

December 7, 2007

Ms. Ulli Watkiss  
City Clerk  
City of Toronto  
Toronto City Hall  
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Thursday, December 6, 2007, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "Streetcars on Cherry Street and Sumach Street Servicing the West Don Lands Development."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve the conceptual design for streetcars operating in their own right-of-way on the east side of Cherry Street and Sumach Street between the CN Rail corridor and King Street to serve the planned West Don Lands development area as described in this report, noting that:
  - the recommended transit right-of-way and facilities will be constructed as part of the larger project to reconstruct Cherry Street and Sumach Street which is being undertaken and funded by Waterfront Toronto;
  - the development of the preferred design has been a joint initiative between the Waterfront Toronto, the City of Toronto and the TTC which has included an extensive public input process and a significant emphasis on excellence in urban design;
  - this report has been prepared jointly by TTC staff and City of Toronto staff who concur with the recommendations presented here;
  - the recommended design addresses City of Toronto Council's concerns related to reducing the width of the roadway on Cherry Street and including dedicated bicycle facilities in the design;

- TTC and Waterfront Toronto staff are developing a Delivery Agreement for TTC involvement in the design and construction of the project to ensure that the resulting transit facilities are acceptable to the TTC;
  - Road, transit and associated urban realm improvements are planned for design in 2008/2009 and constructed in 2009/2010. Opening day for the transit operation is expected in late 2010;
  - Initially the service on the line will operate to and from downtown, and will be co-ordinated with the existing 504 KING service. The design of the new line also permits future operation to and from the east on King Street, when demand warrants;
2. Request that Toronto City Council:
- a) authorize the Chief General Manager of the TTC, the General Manager of Transportation Services, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director of Planning to issue a Notice of Completion and to file the Environmental Study Report for the West Don Lands Transit Environmental Assessment in the public record for a minimum 30-day period in accordance with the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment;
  - b) authorize the installation of traffic control signals at the intersections on Cherry Street at Front Street East and Cherry Street at Mill Street coincident with the reconstruction of and provision of streetcar service on Cherry Street;
  - c) authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director of Planning to bring forward a report on any amendments necessary to Schedule A of By-law No. 346-2003 of the Central Waterfront Secondary Plan (OPA 257), as amended, to provide for the recommended design, and reduction in planned rights-of-way, upon approval of the Environmental Study Report under the Environmental Assessment Act; and
3. Forward this report to Councillor McConnell, the Toronto and District School Board, Waterfront Toronto, and the Ontario Realty Corporation for information."

The Commission also approved the following ancillary motion:

"That staff be requested to work with the local councillor and the West Don Lands Committee during the detailed design process, with a goal to ensure that within the existing right-of-way that all bicycle lanes achieve a 1.8 metre width."

The foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council through the City Planning and Growth Management Committee for consideration and approval of the Commission's request embodied in Recommendation No. 2 above.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo  
General Secretary  
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Attachment