

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, September 3, 2003

The Planning and Transportation Committee met on September 3, 2003, in Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Councillor	9:30 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.	10:50 a.m. to 12:20 p.m.
Councillor Gerry Altobello, Chair	X	X
Councillor Pam McConnell, Vice Chair	X	X
Councillor Lorenzo Berardinetti	Regrets	Regrets
Councillor Fred Dominelli	X	X
Councillor Joanne Flint	Regrets	Regrets
Councillor Peter Milczyn	-	-
Councillor Howard Moscoe	Regrets	Regrets
Councillor Kyle Rae	X	X

Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None declared.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Rae, the minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on July 2, 2003, were confirmed.

8.1 Cleaning up of City Owned Properties

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (August 21, 2003) from Councillor Berardinetti advising that he is attempting to work

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with the local community to have a city owned land cleared up as litter, debris and other garbage continues to be dumped there, and asking that a policy question be resolved by Planning and Transportation and City Council as to whether the City's Municipal Licensing and Standards Division of Urban Development Services can issue work orders to Works and Emergency Services to clean up properties such as this.

The Planning and Transportation Committee directed:

- (1) (On motion by Councillor Altobello), the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services to pursue any charges that can be laid with respect to the dumping of litter, debris and other garbage on the stretch of City-owned property between property owners on Frey Crescent and Crockford Boulevard;
- (2) (on motion by Councillor Dominelli), the Commissioner, Urban Development Services to immediately clean up this property; and
- (3) (on motion by Councillor Altobello) the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services to consult with the area residents and erect a fence on the perimeter of the affected properties with funding provided from the 2003 Budget. If insufficient funding is available in the 2003 Budget, the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services be instructed to include sufficient funding in his department's 2004 Budget submission;

and this matter is submitted to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration of the financial implications of these recommendations.

Lynda-Jane Race, President, Frey Crescent Residents Association appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee.

(Policy and Finance Committee; cc: Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; John Dilallo, Manager, Financial Planning, Urban Development Services - September 4, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(a), Report No. 9)

8.2 Inspection and Preliminary Project Review Fees relating to Licensing and By-law Inspection Services and Adjustment to Licensing Fees based on the Consumer Price Index

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 20, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services amending Chapter 545, Licensing of the Toronto Municipal Code, to include a regular annual adjustment to licensing fees based on the Consumer Price Index as reported by Statistics Canada, and to also amend Chapter 441, Fees, of the Toronto Municipal Code, and recommending that:

- (1) Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 545, Licensing, be amended to include a provision which increases all fees effective January 1st of each calendar year, based on the percentage increase in the All Items Index of the Consumer Price Index (not seasonally adjusted) for the Toronto Census Area, published by Statistics Canada, during the twelve-month period ending on September 30th of each previous year;
- (2) Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 441, Fees, be amended to include provisions to:
 - (a) establish a new class of Preliminary Project Review service fee to recover the costs for a detailed zoning compliance review, as required by Municipal Licensing and Standards, before a business licence is issued, at the rate of \$210.00, per application, and if needed, that staff report back on any required changes to the project within or following its first year of operation;
 - (b) establish a new class of fee for the provision of Building Activity Reports to be provided at a cost of \$20.00 per month; and,
 - (c) establish a new class of fee for the provision of inspection services, at the cost of \$60.00 per hour or part thereof with a minimum of \$60.00 for all inspections, where by-law violations have not been remedied beyond the date of compliance set out in any order or notice issued by a Municipal Standards Officer;
- (3) the business principle be endorsed for Urban Development Services to hire additional staff, on a cost recovery basis, for the provision of Preliminary Project Review services associated with the review of certain business licence applications; and,
- (4) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to these recommendations, to be effective commencing January 1, 2004.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it a communication (undated) from Louis M. Seta.

The Planning and Transportation Committee held a public meeting on September 3, 2003 in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, and notice of the proposed enactment of the draft by-law was posted on the City's web site for a minimum of 4 days and Louis M. Seta addressed the Planning and Transportation Committee.

On motion by Councillor Dominelli, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the report (August 20, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services subject to ensuring that the additional revenue derived from the fee increase be used only for the purpose of hiring additional Inspectors, and submitted this matter to the Policy and Finance Committee for consideration of its financial implications and submission to City Council for its meeting on September 22, 2003.

(Policy and Finance Committee; cc: Commissioner, Urban Development Services; John Dilallo, Manager, Financial Planning, Urban Development Services - September 4, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(b), Report No. 9)

8.3 Business Licensing Thresholds

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 12, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services recommending a business licensing threshold regime for the City of Toronto, providing a clear rationale for such a regime in accordance with the licensing powers provided under the Municipal Act, 2001, outlining any implications for the City and recommending that:

- (1) licensing thresholds be established according to classification of licence, as detailed in Schedule A of this report;
- (2) Recommendation (1) be enabled through an amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing;
- (3) staff report on training for Tribunal members on licensing thresholds and the Tribunal's procedural principles and operations;

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- (4) Council direct the Tribunal to render a brief written decision statement with reasons for each hearing it adjudicates;
- (5) Council also direct the Tribunal to report to the local Community Council for stationary licences and to the Planning and Transportation Committee regarding mobile and trades licences, setting out the basis for issuing any licence, contrary to the thresholds established as part of the working framework of Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code;
- (6) staff report further on a process of implementing by-law amendments to support a system of allowing administrative suspensions in extraordinary circumstances;
- (7) the Committee endorse the principle of investigating the development of a corporate inventory of municipal conviction records; and
- (8) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it the following material:

- Report (August 27, 2003) from the City Solicitor addressing legal issues arising from the recommendations contained in the report, dated August 12, 2003 from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services with respect to the establishment of business licensing thresholds, and recommending that if Council wishes to establish licensing thresholds as detailed in Schedule A of the report, dated August 12, 2003, from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services:
 - (1) pending the receipt and consideration by Council of the report referred to in Recommendation (2) below,
 - (a) such thresholds be adopted as a directive to Municipal Licensing and Standards staff to be applied in decisions on the issuance, denial or revocation of licenses;
 - (b) insofar as the Toronto Licensing Tribunal is concerned, such thresholds be considered as general policy only and not mandatory thresholds binding on the tribunal; and
 - (c) no amendment be made to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing with respect to the licensing thresholds until such time as the report referred to in Recommendation (2) below has been considered by Council

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- (2) that the City Solicitor report further on the effect of such thresholds on the Toronto Licensing Tribunal and the implications of incorporating the thresholds in the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing; and
- (3) in accordance with Recommendation (1) above, Recommendation (2) contained in the report, dated August 12, 2003, from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services not be adopted;
- Communication (received September 2, 2003) from John McIntyre, President, Taxicab Benefits Association (TBA);
- Communication (September 2, 2003) from Dorothy Thomas, Chair, Toronto Licensing Tribunal;
- Communication (undated) from Louis M. Seta; and
- Communication (undated) from Ikram Freed.

The Planning and Transportation Committee held a public meeting on September 3, 2003 in accordance with the Municipal Act, 2001, and notice of the proposed enactment of the draft by-law was posted on the City's web site for a minimum of 4 days and the following persons addressed the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- Dorothy Thomas, Chair, Toronto Licensing Tribunal;
- Sajid Mughal;
- Louis M. Seta;
- Larry Labovitch;
- Steve Karamites;
- Faisal A. Ebrahim;
- Mahmoud Heydari;
- Eugene Meikle;
- Ahmet Gulkan;
- Jamshid Bagherzadeh;
- Khan Walayat;
- Ismail Mohamud;
- Ikram Freed;
- Kuldip Singh; and
- John McIntyre.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee referred the reports (August 12, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and (August 27, 2003) from the City Solicitor to the Commissioner, Urban Development Services with a request that she review the comments and issues addressed at the Planning and Transportation meeting, particularly as they relate to the conditions respecting valid drivers' licences and how written decision reports can be received from the Toronto Licensing Tribunal, and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee to a meeting in 2004.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; cc: City Solicitor; Interested Persons - September 4, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(c), Report No. 9)

8.4 Use of Public Highway for Sale of Event Tickets

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 20, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reporting on a new City-wide by-law to prohibit event ticket vending from a public highway and recommending that:

- (1) a by-law respecting the use or occupation of the public highway for the sale of event tickets be introduced, which prohibits any person from using or occupying a public highway within the City of Toronto for the purposes of selling or offering for sale any ticket to any event;
- (2) City Council declare the use or occupation of the public highway for the purposes of the sale, or offer for sale, of event tickets to be a public nuisance under Section 128 of the Municipal Act, 2001;
- (3) the City Solicitor be directed to provide assistance to the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards in co-ordinating prosecutions under this by-law;

- (4) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services monitor the effectiveness of the enforcement of this by-law, including consulting with representatives of the event venue industry, the Toronto Police Service and the City's tourism industry, and report back in one year's time;
- (5) the City Solicitor be directed to expedite an application to the Ministry of the Attorney General for approval of the set fine(s) for this by-law;
- (6) the City Solicitor be requested to make application to the provincial government requesting special legislation to allow for the seizure of goods, including tickets, being displayed, sold or offered for sale contrary to a by-law, whether or not such goods are contained in a vehicle or object; and
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the report (August 20, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and that authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary bill in Council to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 9)

8.5 Preliminary Report - Application to amend Zoning By-law 168-93 - City of Toronto 65 and 71 Front Street West - Union Station - 103012 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 5, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services providing preliminary information on the above-noted application, seeking the Planning and Transportation Committee's directions on further processing of the application and on the community consultation process and recommending that:

- (1) staff be directed to schedule a community consultation meeting together with the Ward Councillor;
- (2) notice for the community consultation meeting be given to landowners and residents within 120 metres of the site, as well as through notice in the newspaper and on the City's Union Station Web Site; and

- (3) notice for the Public Meeting under the Planning Act be given according to the regulations under the Planning Act.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee reports having adopted the report (August 5, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - September 5, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(d), Report No. 9)

8.6 New Ravine By-law - Sandringham Ravine Mapping Amendments - Ward 16 Eglinton-Lawrence

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a joint report (July 23, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Economic Development Culture and Tourism responding to the request from Council, passed at its meeting held on June 24, 25 and 26, 2003, to revise the boundaries of the Ravine protection By-law area in the area of the Sandringham Ravine and recommending that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be authorized to amend the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 658, Ravine Protection by replacing the maps of Schedule A, such that the property data maps forming part of Schedule A show the revised Ravine Protection area boundaries in the area of Sandringham Ravine; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized to introduce the necessary Bill in Council to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the joint report (July 23, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 9)

8.7 Revised Organizational Structure for the Committee of Adjustment

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 14, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reporting on the re-organization of the Committee of Adjustment for the City of Toronto to correspond with the boundaries for the new Community Councils, as adopted by City Council at its meeting held on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, and recommending that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare for approval by City Council, a by-law amending the Municipal Code, Chapter 4, Section 4-2 Committee of Adjustment, to comprise 5 members per panel corresponding to each Community Council area, as adopted by City Council at its meeting held July 22, 23 and 24, 2003;
- (2) City Council adopt revised criteria for selecting citizen members of the Committee of Adjustment, as set out in Attachment No. 1 to this report, to reflect the requirements of the revised Municipal Act, 2001;
- (3) City Council adopt remuneration for the Committee of Adjustment of:
 - (a) \$300.00 per Member for each Hearing Day attended; and
 - (b) \$1,000.00 extra annually for the Panel Chairs, such funds to be provided from the operating budget of the City Planning Division; and,
- (4) City Council recommend the Committee of Adjustment, when appointed and prior to holding Public Hearings, meet as a committee of the whole, to:
 - (a) confirm the panel membership corresponding to the Community Council Boundaries, adopted by City Council at its meeting July 22, 22 and 24, 2003;
 - (b) appoint the Panel Chairs, who in turn, will designate one person from the Panel Chair group as a City Wide Chair for a period of one year, to aid in transition from six panels to four panels, and for reporting to the city administration on matters concerning the committee of the whole; and
 - (c) appoint the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division as Secretary-Treasurer.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) recommended the adoption of the report (August 14, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner, Urban Development Services to review the issue of adequately notifying condominiums in the context of her department's 2004 Budget and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee accordingly.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - September 5, 2003)

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 9)

8.8 Interim Procedures During Council Election - All Wards

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (July 25, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services temporarily amending Council adopted procedures to send city staff to the Ontario Municipal Board as needed during the election hiatus and recommending that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the City Solicitor be authorized to send staff to Ontario Municipal Board hearings on matters of concern to the City, as needed, during the Council Election;
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to submit a status report to Planning and Transportation Committee and to each Community Council on the use of delegated authority during the election period; and
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services consult with City Councillors on any OMB attendance, and that individual Councillors who wish to have the City initiate an appeal, support or oppose an appeal or request a deferral, may formally file requests with the Commissioner of Urban Development Services on matters that are time sensitive.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the report (July 25, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 9)

8.9 Ontario Professional Planners Institute (OPPI) Awards

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (July 22, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services advising the Planning and Transportation Committee that two documents produced by the City Planning Division have won Excellence in Planning Awards from the Ontario Professional Planners Institute and recommending that the Committee receive this report for information.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (July 22, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services.

(Clause No. 9(e), Report No. 9)

8.10 Clothing Drop-off Boxes

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a joint report (August 18, 2003) from the City Solicitor and the Commissioner, Urban Development Services responding to the Planning and Transportation Committee's request to report on the feasibility of identifying or licensing charitable drop-off boxes and the feasibility of regulating clothing drop-off boxes through zoning by-law provisions respecting private property, and recommending that:

- (1) this report be received for information; and
- (2) if Chapter 313 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code is to be amended to allow operators of clothing drop-off boxes to apply for permits allowing the boxes on City sidewalks or boulevards, that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to submit a report regarding qualification for a permit, the appropriate number of permits to be issued, where the boxes can be placed and any other relevant information.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it a communication (received August 29, 2003) from Steve Chandler, Director, Fundraising and Public Relations, Ontario Federation for Cerebral Palsy

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the joint report (August 18, 2003) from the City Solicitor and the Commissioner, Urban Development Services for information.

(Clause No. 9(f), Report No. 9)

8.11 Terms of Reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (July 7, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting on June 24, 25 and 26, 2003, had before it Clause No. 10 of Report No. 7 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, and directed that this Clause be received as information, subject to striking out and referring Item (e) entitled "Terms of Reference for the Licensing Sub-Committee", back to the Planning and Transportation for further consideration.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it a communication (September 2, 2003) from Arvind Kumar Agarwal.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the communication (July 7, 2003) from the City Clerk.

(Clause No. 9(g), Report No. 9)

8.12 Archaeological Master Plan of the Central Waterfront

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 30, 2003) from the City Clerk advising that City Council at its meeting on June 24, 25 and 26, 2003, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 14 of Report No. 5 of the Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed "Archaeological Master Plan of the Central Waterfront", and in part referred the following Recommendation to the Planning and Transportation Committee:

“It is recommended that the City use, and the Committee of Adjustment be requested to use, its powers under the Planning Act, as outlined in Chapter 4.0 of the Archaeological Master Plan of the Central Waterfront, as amended, to require that (an) archaeological assessment(s) and appropriate mitigation measures are complete before any development that involves soil disturbance is permitted on lands that are partially or wholly within a zone of “archaeological potential” as shown on the site potential maps contained in the Master Plan; the archaeological assessment(s) and mitigation must be completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Culture, Heritage Operations Unit.”

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended that the City use, and the Committee of Adjustment be requested to use, its powers under the Planning Act, as outlined in Chapter 4.0 of the Archaeological Master Plan of the Central Waterfront, as amended, to require that (an) archaeological assessment(s) and appropriate mitigation measures are complete before any development that involves soil disturbance is permitted on lands that are partially or wholly within a zone of "archaeological potential" as shown on the site potential maps contained in the Master Plan; the archaeological assessment(s) and mitigation must be completed to the satisfaction of the Ministry of Culture, Heritage Operations Unit.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 9)

8.13 Terms of Reference for the Taxicab Advisory Committee

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services reporting on a review of the Terms of Reference for the Taxicab Advisory Committee (TAC) and recommending that:

- (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee endorse and adopt the revised Terms of Reference for the TAC, including the development of a workplan, attached as Appendix "B";
- (2) the Planning and Transportation Committee endorse the revised plan for the selection of members to, and the composition of the TAC, as outlined in this report;
- (3) the Taxicab Advisory Committee meet quarterly and resources be allocated accordingly; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee providing the Planning and Transportation Committee with a revision of the existing Terms of Reference that resolves specific issues identified by the Planning and Transportation Committee regarding the operation of the inaugural elected Taxicab Advisory Committee (TAC) while at the same time maintaining the independent and democratic framework of TAC and recommending that:
 - (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee endorse and adopt the revision of the existing Terms of Reference agreed upon by TAC at its meeting on August 25, 2003, attached as Appendix "A";
 - (2) the Planning and Transportation Committee receive the report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for information; and
 - (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.
- (September 2, 2003) from Arvind Kumar Agarwal.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended to City Council for its meeting to be held on September 22, 2003, the adoption of the report (May 22, 2003) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services.

On motion by Councillor Altobello, with Councillor McConnell in the Chair, the Planning and Transportation Committee subsequently re-opened this matter for further consideration.

The following persons appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- Sajid Mughal;
- John McIntyre, Taxicab Benefits Association; and
- Eugene Meikle.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee also requested the Commissioner, Urban Development Services to review the

amendments proposed by the Taxicab Advisory Committee in the report (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee and report directly to City Council on any suggested amendments which she supports.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services - September 5, 2003)

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 9)

8.14 Pearson Air Rail Link

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 18, 2003) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that Planning and Transportation Committee recommend that City Council request that Transport Canada, as part of its review of business cases for the new Pearson Air Rail Link, consider provisions for accommodating bicycles on the trains and for bicycle parking facilities at the stations.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the recommendation of the Toronto Cycling Committee that City Council request that Transport Canada, as part of its review of business cases for the new Pearson Air Rail Link, consider provisions for accommodating bicycles on the trains and for bicycle parking facilities at the stations.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 9)

8.15 Bike Week 2003

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (June 18, 2003) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the report (June 2, 2003) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, be received and forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for their information.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (June 18, 2003) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee for information.

(Clause No. 9(h), Report No. 9)

8.16 Business Watch Pilot Project

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (August 12, 2003) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that, if City Council implements an internet-based, electronic, second-hand and pawn reporting system, following the completion of the Business Watch Pilot Project, the Planning and Transportation Committee be requested to support the inclusion of a Bike Watch component and promote the same to cyclists as a theft reduction strategy.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it a report (August 19, 2003) from Councillor Chow, recommending that:

- (1) Planning and Transportation Committee support the inclusion of a Bike Watch component in any new internet-based, electronic, second-hand and pawn reporting system, following the completion of the Business Watch International Pilot Project;
- (2) Planning and Transportation Committee promote the Bike Watch program to cyclists as a theft reduction strategy.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended the adoption of the report (August 19, 2003) from Councillor Chow that City Council:

- (1) support the inclusion of a Bike Watch component in any new internet-based, electronic, second-hand and pawn reporting system, following the completion of the Business Watch International Pilot Project; and
- (2) promote the Bike Watch program to cyclists as a theft reduction strategy.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 9)

8.17 City Cycling Work Plan for 2004

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (August 12, 2003) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) request City Council to support and endorse the amount of \$150,000.00 as the Base Budget for Urban Development Services Cycling Programs; and
- (2) request City Council to support and endorse the addition of \$50,000.00 to the Base Budget for Urban Development Services Cycling Programs, in order to expand the Road and Trail Ambassadors program by adding an additional 10 ambassadors.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee endorsed the funding request from the Toronto Cycling Committee as contained in the communication (August 12, 2003) from the City Clerk and forwarded it to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for inclusion into her department's 2004 Budget submission.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; cc: City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee - September 5, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(i), Report No. 9)

8.18 Opportunities for Capital Investments to Expedite District Heating and District Cooling in the Waterfront

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a report (August 25, 2003) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services responding to the recommendation of the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting of June 3, 2003 regarding the Waterfront Scan and Environmental Improvement Strategy Study and recommended that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (August 25, 2003) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services.

(Clause No. 9(j), Report No. 9)

8.19 Effects of SARS on the Taxicab Industry

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee recommending that the City of Toronto deduct \$146.50 from the 2003-2004 licence renewal fee for taxicab drivers, Ambassador licence owners, and single standard plate owner-operators, as a result of SARS.

On motion by Councillor Dominelli, the Planning and Transportation Committee received the report (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee for information.

(Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee; Commissioner, Urban Development Services - September 8, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(k), Report No. 9)

8.20 Taxicab Driver Bill of Rights

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a communication (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee recommending that:

- (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee endorse and adopt the Taxicab Driver Bill of Rights, agreed upon by TAC at its meeting on August 25, 2003, attached as Appendix 'A';
- (2) the Taxicab Driver Bill of Rights be posted prominently in all taxicabs as a complement to the existing Passenger Bill of Rights; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Planning and Transportation Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (June 12, 2003) from Arvind Kumar Agarwal;
- (undated) from Louis M. Seta; and
- (undated) from Ikram Freed.

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Louis M. Seta appeared before the Planning and Transportation Committee.

On motion by Councillor Rae, the Planning and Transportation Committee deferred further consideration of the report (August 26, 2003) from the Chair, Taxicab Advisory Committee to its first meeting in 2004, and requested the Commissioner, Urban Development Services to report on this matter to that meeting.

(Commissioner, Urban Development Services; cc: Interested Persons - September 5, 2003)

(Clause No. 9(l), Report No. 9)

The meeting adjourned at 12:20 p.m.

Chair