
**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 8**

Date of Meeting: Thursday, October 6, 2005 **Enquiry:** Patsy Morris
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Committee Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 1 **416-392-9151**
City Hall **pmorris@toronto.ca**
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario

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.

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

Confirmation of Minutes – September 12, 2005

Speakers/Presentations - A complete list will be distributed at the meeting.

Item 2 - 9:45 a.m.
Item 1 - 10:00 a.m.
Item 5 - 11:00 a.m.
Item 6 - 2:00 p.m.
Item 7 - 2:00 p.m.

Communications/Reports:

CITY PLANNING

- 1. Final Report Phase 3 Warden Corridor Land Use Planning Study
Warden Woods Community Secondary Plan
East side of Warden Avenue, north and south of St. Clair Avenue
File No. 03 035238 ESC 35 TM (Ward 35 – Scarborough Southwest)**

(Public Meeting under the *Planning Act*)

10:00 a.m.

(Staff Presentation)

Report (September 21, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning presenting the conclusions of Phase 3 (Implementation) of the Warden Corridor Land Use Planning Study, and recommends amendments to the Official Plan and the Zoning By-law, including a Secondary Plan, Zoning By-law and Alternative Parkland Dedication By-law for the new Warden Woods Community, for lands east of Warden Avenue, north and south of St Clair Avenue.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that City Council:

- (1) amend the Official Plan of the former City of Scarborough to introduce a new Warden Woods Community Secondary Plan, substantially in accordance with the draft Official Plan Amendment attached as Attachment No. 5;
- (2) enact a new Warden Woods Community Zoning By-law substantially in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Attachment No. 6;
- (3) amend the Employment Districts Zoning By-law No. 24982 (Oakridge Employment District) of the former City of Scarborough substantially in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Attachment No. 7;
- (4) enact an Alternative Parkland Dedication By-law for the Warden Woods Community which implements an alternative parkland rate of a minimum of 0.4 hectares per 300 dwelling units for residential development or 5% of the land area, whichever is greater, substantially in accordance with the draft By-law attached as Attachment No. 8;
- (5) direct the City Solicitor to request the Ontario Municipal Board to modify the new Toronto Official Plan to implement the new Warden Woods Community Secondary Plan as approved;
- (6) authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft Official Plan Amendment, draft Zoning By-law Amendments, and draft Alternative Parkland Dedication By-law as may be required; and
- (7) adopt the Warden Woods Community Service Strategy (September 2005) attached as Attachment No. 9.

1(a). Communication (September 20, 2005) from Sonny Sansone.

2. Improving the Planning Process - All Wards **9:45 a.m.**

(Note: The aforementioned report will be distributed as soon as it is available.)

**3. Proposed Settlement of an Appeal to the new Official Plan
003011**

(In-camera – Litigation or potential litigation)

Confidential report (September 12, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, regarding proposed settlements of appeals to the new Official Plan, such report to be considered in-camera as the subject matter relates to litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.

**4. Amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act
(All Wards)**

Report (September 16, 2005) from the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report on recent amendments to the Ontario Heritage Act and recommend appointment of inspectors, delegation of authority to approve certain classes of alterations to designated property and transfer of responsibility for the Register from the City Clerk to the Planning Division.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City Solicitor be authorized, pursuant to Sections 38 and 45 of the Ontario Heritage Act, to introduce a Bill in Council authorizing certain City employees in the Heritage Preservation Services unit of the Policy and Research Division to inspect property designated or proposed to be designated under Part IV or V of the Ontario Heritage Act for the purposes of carrying out those Parts of the Ontario Heritage Act;
- (2) the City Solicitor be authorized, pursuant to Section 33 (15) to (16) of the Ontario Heritage Act, to introduce a Bill in Council to provide for a process for the review of applications for approval of alterations to designated property and to delegate authority to the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, to approve certain classes of alterations to properties designated under S. 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act;

- (3) Council delegate to the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division responsibility for maintenance of the official Register of designated and listed properties and Heritage Conservation Districts required to be kept by the City under Sections 27 and 39.2 of the Ontario Heritage Act; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

MUNICIPAL LICENSING AND STANDARDS

5. Review of Business Licensing Fees 11:00 a.m.

(Public Meeting)

(Note: The aforementioned report will be distributed as soon as it is available.)

6. Proposed Taxicab Fare Increase 2:00 p.m.

(Public Meeting)

Report (September 20, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to recommend an increase in the taxicab fare in the City of Toronto.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the City of Toronto Municipal Code be amended to provide for an approximate increase of ten (10) percent to the taxicab fares;
- (2) this increase be achieved by approving an increase in the initial drop of \$0.25 by increasing the initial drop from \$2.75 to \$3.00, and an increase in the per kilometre rate from \$0.25 per .190 kilometres to \$0.25 per .170 kilometres, as indicated in Table 2, below;
- (3) taxicab fares be reviewed by City staff in the third quarter of each successive year utilizing the most recent Statistics Canada Consumer Price Index for the Province of Ontario with special attention being paid to the current cost of fuel at the time of the review; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized to undertake the necessary action to give effect thereto.

7. Accessible Taxicabs within the City of Toronto**2:00 p.m.****(Public Meeting)**

Report (September 19, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, to report on the results of consultations with the taxicab industry, advocates of the disabled community and the TTC and to make preliminary recommendations to introduce service standards for accessible taxicabs into the Municipal Code.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, Article VIII, Owners and Drivers of Cabs be amended to:
 - (a) extend the current Accessible Taxicab Training Course from four days to five days to include a training module regarding interpersonal communication skills, interacting with people with disabilities and a practical component focusing on transferring passengers into accessible taxicabs;
 - (b) require that drivers endorsed with an accessible taxicab licence attending the Refresher Taxicab Driver Training Course attend an additional day of training to review accessible operator best practices until 2007; and
 - (c) increase fees for the Refresher Taxicab Driver Training Course for accessible taxicab drivers only and increase fees for the Accessible Taxicab Training Course an additional \$40 each to accommodate for the extra day of training;
- (2) the Municipal Code, Chapter 545, Licensing, Article VIII, Owners and Drivers of Cabs be amended to prescribe a set of standards that taxicab drivers with accessible taxicab licences must follow, including:
 - (a) driver to announce self upon arrival at pick-up point;
 - (b) driver to provide appropriate assistance to customer when requested; and
 - (c) driver to properly and safely handle customer mobility aides;
- (3) Municipal Licensing and Standards staff continue to consult with industry stakeholders and advocates for people with disabilities and study the development of a new accessible taxicab and limousine programme with the goals of improving service and increasing capacity to address the growing need for and regulation of this service. Issues to be addressed that were identified during the initial round of consultation were:

- (a) the need for and level of administrative requirements which must be assured by accessible taxicab service providers to ensure the protection of the disabled community, including, but not limited to, service commitments; and
 - (b) the options for addressing the higher cost of providing accessible taxicab service including the provision of special purpose vehicles, trained staff, and proper tracking and dispatch of calls for service;
- (4) Municipal Licensing and Standards staff consult with provincial and/or federal levels of government to explore opportunities for funding assistance for the purchase of accessible vehicles in an effort to increase availability of accessible vehicles to the public; and
 - (5) a copy of this report be forwarded to the Mayor's Roundtable on Access, Equity and Human Rights, the Mayor's Roundtable on Seniors and the Disability Issues Committee, for their information.

8. By-law to Provide a Right to Enter Adjoining Land to Make Repairs and Alterations

Report (June 8, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, introducing new by-law provisions, as authorized by the Municipal Act, 2001, to provide a right to enter adjoining property for the purposes of making repairs and alterations.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the draft by-law as set out in Schedule "A" be adopted;
 - (2) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to amend Municipal Code Chapter 363, Building Construction and Demolition, as required, to give effect to the recommendation in this report; and
 - (3) copies of this report be forwarded to each of the Community Councils for information purposes.
- 8(a).** Communication (September 22, 2005) from the North York Community Council advising that the North York Community Council on September 19, 2005, referred the following recommendations to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration at its meeting on October 6, 2005:

- (1) that the staff recommendations in the Recommendations Section of the report (June 8, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division, be adopted;
- (2) that the proposed by-law:
 - (a) apply only to repairs and alterations to existing structures and only where there exists less than 4 feet between the property line and the building to be repaired or altered; and
 - (b) include a requirement that reasonable notice must be provided and be in the following form:
 - (i) written;
 - (ii) provided 10 days before the proposed access, except in an emergency; and
 - (iii) consent be obtained, but not unreasonably withheld.



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Additional Communications/Reports:

2. Improving the Planning Process - All Wards 9:45 a.m.

Report (September 29, 2005) from the Planning and Transportation Sub-Committee to Review the City's Planning Process to recommend operational changes to planning processes in order to achieve improved public participation, collaboration, communication, accessibility, transparency and greater accountability.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) the Chief Planner and Executive Director of the City Planning Division review and report back on the implementation of the following recommendations:
 - (a) City Planning revise its development procedures to ensure that an early community consultation meeting is held for complex planning applications (rezoning, official plan amendments, plan of sub-division, and substantial site plan control applications) that merit a community meeting, in consultation with the ward councillor, such revised procedures to include an option for the proponent to file a "pre-application" development application, in accordance with Appendix 2;
 - (b) City Planning in consultation with City Clerks, where appropriate, improve access to information and notification methods to ensure that the community is informed early in the process;

- (c) City Planning develop consistent notification practices for community consultation meetings across all districts;
 - (d) City Planning develop a web page to disseminate planning application information, education, public hearing notices, reports, summaries of community consultation meetings, and application status information;
 - (e) City Planning develop a protocol to provide notices of public/community meetings by e-mail to interested community, business and industry groups;
 - (f) City Planning, in consultation with the Corporate Access and Privacy Office, provide reasonable public access to information relating to planning applications and provide information in clear terms and formats so that it is easily understood by the public;
 - (g) City Planning improve the existing planning process so that it is more collaborative, transparent and community focused by exploring alternate community consultation meeting designs; developing criteria for the use of professional facilitators for community meetings for some applications; developing summaries of community meetings; delivering public education; attending community association meetings; providing staff training on consultation skills and outreach services; and holding “town hall” meetings on general planning issues;
 - (h) City Planning reports use clear language to describe the relevant planning issues, policies, guidelines and the response to public concerns;
 - (i) City Planning ensure that projects are built in conformance with approved drawings for site plan control applications and exploring available options, including having dedicated inspectors review the approved projects; and
 - (j) City Planning work with the Committee of Adjustment to improve communication material, the content of public notices and decisions, on-site signage, notification procedures, and the development of protocols for briefing meetings for committee members;
 - (k) City Planning report to the Planning and Transportation Committee recommending guidelines for planning staff to assist in the response to applications which do not appear to be minor variances, and that this report further address the issue of the public process that should be used to evaluate the merits of such applications; and
- (2) Council remain active in the pursuit of on-going initiatives to reform the Ontario Municipal Board.

5. Review of Business Licensing Fees**11:00 a.m.**

Report (September 22, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager to redeploy enforcement resources to meet anticipated enforcement pressures and to recover all associated costs through licensing fees.

Recommendations:

It is recommended that:

- (1) Annual licensing fees be increased as follows:

(a)	Body rub parlour owner/operators	\$9,245
(b)	Body rub parlour owners	\$4,656
(c)	Body rub parlour operators	\$4,656
(d)	Remaining stationary businesses and trades (except holistic centre owners and holistic practitioners)	\$ 66
(e)	All mobile businesses	\$ 21
- (2) Recommendation (1) becomes effective immediately upon the adoption of this report by Council on November 1, 2005;
- (3) the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards be required to report, in one year's time, on any further adjustments to the allocation of licensing costs and the associated fees based on an assessment of more current programme pressures;
- (4) any other consequential by-law amendments to Chapter 545 or any other by-law be correspondingly effected;
- (5) the City Solicitor be directed to prepare the necessary bill to give effect to the recommendations in this report, effective immediately; and
- (6) the report be referred to the Budget Advisory Committee for its consideration.

8(b). By-law to Provide a Right to Enter Adjoining Land to Make Repairs and Alterations

Communication (September 26, 2005) from the Etobicoke York Community Council advising that the Etobicoke York Community Council on September 19, 2005, recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee, that Recommendations (1) and (2) in the report (June 8, 2005) from the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, be adopted.