

November 15, 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 its meeting on Wednesday, November 14, 2007, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget."

The Commission approved the Recommendation contained in the report, as listed below:

"It is recommended that the Commission approve:

- 1/ The 2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget (summarized in Appendix A) as described in this report and the following accompanying reports:
 - 2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget Overview
 - 2008 TTC Departmental Goals & Objectives
 - 2008 TTC Organization Charts
- 2/ Consider this report in concert with:
 - (a) the 2008 TTC Operating Budget
 - (b) the 2008-2012 Capital Program and 10-Year Capital Forecast
- 3/ Note that based on flat-lined City of Toronto operating subsidy levels, the proposed Wheel-Trans Operating Budget includes a base budget shortfall of \$4,584.9K as summarized below:

Expenditures*	\$73,862.2
Revenues* *	<u>3,742.5</u>
Subsidy Needed	\$70,119.7
City Operating Subsidy Available	<u>65,534.8</u>
Shortfall	<u>\$ 4,584.9</u>

* Includes no provision for the impact of the next Collective Bargaining Agreements. Each 1% increase in wages/benefits equates to about \$0.4 million annually in the Wheel-Trans Operating Budget (\$0.3 million for the 2008 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget).

** Based on November, 2007 fare structure.

4/ The Wheel-Trans Service Plan which encompasses the following key factors:

- Eligibility Criteria and Application Process remain unchanged
- Registrant base increasing by 5.9% to 54,000
- Trip demand increasing by 6.5% to 2,236,500
- Accommodating 98% of trips
- Trips provided by accessible vehicles remain at 87.5%
- Further integration with the conventional transit system
- Community Bus routes increase from five (5) to seven (7)
- Implementation of new accessible and sedan taxi contracts
- Workforce increasing by 34 to a year-end complement of 492
- No impact from ATU 113 negotiations
- No impact from AODA legislation

5/ Forward this report to the City of Toronto requesting approval of:

- (a) The required City 2008 Operating Subsidy for the Wheel-Trans Operation; and
- (b) confirmation of the establishment of an additional receivable in the amount of \$830,000 to cover post-retirement benefit non-cash expenses for 2008 consistent with previous accounting treatment approved by Council;

6/ Forward this report to the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) for information;

7/ Forward this report to the Ontario Ministry of Transportation, the Honourable Jim Bradley, the Ontario Ministry of Public Infrastructure Renewal, the Honourable David Caplan, and the Ontario Ministry of Finance, the Honourable Dwight Duncan for information; and

8/ Forward this report to Rob MacIsaac, Chair of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority, for information."

The foregoing is forwarded to the City of Toronto Budget Committee for consideration and approval of the Commission's request embodied in Recommendation No. 5 noted above.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment