

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, "Waterfront West Streetcar – Expansion of Park Lawn Bus Loop to Accommodate Streetcars."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission:

- 1) Approve the revised design concept for the Park Lawn streetcar loop noting that:
 - a) The loop will allow provision of increased service west of Humber Loop to the Humber Bay Shores area, which is undergoing significant redevelopment and intensification;
 - b) The loop is larger than the original concept approved in 2003 due to the need to accommodate two streetcar tracks and an operators' washroom building in addition to the existing bus service;
 - c) Public consultation has occurred through two public information meetings held in November, 2006 and September, 2007;
 - d) The concerns expressed by the local community refer primarily to the impacts of streetcars on traffic congestion at the Park Lawn/Lake Shore intersection, the existing poor quality of streetcar service in south Etobicoke, visual and noise impacts of the loop, and the loss of parkland to a larger loop footprint, all of which have been addressed through the design and consultation process;
 - e) Extensive consultation has occurred with City Transportation, Planning and Parks staff, and with the local Councillor, all of whom support the loop; and

- f) Staff from City Parks and Recreation Division, City Transportation and Planning, and the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) have provided input to the revised design concept, and have reviewed and accepted the design at the 30% level;
2. Forward this report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee and to City Council and to the TRCA for approval of the proposed design concept.”

The foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council, through the City Planning and Growth Management Committee for approval of the proposed design concept.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment