

February 2, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, January 31, 2007, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "2007 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget."

The Commission approved the following staff recommendations, in principle only, and requested that the TTC and City Budget Committees come forward with options to balance the 2007 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget:

"It is recommended that the Commission approve:

- 1/ The 2007 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget (summarized in Appendix A) as described in this report and the following accompanying reports:
 - 2007 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget Overview
 - 2007 Wheel-Trans Detailed Operating Budget (Blue Book)
 - 2007 TTC Departmental Goals & Objectives
 - 2007 TTC Organization Charts
- 2/ Consider this report in concert with:
 - (a) the 2007 TTC Operating Budget
 - (b) the 2007-2011 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast
- 3/ Note that based on flat-lined City of Toronto operating subsidy levels, the proposed Wheel-Trans Operating Budget includes a base budget shortfall of \$5.6 million as summarized below:

Expenditures*	\$68.7 Million
Revenues**	<u>3.2 Million</u>
Subsidy Needed	\$65.5 Million
Estimated City Operating Subsidy	<u>59.9 Million</u> (2006 Budget)
Shortfall	<u>\$ 5.6 Million</u>

* Net of post-retirement benefit non-cash expenses.

**Based on current fare structure.

- 4/ Note that post-retirement benefit non-cash expenses, in the amount of \$830,000, are not included in the Net Operating Subsidy requirement as these expenditures will be financed through a long-term subsidy receivable from the City;
- 5/ The Wheel-Trans Service Plan which encompasses the following key factors:
 - Eligibility Criteria and Application Process remain unchanged;
 - Registrant base increasing by 14% to 51,000;
 - Trip demand increasing by 7.8% to 2,099,200;
 - Unaccommodated rate remaining at 2%;
 - Trips provided by accessible vehicles remaining at 88%;
 - Trips increasing to 2,186,200 (includes Community Bus);
 - Further integration with the conventional transit system;
 - Community Bus routes increase from five (5) to six (6);
 - Implementation of new accessible and sedan taxi contracts;
 - Workforce increasing by 43 to a year-end complement of 459.
- 6/ Forward this report to the City of Toronto requesting approval of:
 - (a) the City's 2007 Operating Subsidy for the Wheel-Trans Operation; and
 - (b) confirmation of the establishment of an additional receivable in the amount of \$830,000 to cover post-retirement benefit non-cash expenses;
- 7/ Forward this report to the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) for information;
- 8/ Forward this report to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, the Honourable Donna Cansfield, the Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Honourable David Caplan, and the Ontario Ministry of Finance, the Honourable Greg Sorbara for information; and
- 9/ Forward this report to Rob McIsaac, Chair of the Greater Toronto Transit Transportation Authority, for information."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

1. That staff be requested to report on the following:
 - a) Making the Lawrence 54 bus route an accessible route; and
 - b) Making the Lawrence RT Station an accessible station, including comment on the possibility of making all RT Stations accessible when the Scarborough RT is upgraded.
2. That staff be requested to report back on the status of a commitment made by the Commission in January 2006 to provide accessible service on the 41 Keele, 89 Weston and 96 Wilson bus routes.

The foregoing is forwarded to the City Budget Committee for information and appropriate attention.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment