

**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 8**

Date of Meeting: Monday, October 4, 2004
Time: 9:30 a.m.
Location: Committee Room 1
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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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 – September 7, 2004

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

Communications/Reports:

1. Comprehensive By-law Compliance Programme

Report (September 3, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services summarizing the progress of the Comprehensive By-law Compliance Programme and seeking approval for the next stage of work.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Comprehensive By-law Compliance Programme, as outlined in Schedule A, be adopted in principle;
- (2) the development of an implementation model, as outlined in Schedule B and subject to final approval by Council, be approved, subject to Recommendation (3);

- (3) funds totalling \$80,000 in both 2005 and 2006 for basic and advanced training, respectively, for all investigative staff be considered through the 2005 budget process, and that this report be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee budget meetings;
- (4) the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, after the first phase of full-scale implementation, on the effectiveness of the programme; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

2. Amendment to Municipal Code Chapter 313, Streets and Sidewalks, to Require the Provision of Ashtrays within Licensed Boulevard Café Areas

Report (September 8, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to amend former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313, Street and Sidewalks, to require the provision of ashtrays within licensed boulevard areas.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313, Section 313-36 be amended to require that ashtrays be provided within licensed boulevard café areas for the use of patrons who choose to smoke.

3. Civic Improvement Program and its Relationship to the City Beautification Initiative

Report (September 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services outlining the policy framework upon which the Civic Improvement Program is based and describing how this program can support the city's broader beautification objectives.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that Council:

- (1) endorse the Civic Improvement Program as a means of improving the quality of the City's public realm and base the selection of civic improvement projects for inclusion in the Urban Development Services capital budget (subject to on-going annual reviews of the five-year program priorities) according to the following criteria:
 - (a) support the efforts of the Roundtable on a Beautiful City;

- (b) implement the built-form policies of the Official Plan and contribute to the Plan's "Great City Campaigns";
 - (c) support related local planning initiatives and the beautification efforts of other City Departments and agencies;
 - (d) advance the objectives of creating a safer and more environmentally sustainable City;
 - (e) realize partnering opportunities between the City and the private sector for funding and construction;
 - (f) engage the public and community in the development and implementation of the project;
 - (g) facilitate the co-ordination of inter-departmental/agency capital works programs.
- (2) affirm the important contribution an expanded Civic Improvement Program can make to the overall attainment of the City's beautification objectives through the enhancement of the City's public realm (as defined by its system of streets, parks, squares, open spaces, public buildings and facilities); and
 - (3) forward this report to the Budget Advisory Committee in support of the Urban Development Services Department's 2005 Budget Submission with respect to funding and staffing resources for the Civic Improvement Program.
- 3(a).** Communication (June 28, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on June 22, 23 and 24, 2004, referred Item (j) entitled "Establishment of a Beauty School" to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration.

(NOTE: A copy of the document, entitled "Building the Beautiful City: Places, Routes, Districts; Strategic Opportunities for Civic Improvements", dated September, 2004, referred to in the report (September 16, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, was forwarded to Members of Council and select officials only, and copy is on file in the office of the City Clerk, City Hall.

4. Information Report – 2004 Renovation Forums

Report (September 21, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services reporting the results of the City of Toronto's 2004 Renovation Forums coordinated by the Building Division of Urban Development Services.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that this report be received for information.

5. Bus-Only Lanes (Bus Rapid Transit) Downsview Subway Station to York University.

Communication (July 29, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, July 14, 2004, considered the attached report entitled, "Bus-Only Lanes (Bus Rapid Transit) Downsview Subway Station to York University."

The Commission approved the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- (1) approve the conceptual design for bus-only lanes from Downsview Subway Station to York University, via Allen Road-Dufferin Street and the hydro corridor north of Finch Avenue, as described in this report;
- (2) note that staff will issue a contract change to the design for the Downsview Commuter Parking Lot project, following the authorization for expenditures policy, to avoid construction in the area immediately south of the bus terminal that is now proposed to be used for a new signalised bus driveway onto Allen Road;
- (3) approve a further allocation of \$200,000 for completion of a more-detailed evaluation of the property requirements within the hydro right-of-way, and at the Sheppard/Allen intersection;
- (4) request Toronto City Council to approve the recommended design for bus-only lanes and authorize staff to submit the associated more-detailed Environmental Study Report to the Ministry of Environment, requesting their approval of this project; and
- (5) forward this report to Councillors Peter Li Preti, Michael Feldman, and Maria Augimeri for information."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

- (1) that staff meet with Alan Heisey and the local area Councillor to discuss the options that he has raised and report to the Commission meeting on September 10, 2004.
- (2) that the Commission request York University to respond to the Commission by its meeting on September 10, 2004 with approval in principle for the use of their lands; and that the Commission's support for that portion of the design be conditional on that approval in principle.
- (3) that the Capital Program include a landscape plan to soften the impact of the emergency subway exit on the Northeast corner of the Sheppard Avenue and Allen Road intersection; and

forwarded the aforementioned to the City of Toronto Council through the Works Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration of the Commission's request to approve the recommended design for bus-only lanes from Downsview Subway Station to York University, as detailed in the report.

- 5(a).** Communication (September 23, 2004) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting on Wednesday, September 22, 2004, considered the attached report entitled, "Bus-Only Lanes (Bus Rapid Transit) Downsview Subway Station to York University: Update"; that the Commission also received a deputation from Dr. Ted Spence, York University concerning this matter and after hearing the deputation, the Commission approved the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- (1) approve the revised conceptual design described here for the Sheppard/Allen intersection component of the Bus-only Lanes – Downsview Subway Station to York University project, noting that the revised design addresses the urban design concerns raised by Mr. Gerrit de Boer and the Commission, and that the design has been reviewed and agreed-upon by staff of City Planning, City Transportation, and the TTC;
- (2) forward this report to Toronto City Council for their consideration together with the previously-approved July 14, 2004 staff report on this subject; and
- (3) forward this report to Councillors Peter Li Preti, Michael Feldman, Maria Augimeri, and Mr. Gerrit de Boer for information."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

- (1) that staff continue to consult with York University on the new alternative brought forward as part their deputation.
- (2) that staff be requested to review the feasibility of adding a northbound crossover right-turn lane to the subject intersection for cars in order to reduce conflicts with northbound buses; and

forwarded the aforementioned to Toronto City Council through the Planning and Transportation Committee and Works Committee for consideration in conjunction with the previously approved staff report (dated July 14, 2004) concerning this matter, which was sent to your attention on July 29, 2004.

6. Enforcement of Property Standards in Toronto Community Housing Corporation Owned Buildings (All Wards)

Report (September 20, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services advising Council on the staffing and budgetary implications of conducting building audits within Toronto Community Housing Corporation-owned buildings.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) staff not proceed with building audits within Toronto Community Housing Corporation properties, but to continue to respond to complaints from residents and to enforce the protocol as required;
- (2) staff continue to liaise with the Toronto Community Housing Corporation regarding the results of their proactive maintenance strategy; and
- (3) City Council request that the Province address the issues related to the need for maintenance funds in the housing stock previously managed by the Province.

- 6(a).** Communication (August 26, 2004) from Mr. Allison Godfrey, MFIPPA Co-ordinator, Toronto Community Housing, forwarding a statement from the Board of Directors of the Toronto Community Housing in response to the motions set out in the City report on the Protocol of Enforcement of Property Standards in TCHC-owned Buildings which was considered by City Council on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004.

7. Development Charges for “Big Box” and Other Retail Uses

Communication (June 29, 2004) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on June 22, 23 and 24, 2004, considered Clause 1, Report 5 of the Policy and Finance Committee entitled “Development Charge By-law” and in doing so referred the supplementary report (June 18, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer, the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, entitled “Development Charges for “Big Box” and other Retail Uses”, to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration.

8. “Profile Toronto: Perspectives on Household Income”

Report (September 17, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services introducing a "Profile Toronto" bulletin which provides detailed information regarding the changes to household income that have occurred in Toronto and its surrounding communities over the past 20 years (using information from the Census of Canada).

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Planning and Transportation Committee receive this report for information.

9. Feasibility of Establishing Additional First Appearance Facilities for Parking Ticket Payments and Disputes

Report (September 21, 2004) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer responding to a request by City Council for information on the feasibility of establishing additional First Appearance Facilities for the City's Parking Tag operation; advising that First Appearance Facilities are used by the public to dispute parking tags, make fine payments and/or request trials on parking matters.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) funding (\$70,000 one-time start up cost and \$198,000 annual operating costs) to establish an additional parking tag First Appearance Facility in the Etobicoke Civic Centre, combined with the current tax and water counter, be included as an Enhanced Service Change request in the Finance Department's 2005 Operating Budget Estimates; and
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Administration Committee for its review and 2005 Budget consideration.

10. Recommendation for an Automated Pawn Reporting System

Report (August 31, 2004) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board recommending that automated pawn reporting be mandatory in the City of Toronto and, if implemented, this would require an amendment to the City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 545 – Licensing.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee amend the Municipal Code, Chapter 545 – Licensing, so that automated pawn reporting is mandatory in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) the Planning and Transportation Committee forward this report to Toronto City Council for approval.

11. Review of Consolidation of By-Laws Affecting Parking Enforcement on Private Property

Report (August 31, 2004) from the Chair, Toronto Police Services Board providing the results of a review conducted by the Toronto Police Service on the effectiveness of program enhancements and the consolidation of by-laws related to parking enforcement on private property.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee amend the current by-law to enable Municipal Law Enforcement Officers (“MLEOs”) to tow un-plated vehicles; and
- (2) that the Planning and Transportation Committee amend the licensing by-law governing look-alike tickets, invoices and demand notices to require MLEO certification for any person issuing documents related to private parking.