

Planning and Growth Management Committee

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Update on Tall Buildings Design Guidelines

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council extend the previously approved one year period to test the effectiveness of the Tall Buildings Guidelines by an additional period of two years during which they will continue to be used in evaluation of development applications for tall buildings in conjunction with the application of the Built Form policies of Section 3.1.3 of the City's Official Plan.
2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee at the conclusion of the test period regarding any necessary modifications to the Tall Buildings Guidelines identified during the test period.

(December 11, 2007) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council extend the previously approved one year period to test the effectiveness of the Tall Buildings Guidelines by an additional period of two years during which they will be continue to be used in evaluation of development applications for tall buildings in conjunction with the application of the Built Form policies of Section 3.1.3 of the City's Official Plan.

2. City Council direct the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning, to report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee at the conclusion of the test period regarding any necessary modifications to the Tall Buildings Guidelines identified during the test period.

Financial Impact

There are no financial implications.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to provide an update about the evaluation of the Tall Buildings Design Guidelines. As directed by Council (July 2006) the effectiveness of the Guidelines is being evaluated by staff applying them to tall building development applications across the City. Council approved an evaluation period of one year for this test. The Guidelines have been found to be helpful in the assessment of tall building proposals. The evaluation period has not been long enough to review the guidelines and their effectiveness. This report requests that staff continue to use the Guidelines for development application review for an additional period of two years.

For the City's downtown, the Living Downtown study to address site selection for tall buildings is being carried out by the City Planning Division and is scheduled to be completed at the end of 2008. As this study is related with the Tall Buildings Guidelines it is necessary to continue to use and evaluate the Tall Buildings Guidelines until this study is completed. The Living Downtown Study will also benefit from the ongoing use and evaluation of the Tall Buildings Guidelines.

Background Information

Update on Tall Buildings Design Guidelines

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-9433.pdf>)

PG12.10	NO AMENDMENT			
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Streetcars on Cherry Street and Sumach Street Servicing the West Don Lands Development

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council authorize the Chief General Manager of the TTC, the General Manager of Transportation Services, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City 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.

2. City Council 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.
 3. City Council authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City 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.
 4. City Council direct staff to work with the local Councillor and the West Don Lands Committee during the detailed design process with a goal of achieving a roadway width of less than 12 metres.
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(December 7, 2007) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that City Council:

1. Authorize the Chief General Manager of the TTC, the General Manager of Transportation Services, and the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City 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.
2. 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.
3. Authorize the Chief Planner and Executive Director of City 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.
4. Direct staff to work with the local Councillor and the West Don Lands Committee during the detailed design process with a goal of achieving a roadway width of less than 12 metres.

Summary

Forwarding the action taken by the Toronto Transit Commission on December 6, 2007 regarding a report on Streetcars on Cherry Street and Sumach Street Servicing the West Don Lands Development.

Background Information

Letter December 7, 2007 from TTC re Streetcars on Cherry Street and Sumach Street
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-9414.pdf>
 TTC Report No. 17 re Streetcars on Cherry Street and Sumach Street
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-9415.pdf>

Communications

(January 10, 2008) Submission from Julie Beddoes, on behalf of the West Don Lands Committee (PG.New.PG12.10.1)

Speakers

Councillor Pam McConnell, Ward 28 Toronto Centre-Rosedale

10a West Don Lands Transit EA

(January 9, 2008) Memo from Councillor Pam McConnell, Toronto Centre-Rosedale, Ward 28

Summary

Briefing and recommendation from Councillor Pam McConnell

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Waterfront West Streetcar - Expansion of Park Lawn Bus Loop to Accommodate Streetcars

City Council Decision

City Council on January 29 and 30, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council approve the proposed design concept for the Park Lawn street loop.
2. The Toronto Transit Commission be requested to include the design of a bike storage facility within the Park Lawn Streetcar redesign project to meet the City-wide obligations of the Bike plan.

(November 15, 2007) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve the proposed design concept for the Park Lawn street loop.

Summary

Forwarding the action taken by the Toronto Transit Commission on November 14, 2007 regarding a report on the Waterfront West Streetcar - Expansion of Park Lawn Bus Loop to Accommodate Streetcars.

Background Information

Letter Nov 15, 2007 from TTC re Waterfront West Streetcar
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-9411.pdf>)

Report from TTC re Waterfront West Streetcar
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-9471.pdf>)

Submitted Thursday, January 10, 2008

Councillor Norman Kelly, Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee