

Ref: 2007-07-M35

May 1, 2007

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE:

City Council on April 23 and 24, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Executive Committee:

M35 Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee Appointments – Status Request
*Moved by Councillor Stintz, seconded by Councillor Saundercook***SUMMARY:**

The Spadina–York Subway Extension Committee was created in 2004 to promote the subway extension project and assist in its implementation. In a letter dated February 2, 2007 to Ulli Watkiss, the City of Vaughan's Clerk requested that the City of Toronto continue to participate on the Committee.

On February 13, 2007, the City Clerk's Office circulated the canvassing chart for the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee, as a result of the request from the City of Vaughan. The results of the canvass showed that 5 Councillors were interested in participating on the Committee, including Councillors Augimeri, Moscoe, Perruzza, Saundercook and Stintz.

The February 26, 2007, Striking Committee agenda had included the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee, Item ST3.1

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/st/agendas/2007-02-26-st03-ar.pdf> .

This meeting was canceled as a result of a lack of quorum. The Committee was rescheduled for March 26, 2007, however the agenda excluded the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee.

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Members of Council and the City of Vaughan were not advised of the confidential decision made by the Chair of the Striking Committee to forego Toronto's involvement on the Spadina-York Committee. As there are a number of important decisions still left to be made with respect to the subway expansion, it is critical that Toronto Councillors continue to participate on this Committee.

Furthermore, the decision whether or not the City should participate on this Committee should be made by City Council in a public forum, not by the Chair of the Striking Committee in private.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That the Chair of the Striking Committee include membership to the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee on the agenda for the next Striking Committee meeting.
2. That the Chair of the Striking Committee be requested to write to the Clerk of the City of Vaughan to provide an update on the status of Toronto's involvement on the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee.

for City Clerk

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