

# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

**MEETING DATE:** September 19, 2007

**SUBJECT:** RUSSELL HILL SUBWAY TRAIN ACCIDENT OF  
AUGUST 11, 1995  
DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST UPDATE

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## **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Commission:

- i) Receive for information the updated Due Diligence Checklist relating to the Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995, which provides a status report on the progress toward closing the Coroner's Jury Recommendations and the TTC's Internal Team Recommendations.
- ii) Forward this report to the Chief Coroner of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and the Province of Ontario for information.

## **BACKGROUND**

Seventeen previous Due Diligence Checklist updates were submitted to the Commission at its meetings of April 2, 1996, May 28, 1996, July 9, 1996, December 10, 1996, March 4, 1997, December 16, 1997, June 17, 1998, December 2, 1998, September 1, 1999, December 8, 1999, September 5, 2000, August 29, 2001, August 28, 2002, August 27, 2003, September 22, 2004, August 31, 2005 and August 30, 2006.

The following definitions have been provided to staff to clarify their meaning within the Due Diligence Checklists:

***Closed*** means that every aspect of the recommendation has been addressed and completed. There is documentation supporting the closure. For example: a signed-off written procedure is complete and currently being followed, the equipment is purchased and in use, or a memo is on file detailing the reason the TTC has non-concurred. The person responsible has signed-off on the Due Diligence Sign-off Report.

***Closed by TTC*** means that every possible step has been taken by the TTC, and the completion of the recommendation rests with an outside agency. This applies only to Coroner's Jury Recommendations. The person responsible has signed-off on the Due Diligence Sign-Off Report.

***Open*** indicates that the implementation of the recommendation is underway.

**SUMMARY OF JURY AND TTC INTERNAL TEAMS' RECOMMENDATIONS**

No recommendations have closed since the last update on August 30, 2006. The TTC has closed 232 of the 236 recommendations from both the Coroner's Jury Recommendations and the Internal Teams' Recommendations. Of the four open recommendations, two relate to Signal Violation Alarms, and are scheduled for completion in December 2007. The other two recommendations relate to the implementation of speed control, and are scheduled for completion in 2008. The following table provides a summary of the current status of recommendations.

CATEGORY	August 30, 2006		August 29, 2007		TOTAL
	OPEN	CLOSED	OPEN	CLOSED	
Training	0	50	0	50	50
Track	0	31	0	31	31
Transit Control	0	39	0	39	39
Vehicles	0	32	0	32	32
Signals Design	3	29	3	29	32
Signals Maintenance	0	34	0	34	34
Coroner's Jury	1	17	1	17	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>232</b>	<b>236</b>

**ONGOING STEPS**

The next updated Due Diligence Checklist, which is scheduled to be presented at the Commission Meeting in August 2008, will also be forwarded to the Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario, to ensure that the Chief Coroner is apprised of our progress with respect to the resolution of all of the recommendations stemming from the Russell Hill Subway Train Accident.

The status of the recommendations are also summarized and reported in the TTC's monthly Chief General Manager's report. The TTC will continue to present publicly to the Commission each year in August, until closure of all recommendations, and will outline the status of all recommendations and any outstanding issues or deficiencies.

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August 15, 2007  
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Attachment: Due Diligence Checklist #18  
 Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995