

October 29, 2007

PLANNING AND GROWTH MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE:

City Council on October 22 and 23, 2007, referred the following Motion to the Planning and Growth Management Committee:

M155 Transit Passes – New Condominium Units
Moved by Councillor Moscoe, seconded by Councillor Giambrone

SUMMARY:

City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006, referred Planning and Transportation Committee Report 3, Clause 8, headed “Transit Pass and Parking Requirements”, to the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, for a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, in consultation with the Chief General Manager of the Toronto Transit Commission.

Council has, on numerous occasions in the past, endorsed the practice of providing free transit passes to the purchasers of new condominium units in areas that are well served by public transit, and routinely adopted this practice for numerous transit-related developments. The practice is a unique way of encouraging public transit use, supporting reduced parking costs for the developments underway and providing a supportive source of revenue for the Toronto Transit Commission.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That City Council endorse the practice of requiring that developers provide free transit passes to the purchasers of new condominium units in areas that are well served by public transit.
2. That City Council re-affirm the report request of the Chief Planner.
3. That until staff has reported out on this matter, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, be directed to comment on this issue in each and every report from the Planning Division on rezoning and Official Plan amendments that involve multiple residential units.

Council also had before it a copy of the Planning and Transportation Committee Report 3, Clause 8, headed "Transit Pass and Parking Requirements", considered by City Council on May 23, 24 and 25, 2006

for City Clerk

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Attach.