



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

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, June 1, 2004 **Enquiry:** Patsy Morris
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **(416) 392-9151**
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Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Planning and Transportation Committee must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*

Confirmation of Minutes – April 28, 2004

Deputations/Presentations – A complete list will be distributed at the meeting:

10:00 a.m. - Item 1
10:15 a.m. - Item 2

Communications/Reports:

**1. Harmonized City-wide Private Tree By-law
(All Wards)**

(Public Meeting - 10:00 a.m.)

Joint report (May 7, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism introducing a harmonized city-wide private tree by-law that would enable the protection of trees on private property in all neighbourhoods of the City of Toronto and identify the staff and financial resources required to implement and enforce the new by-law.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be authorized to introduce a Bill for the protection of trees on private property under the *Municipal Act* substantially in the form of the attached draft by-law;
- (2) the private tree by-laws of the former cities of Toronto and Scarborough be repealed upon adoption of the new "Private Tree" By-law;
- (3) this report be forwarded to Policy and Finance Committee for its consideration of the ongoing annual Operating Budget increase of \$516,512 gross and \$178,612 net including 7 additional approved positions required to support the harmonized city-wide private tree by-law;
- (4) the request for a 2005 Operating Budget increase of \$411,941 gross and \$242,991 net and a 2006 annualization increase of \$104,571 gross and decrease of \$64,379 net, be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration during the 2005 budget process; and
- (5) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. Technical Amendments of Business Licensing Thresholds

(Public Meeting – 10:15 a.m.)

Report (May 13, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services recommending a series of technical amendments that will clarify and ensure consistent implementation of the Business Licensing Thresholds.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- 1) the technical amendments outlined in Schedule A, be adopted; and
- 2) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to amend Chapter 545, Licensing, of the Toronto Municipal Code as required to give effect to the recommendations in this report.

3. Amendments to Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards

Report (May 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services on Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards and recommend technical and other amendments to the Chapter.

Recommendations:

- (1) the amendments to Chapter 629, Property Standards, substantially as outlined in Appendix A, be adopted;
- (2) Chapter 151, Buildings, Vacant, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code be repealed; and
- (3) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill(s) to give effect to the Committee's decision for the consideration of Council.

4. Landscaping Requirements to Prohibit Unlawful Parking

Report (May 5, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to recommend an amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 629, Property Standards, and establish standards for landscaping in the front yard.

Recommendations:

- (1) Municipal Code § 629-11 be amended substantially as follows by adding:
 - A.1. Despite Subsection A, the front yard of a residential property, other than a multiple-dwelling or a mixed-use building, shall be maintained as follows:
 - (1) Graded so as to prevent recurrent ponding of water and direct the surface water away from the building;
 - (2) Not used or maintained for parking purposes, except for the areas required or permitted to be used for parking under any applicable Zoning By-law or permitted to be used for parking by way of a minor variance to a Zoning By-law, or an agreement with the City;
 - (3) Landscaped, so as to prevent unstable soil conditions or erosion, with any combination of the following:
 - (a) Trees, shrubs, grass or flowers;
 - (b) Decorative stonework, walkways or screening; and
 - (c) Any other horticultural or landscape-architectural elements.

- (4) Where paving is permitted as landscaping under the provisions of the Zoning By-law, any hardsurface paved area must be separated from adjacent driveways and walkways with a physical barrier, minimum 150 millimetres (approximately six inches) above grade; and
- (2) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the Committee's decision for the consideration of City Council.

5. Graffiti Transformation Grants Program: 2004 Recommendations

Report (April 28, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services recommending grants to nineteen organizations for the removal of graffiti and the transformation of vandalized surfaces into murals.

Recommendations:

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

6. 1998 and 2001 APTA (American Public Transportation Association) Rail Safety Audits – Updates

Communication (May 13, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that at its meeting on Wednesday, May 12, 2004, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "1998 and 2001 APTA Rail Safety Audits – Updates"; that the Commission adopted the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

Recommendation:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- (i) receive for information, the sixth update of the TTC management Actions for the 1998 APTA Rail Safety Audit and the fourth update of the TTC management Actions for the 2001 APTA Rail Safety Audit; and
- (ii) forward this update to the Minister of Transportation, Province of Ontario and the Clerk of the City of Toronto for information;

and that the foregoing is forwarded to Toronto City Council, through the City Planning and Transportation Committee, for information.

7. Signage to Make Ambassador Taxicabs More Easily Identifiable to the Public

Communication (May 7, 2004) from Councillor Howard Moscoe to the Chair of the Planning and Transportation Committee attaching a communication (May 6, 2004) from the President, Taxicab Benefits Association requesting the Planning and Transportation Committee to give serious consideration to the recommendation that all Ambassador Taxicabs have an "A" affixed to the front and back of their respective roof lights to allow the public to readily identify them as such.

8. Proposed Settlements of Appeals to the New Official Plan (003011)

(In-camera – litigation or potential litigation)

Joint confidential report (May 7, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the City Solicitor regarding proposed settlements of appeals to the new Official Plan such report to be considered in-camera having regard that the subject matter relates to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

9. Review of Business Licensing Fees/Establishment of Traditional Medicine Establishment and Practitioner Licences

(Note: A report from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, pertaining to the aforementioned matter, will be distributed prior to the meeting.)

10. Harmonized Demolition Approvals Process

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