
Planning and Growth Management Committee

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Meeting Date	Wednesday, July 2, 2008	Phone	416-392-7340
Start Time	9:30 AM	E-mail	pgmc@toronto.ca
Location	Committee Room 1, City Hall		

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Official Plan Amendment for Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) – Final Report

City Council Decision

City Council on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan substantially in accordance with the draft official plan amendment attached as Attachment 1.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft official plan amendment as may be required.

Statutory - Planning Act, RSO 1990

(June 5, 2008) Report from Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council amend the Official Plan substantially in accordance with the draft official plan amendment attached as Attachment 1.
2. City Council authorize the City Solicitor to make such stylistic and technical changes to the draft official plan amendment as may be required.

Committee Decision Advice and Other Information

The Planning and Growth Management Committee held a public meeting on July 2, 2008, and

notice was given in accordance with the Planning Act. No one addressed the Committee.

Financial Impact

The recommendations in this report have no financial impact.

Summary

On March 21, 2007 the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) endorsed a light rail transit plan for the City of Toronto which included seven projects across the City. Amongst them was the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) route from the existing Don Mills station on the Sheppard subway to Morningside Avenue and possibly to Meadowvale Road.

Map 5 Surface Transit Priority Network, in the Official Plan identifies Sheppard Avenue, from Don Mills Road to McCowan Road, as a transit priority segment. The Planning Act Section 24 provisions require public works to conform to an Official Plan in effect. Thus for any public works related to the Sheppard East LRT to be undertaken, east of McCowan Road, the Official Plan is required to be amended.

This report recommends an amendment to Map 5 Surface Transit Priority Network, of the Official Plan, extending the transit priority segment along Sheppard Avenue from McCowan Road to Meadowvale Road.

Background Information (Committee)

Official Plan Amendment for Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT) - Final Report
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-13885.pdf>)

Communications (Committee)

- (June 13, 2008) e-mail from Mary & Cam Gioia (PG.Main.PG17.1.1)
- (June 13, 2008) e-mail from Andrew W. Lomaga (PG.Main.PG17.1.2)
- (June 16, 2008) e-mail from David L. Smith (PG.Main.PG17.1.3)
- (June 13, 2008) petition from 46 Residents of Rougeville Community (PG.Supp.PG17.1.4)
- (June 29, 2008) e-mail from Marcia Mohammed (PG.New.PG17.1.5)
- (July 1, 2008) e-mail from Hamzehali Fallahtafi (PG.New.PG17.1.6)

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West Don Lands Class EA Master Plan and Front Street Design

City Council Decision

City Council on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council endorse Waterfront Toronto's proposed modifications to the design of Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue, specifically the reduction

of lanes from four to two, and the change in design from a divided roadway to an undivided roadway.

2. City Council authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(June 12, 2008) Report from Richard Butts, Deputy City Manager

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council endorse Waterfront Toronto's proposed modifications to the design of Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue, specifically the reduction of lanes from four to two, and the change in design from a divided roadway to an undivided roadway.
2. City Council authorize and direct the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no immediate financial implications to the City resulting from the recommendations in this report.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council endorsement for Waterfront Toronto's proposed design modifications to Front Street East, between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue.

Through the process of developing detailed designs for the new parks and road facilities in the West Don Lands area, Waterfront Toronto has proposed a design modification for Front Street East between Cherry Street and Bayview Avenue. The proposed modification includes replacing the four-lane divided roadway design, separated by a large park-like median, with a two-lane, undivided roadway that includes a wide, park-like boulevard on the north side of the street and parking lay-bys on both sides of the street. The previously approved right-of-way widths will not change.

Waterfront Toronto's rationale for the proposed design changes include significant improvements in the ability to use the wide north boulevard area for park purposes, as opposed to the former centre median area, and improved safety with minimal change in the traffic access and level-of-service characteristics due to the provision of more standard intersection designs. Waterfront Toronto has indicated that these modifications do not require any amendment to the existing Environmental Assessment approvals. However, notification of the proposed design revision has been provided to all stakeholders involved in the West Don Lands Class Environmental Assessment Master Plan.

Background Information (Committee)

West Don Lands Class EA Master Plan

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-14136.pdf>)

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Request for Approval of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment Study

City Council Decision

City Council on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council approve the recommendations of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment study to allow staff to begin detailed design as soon as possible, and be in a position to begin construction of this first Transit City light rail line in 2009.
2. City Council authorize staff to submit the final Environmental Assessment Study report for the 30-day public review period, as required to complete the EA process for this project.
3. City Council advise the Province of Ontario of its approval of this Environmental Assessment study.
4. During the detailed design phase, the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to consider options that minimize the amount of property expropriated for the widening of Sheppard Avenue.

(June 18, 2008) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve the recommendations of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment study to allow staff to begin detailed design as soon as possible, and be in a position to begin construction of this first Transit City light rail line in 2009.
2. City Council authorise staff to submit the final Environmental Assessment Study report for the 30-day public review period, as required to complete the EA process for this project.
3. City Council advise the Province of Ontario of its approval of this Environmental

Assessment study.

Summary

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on Wednesday, June 18, 2008, considered a report entitled "Request for Approval of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment Study", and forwarded the report to City Council for approval.

Background Information (Committee)

Request for Approval of the Sheppard East LRT Environmental Assessment Study

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-14148.pdf>)

TTC Report No. 11

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-14149.pdf>)

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Waterfront West Streetcars Extension CNE to Dufferin – EA Modification.

City Council Decision

City Council on July 15, 16 and 17, 2008, adopted the following motions:

1. City Council approve the Environmental Assessment (EA) Modification Report.
2. Upon approval by Toronto City Council, this report be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment for approval of the recommended modification to the original Waterfront West LRT Environmental Assessment.

(May 22, 2008) Letter from General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission

Committee Recommendations

The Planning and Growth Management Committee recommends that:

1. City Council approve the Environmental Assessment (EA) Modification Report.
2. Upon approval by Toronto City Council, this report be forwarded to the Ministry of the Environment for approval of the recommended modification to the original Waterfront West LRT Environmental Assessment.

Summary

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission on Wednesday, May 21, 2008, considered a

report, entitled “Waterfront West Streetcars Extension CNE to Dufferin – EA Modification”, and forwarded the report to City Council for approval.

Background Information (Committee)

Waterfront West Streetcars Extension CNE to Dufferin - EA Modification
(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-14532.pdf>)

Attachment

(<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2008/pg/bgrd/backgroundfile-14533.pdf>)

Speakers (Committee)

Deputy Mayor Joe Pantalone

Submitted Wednesday, July 2, 2008

Councillor Norman Kelly, Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee