



## REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

# GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY - CITY OF TORONTO NOMINATIONS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This report recommends the City of Toronto representation on the board of directors of the Great Toronto Transportation Authority.

<b>Date:</b>	December 20, 2006
<b>To:</b>	Executive Committee
<b>From:</b>	Mayor David Miller
<b>Wards:</b>	All
<b>Reference Number:</b>	

## SUMMARY

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The Province of Ontario has established the Great Toronto Transportation Authority with the board of directors to include eleven members, four members of which are to be nominated by Toronto Council. The Minister of Transportation requested that Toronto Council nominations by December 31, 2006. The Mayor indicated that Toronto Council would make its recommendations early in 2007.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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### Mayor Miller recommends:

1. the City of Toronto's representation on the board of directors of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority comprise:
  - a. the Mayor or his designate;
  - b. the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission;
  - c. the Chair of the Planning and Growth Management Committee; and
  - d. a person to be recommended by the Mayor to Council who has:
    - i. experience in the transit and transportation field;
    - ii. an understanding of infrastructure financing; and
    - iii. knowledge of growth management and regional planning;

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

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There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

## **DECISION HISTORY**

On June 22, the Ontario Legislature gave Royal Assent to *Bill 104 – An Act to establish the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority and to repeal the GO Transit Act, 2001* (the GTTA Act). The legislation provides that the Board of Directors of the GTTA shall consist of eleven members appointed by the Province, through the Lieutenant Governor in Council on recommendations by the Minister of Transportation, consisting of:

- two persons who will be the chair and vice-chair;
- four persons recommended by the City of Toronto; and
- one person recommended by each of the City of Hamilton and Regions of Halton, Peel, York and Durham.

Robert McIsaac, formerly the Mayor of Burlington, and Peter Smith, current chair of GO Transit, have been appointed as chair and vice-chair to the GTTA.

In a letter to Mayor Miller dated October 3 2006, the Honourable Donna Cansfield, Minister of Transportation requested that Toronto Council's recommendations for appointments to the board be submitted to her by December 31, 2006.

## **ISSUE BACKGROUND**

Toronto Council's position has been that the board of the GTTA should have a governance structure that includes elected, accountable municipal officials. Toronto has also advocated for a strong relationship between the activities of the GTTA, the City of Toronto and the other municipalities in the GTA and Hamilton, with respect to transit and transportation planning and investment.

The recommendation to Toronto Council is that the City of Toronto's representation on the board of directors of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority comprise:

1. the Mayor or her/his designate;
2. the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission;
3. the Chair of Planning and Growth Management Committee; and
4. a person, who need not be a Member of Council, who has:
  - (a) experience in the transit and transportation field;
  - (b) an understanding of infrastructure financing; and
  - (c) knowledge of growth management and regional planning.

## **COMMENTS**

By creating the GTTA, the Province of Ontario intends to bring together the province, municipalities and local transit agencies to plan, coordinate and set priorities for public transit investments and major regional roads. The GTTA is to take a regional approach to transportation planning and its first priority will be to develop an integrated long-term

transportation plan for the GTA and Hamilton that is aligned with the provinces growth plans and the municipal official plans.

The structure of the GTTA board of directors, with the inclusion of four members nominated by the Toronto Council, is consistent with previous Toronto Council positions. The method of appointment, through recommendations of the participating city and regional councils, is also consistent with previous Council positions.

The recommendation for Toronto Council nominations provides for participation by the TTC and the integration with city planning and growth management.

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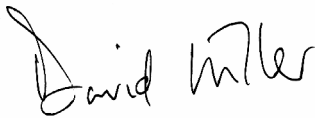
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## **SIGNATURE**

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Mayor David Miller