Ms. Ulli Watkiss City Clerk City of Toronto Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Wednesday, August 27, 2008, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Procurement Authorization Amendment – Option to Purchase 120 Forty-Foot Hybrid Low Floor City Buses."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Authorize staff to exercise the contract option with Daimler Buses North America Ltd. (Daimler) in an amount of \$56,251,827.54 including all taxes for the purchase of 80 forty-foot low floor hybrid Orion VII NG buses for delivery in 2010 with the option to be exercised no later than September 30, 2008, and
- 2) Authorize staff to exercise the contract option with Daimler Buses North America Ltd. (Daimler) in an amount of \$28,125,913.77 including all taxes for the purchase of a supplementary order of an additional 40 forty-foot low floor hybrid Orion VII NG buses also for delivery in 2010, subject to the approval by Council of the City of Toronto, and
- 3) Forward a copy of this report to the City of Toronto for consideration by Council requesting project commitment and approval in October, 2008 to proceed with the award of the supplementary order of an additional 40 forty-foot buses, to be exercised no later than October 31, 2008, and
- 4) Authorize staff to dispose of those buses retired as a result of the purchase of the two recommended option orders totalling 120 buses in the best interest of the Commission."

The foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council through the City Budget Committee for consideration of the Commission's request embodied in Recommendation No. 3 of the report, noting that this supplementary order must be exercised by October 31, 2008.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo General Secretary 1-16 Attachment