

September 14, 2007

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

At a special meeting on Wednesday, September 12, 2007, the Commission had before it the attached report entitled, "TTC Response to City Budget Crisis."

The Commission received Recommendation Nos. 1 and 2; and further adopted Recommendation Nos. 3, 4, 5, 9, 10 and 11 contained in the report.

The Commission amended Recommendation Nos. 6, 7 and 8 to read as follows:

- "6. Implement an across-the-board 15-cent fare increase (15 cents on adult ticket/token fares and prorated for most others) in November 2007, and implement an additional change to monthly Metropasses equivalent to the cost of one additional ticket/token fare (about two dollars per monthly pass) to generate about \$34 million in net extra revenue; and that Appendix B of this report be amended accordingly."
- "7. Continue the other cost containment initiatives approved by the Commission on July 20, 2007, until further notice, and direct staff to continue, during the 2008 budget process, to consider action which will reduce our 2008 expenses and/or increase 2008 revenues, and that this work include a review of our commuter parking lot strategy."
- "8. Note that the effect of all of the previous recommendations is to have reduced the TTC's 2008 budget shortfall from the previous \$104 million to \$60 million, if the RGS initiatives are operated and Mount Dennis Garage is opened, or to \$35 million if they are not."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motions:

1. That the Spadina Subway Extension Project, which is moving ahead, will not be affected by Commission approval of Recommendation No. 7 contained in the report or as amended above.
2. That staff be requested to report on TTC worker salaries compared to public and private sector like jobs.

3. That staff be requested to report on independent audits done in the last five years on TTC performance and efficiency.
4. That TTC staff be requested to meet with Toronto Social Services staff to develop a fare mitigation strategy for social assistance and Ontario Disability Support Program recipients, and further develop a report for presentation to the City's Budget Committee.
5. That the October 17, 2007 meeting of the Commission be deferred until after the October 22, 2007 Council meeting to consider TTC budget implications.
6. That TTC staff be requested, as part of the 2008 Operating Budget process, to report separately on efficiencies and savings achieved, and entrepreneurial opportunities to be seized.
7. That the offer to university students for the U-Pass remain at \$60.00 a month for student associations, such an offer holding only until May 2008.
8. Forward to Council for its meeting on October 22, 2007 a report on TTC budget progress, and the implications and policy options available if the tax tools are not passed.

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

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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