

1. 10:00 a.m. Ambassador Taxi Training Course

Amendments to Chapter 441 relating to the delivery of the necessary Ambassador Taxicab training course to permit the issuance of the newly recommended additional Ambassador Taxicab Licences and the establishment of the appropriate fees to be charged for the training course.

Report (March 31, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee, at its meeting held on March 24, 2003, requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report on the delivery of the necessary Ambassador Taxicab training course including the establishment of the appropriate fees to permit the issuance of the newly recommended additional Ambassador Taxicab Licences, and recommending that:

- (1) a fee of \$697.00 be established for the Ambassador Taxicab Training Course and the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees, be amended accordingly;

- (2) a fee of \$50.00 be established for an examination rewrite of any course module of the Ambassador Taxicab Training Course and the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, Fees, be amended accordingly;
- (3) the Municipal Licensing and Standards Division administer and deliver the Ambassador Taxicab Training Course pursuant to this report; and
- (4) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to give effect thereto.

Public Meeting

2. 10:00 a.m. Cell Phone Usage by Taxicab Drivers

Amendment to Chapter 545 to prohibit the use of cell phones by taxicab drivers while the taxicab is for hire and passengers are in the vehicle, except in emergency situations.

Communication (April 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee, advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on April 8, 2003, recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee that:

- (1) Chapter 545, City of Toronto Municipal Code, be amended to prohibit the use of cell phones by taxicab drivers while the taxicab is for hire and passengers are in the vehicle, except in emergency situations;
- (2) taxicab drivers may use a cell phone when not engaged in transporting passengers; and
- (3) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bill in Council to give effect thereto.

Public Meeting

3. 11:00 a.m. Licensing of Ticket Vendors as Hawker/Pedlars

Amendment to Chapter 545 to exempt event ticket sellers from the requirements to obtain a licence in order to carry on business in the City of Toronto.

Communication (April 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee, advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on April 8, 2003, requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, to

report to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its meeting to be held on April 28, 2003, for a public meeting under the Municipal Act, on amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code to exempt event ticket sellers from the requirements to obtain a licence in order to carry on business in the City. The report should also propose amendments to the "Ticket Speculation Act" which reflect the following:

- (a) all resellers of event tickets/product must be designated agents of the ticket/product being sold; and
 - (b) all event tickets/products cannot be sold above face value including designated agents fees.
- 3(a)** Report (April 11, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reporting on a proposed amendment to Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code to exempt event ticket sellers from the requirement to obtain a hawker/pedlar licence, to seek authority to request that the Ontario Government amend the Ticket Speculation Act so that it can be more easily enforced, and to open a dialogue with the Toronto Police Services Board relating to police practices and protocols for the enforcement of municipal by-laws, and recommending that:
- (1) Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code, be amended to exempt event ticket sellers from the requirement to obtain a hawker/pedlar licence;
 - (2) the Chair of the Licensing Sub-Committee and any other members of the Licensing Sub-Committee, together with the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards, meet with the Toronto Police Services Board to discuss the protocols and practices of the Toronto Police Service relating to the enforcement of municipal by-laws;
 - (3) the City consult with the Provincial Government to seek amendments to the Ticket Speculation Act which would enable better enforcement of the Act, including the following amendments:
 - (a) all re-sellers of event tickets be designated as agents of the organizer or producer of the event for which the tickets are being sold; and
 - (b) all event tickets be re-sold at a price that is not above the face value of the ticket, including fees and service charges of designated agents; and
 - (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

4. Graffiti Transformation Grants Programme: 2003 Recommendations

Report (March 28, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services recommending grants to 18 organizations for the removal of graffiti and the transformation of vandalized surfaces into murals, noting that as a re-investment in both the liveability of urban neighbourhoods and the youth in those communities, agencies train and employ young people to carry out the work, and recommending that:

- (1) the Graffiti Transformation Program grants be allocated to the community groups as outlined in Appendix A of this report;
- (2) Council deem these grants to be in the interest of the Municipality; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

5. "Profile Toronto: Population Growth and Aging"

Report (February 24, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services providing Council with detailed information regarding the patterns of population growth and aging from the 2001 Census, and recommending that Planning and Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

(Copy of Bulletin, titled "Population Growth and Aging", is distributed to all Members of Council and appropriate staff only.)

6. Liquor and Business Licences - Revocation of Licences and Closure Orders

(Note: The Planning and Transportation Committee, at its last meeting on March 24, 2003, deferred consideration of this report to its meeting on April 28, 2003.)

Report (February 13, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reporting on the ways and means of revoking liquor and/or business licences of establishments in which there are continuous violent occurrences, and recommending that:

- (1) staff investigate the introduction of thresholds applicable to the issuance of licences, and report to the Planning and Transportation Committee during the first quarter of 2004 with any appropriate recommendations for amendments to Chapter 545, Licensing, City of Toronto Municipal Code;

- (2) the Toronto Licensing Tribunal be requested to report to the April 28, 2003 meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on its activities for 2002 to better inform Committee and Council of licensing matters of general interest and/or those involving businesses operating in specific wards; and
- (3) the Toronto Licensing Tribunal report thereafter on a bi-annual basis in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 545, Licensing, City of Toronto Municipal Code.

7. Selected Avenue Studies for 2003 and 2004 - File No. 002050

Report (April 8, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services identifying potential Avenue Segments for Study in 2003, and recommending that this report be forwarded to the Etobicoke, North York and Toronto East York Community Councils to endorse the planning studies for 2003 outlined in this report at their May meeting and that their recommendations to initiate the studies be forwarded back to Planning and Transportation Committee for its meeting of June 3, 2003.

8. Approval of City of Toronto Official Plan - File No. 002050

Report (April 7, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reviewing the decision of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing that approved the new Official Plan, outlining the appeals filed by the City Solicitor of the Minister's decision on behalf of Council, making recommendations as to which portions of the appeal Council should pursue, and recommending that:

- (1) Council endorse and direct the City Solicitor to maintain the appeals of the Ministerial decision regarding the City of Toronto Official Plan filed by the City Solicitor on behalf of the City as they pertain to the following:
 - (a) matters listed in Part 'G' of the Minister's decision;
 - (b) Section 3.2.1 of the Plan insofar as the housing definitions have not been shaded and thereby specified to be actual policies of the Plan;
 - (c) Section 15.8 of Chapter 6.15, the King Parliament Secondary Plan;
 - (d) Chapter 6.12, the Etobicoke Centre Secondary Plan;
 - (e) the land use designation and policies for the lands identified in the appeal filed by the City Solicitor where Council has adopted or endorsed an

amendment to a former municipal Official Plan that has not yet come into force; and

- (f) the land use designation and policies for the lands identified in the appeal of the City Solicitor where Council has previously authorized the sale or disposal of lands which are designated as a 'Parks and Open Space Area' on Maps 12 to 18 inclusive and shown on Map 2 as 'Green Space System' in the new Official Plan; and
- (2) that Council direct the City Solicitor to withdraw the appeal of the Ministerial decision regarding the City of Toronto Official Plan insofar as it pertains to the archaeological policies in Section 3.1.5.10.

9. Report on Appeals Received to Drive-through By-laws 776-2002 to 811-2002 Inclusive

Report (April 7, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services responding to the request of Council at its October 2, 2002 meeting, wherein Council passed the following resolution, " In the event of an appeal, the Chief Planner be directed to meet with all parties who have expressed concerns and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee at the earliest possible date outlining the concern raised.", and recommending that this report be received for information.

10. Visitor Parking for Infill Townhouses

Report (April 8, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services responding to Council's request that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report to the April 28, 2003 meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee on the issue of visitor parking requirements for infill townhouse developments, and recommending that this report be received for information.

11. Re-Issuance of Ambassador Taxicab Owners' Licences

Communication (April 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on April 8, 2003, recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee the adoption of the following Recommendation No. (1) contained in the communication (March 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, Taxicab Advisory Committee:

- "(1) All Ambassador taxicab licences returned to Municipal Licensing and Standards be re-issued immediately to qualified persons on the driver's list."

12. Taxicab Driver Training, Accreditation of Courses and Certification of Drivers

Communication (April 10, 2003) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on April 8, 2003, recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee the adoption of the following recommendation contained in the report (March 3, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services:

"That the Department be authorized to initiate discussions with the Province of Ontario to seek formal accreditation/certification status for taxicab driver training, relative to its training courses and related materials."

13. Workshop Session on Urban Development Services Work Program