

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Administration Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee Joint Meeting

Meeting 1

Monday, November 1, 2004

The Administration Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee held a joint meeting on November 1, 2004, in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:40 a.m.

Administration Committee		
Councillor	9:40 a.m.	2:10 p.m.
Councillor Michael Walker, Chair	X	X
Councillor Janet Davis, Vice-Chair	X	X
Councillor Shelley Carroll	X	X
Councillor Frank Di Giorgio	X	X
Councillor Rob Ford	X	X
Councillor Doug Holyday	X	X
Councillor Frances Nunziata	X	X
Councillor Sylvia Watson	X	X
Planning and Transportation Committee		
Councillor Gerry Altobello, Chair	X	X
Councillor Peter Milczyn, Vice-Chair	X	X
Councillor John Filion	X	X
Councillor Cliff Jenkins	X	-
Councillor Howard Moscoe	-	-
Councillor Cesar Palacio	X	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook	X	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	-	-

* Members were present for all or part of the meeting.

Councillor Walker in the Chair.

Declarations of Interest Pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

None declared.

**1.1 Report on the Union Station Draft Master Plan
61 - 71 Front Street West (Toronto Centre-Rosedale - Ward 28)**

The Administration Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee considered a report (October 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services presenting a Peer Review and revised Master Plan for Union Station in accordance with the direction of City Council at its meeting on May 18, 19, and 20, 2004.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) City Council adopt the Union Station Draft Master Plan accompanying this report as Attachment 1; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report on a strategic framework to achieve the vision as set out in the Master Plan.

The Committees also considered the following communications:

- (October 23, 2004) from Mark Champion;
- (October 29, 2004) from Martin Koob;
- (October 29, 2004) from Nikki Rendle;
- (November 1, 2004) from Lynne Sullivan; and
- (undated) from Jane Beecroft, Chair, The Society of Heritage Associates.

Jennifer Keesmaat, Partner, Office for Urbanism, gave a presentation on the Union Station Draft Master Plan.

The following persons appeared before the Administration Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- Ron Taylor, Project Director, Union Pearson Group (written submission);
- Rhona Swarbrick (written submission);
- Helen Riley (written submission);

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- Orin Krivel, obo The Toronto Railway Historical Association (written submission);
- Janice Etter, obo Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group (written submission);
- Zev Rosenblum, obo The Bank of Nova Scotia (written submission);
- Linda Sheppard;
- Laura Cooper (written submission);
- Art McIlwain, Gleneden Property Service Corporation (written submission); and
- John Sewell.

The following Members of Council were also present during discussion of this matter:

- Councillor Raymond Cho;
- Councillor Paula Fletcher; and
- Councillor Pam McConnell.

The Administration Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee recommended:

- A. that City Council on November 30, 2004, adopt the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (October 22, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, subject to amending Recommendation (2) by adding the words "and that all interested stakeholders, including the public, be involved in the development of the strategic framework", so that Recommendation (2) now reads as follows:

"(2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to report on a strategic framework to achieve the vision as set out in the Master Plan and that all interested stakeholders, including the public, be involved in the development of the strategic framework." (moved by Councillor Holyday and amended by Councillor Altobello).

Councillor Altobello assumed the Chair.

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- B. That City Council on November 30, 2004, request the appropriate City officials to report to City Council on:
- (i) the feasibility of re-locating the Inter-City Bus Terminal currently located in the Toronto Coach Terminal at Bay Street and Edward Street, within the Union Station precinct and incorporating it with the GO Transit Terminal; and
 - (ii) the financial implications of the above strategy, specifically the expected costs of acquiring the required lands and expected proceeds from sale or lease of the Toronto Coach Terminal (moved by Councillor Walker); and
- C. that the draft Master Plan be amended to include the relocation of the Inter-City Bus Terminal described in Recommendation B above as one of the "Big Moves", if that is the desire of Toronto City Council to pursue this (moved by Councillor Walker).

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

- D. That City Council request the GO Transit Board to consider the refurbishing of the tracks, platforms and the train shed at Union Station to be a priority so as to enable stairs, escalators and elevators to be installed (moved by Councillor Nunziata); and
- E. the appropriate City officials be requested to report to the appropriate committee should there be any deviation in the future from the Master Plan that places the Master Plan in contravention of the Secondary Plan; and that the necessary consultation process take place prior to any change in the Master Plan (moved by Councillor Di Giorgio).

The Administration Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee also:

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- F. requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services to report to Council on November 30, 2004, outlining, if approved, which elements of the Master Plan would be under the purview of Union Pearson Group and which would be the City's responsibility (moved by Councillor Carroll);
- G. requested the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Corporate Services, in consultation with the consultants, the Union Station Public Advisory Group, Save Union Station Committee, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and other stakeholders, to report to Council on November 30, 2004, on the following changes to the draft Master Plan:
- (1) providing new sheds over the tracks within five years;
 - (2) providing escalators between platforms and concourse;
 - (3) making platforms conform to safety standards;
 - (4) the long term plans for tracks; and
 - (5) keeping the "public" parts of the station in public control (moved by Councillor Palacio); and
- H. requested the appropriate staff from GO Transit, as necessary, to report to City Council on November 30, 2004, on the issues raised by the deputants in their presentations including: building over the tracks, provision of escalators to the platforms; platform width, public accessibility to all public spaces within the Station, and security (moved by Councillor Altobello).

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The foregoing motions carried on the following division of votes:

Yeas: Councillors Nunziata, Holyday, Di Giorgio, Watson, Carroll, Davis, Saundercook, Palacio, Milczyn, Walker, Altobello and Filion.

Nays: Councillor Ford.

(Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Commissioner of Corporate Services and Bob Boyle, Director of Facilities, GO Transit; cc: Union Station Public Advisory Group, Save Union Station Committee, Toronto Pedestrian Committee and Interested Persons - November 2, 2004)

Report 1, Clause 1

The meeting recessed at 12:32 p.m. and resumed at 2:10 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Chair