

June 25, 2007

To: Budget Committee

From: Executive Committee

Subject: Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth

The Executive Committee on June 25, 2007:

1. submitted this matter to Council without recommendation; and
2. directed the Budget Committee to give consideration to the communication (June 14, 2007) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, entitled "Service Increases to Respond to Unanticipated Ridership Growth.", and forward recommendations thereon to Council for its meeting scheduled to be held on July 12, 2007, for consideration with Item EX10.44.

Background

The Executive Committee on June 25, 2007, directed the Budget Committee to give consideration to the following time-critical matter and forward recommendations thereon directly to Council for its meeting to be held on July 16, 2007:

Communication (June 14, 2007) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, containing the following recommendations:

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the implementation of 1900 additional, unbudgeted, hours of service per week in November 2007 to reduce overcrowding on the system at an estimated cost of \$0.64 million in 2007, and an annual cost of \$6.7 million in 2008 noting that:
 - i. system ridership is expected to reach 462M annual riders by year-end in 2007, which is 1.8% higher than budgeted, and ridership growth is expected to continue in 2008,
 - ii. the additional service is required to accommodate this higher ridership level without overcrowding,

- iii. the eight additional buses required to provide these services can be accommodated within the current bus fleet plan to the end of 2008. Bus fleet requirements in the longer-term will be reviewed as part of the 2008 budget process, and
2. Forward this report to the City's Budget Committee for approval."

City Clerk
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