

September 19, 2008

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario
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Dear Ms. Watkiss:

At its meeting on Thursday, September 18, 2008, the Commission considered the attached report entitled, "2009 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget."

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

"It is recommended that the Commission approve:

- 1/ The 2009 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget (summarized in Appendix A) as described in this report and as set out in the 2009 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget Overview document.
- 2/ Note that based on current City of Toronto operating subsidy levels and the current fare structure, the 2009 Wheel-Trans Operating Budget includes an increased subsidy requirement of \$4,918.3K as summarized below:

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| Expenditures | \$78,865.7 |
| Revenues | <u>3,827.7</u> |
| Subsidy Needed | \$75,038.0 |
| City Operating Subsidy Available | <u>70,119.7</u> |
| Additional Subsidy Required | <u>\$ 4,918.3</u> |

- 3/ Approve the contribution of any 2008 net operating surplus to the TTC Stabilization Reserve Fund for utilization against the 2009 Operating Budget subsidy required.

- 4/ The Wheel-Trans Service Plan which encompasses the following key factors:

- Eligibility Criteria and Application Process remain unchanged
- Registrant base increasing by 12% to 60,600
- Trip demand increasing by 3.9% to 2,324,500
- Accommodating 98% of trips
- Trips provided by accessible vehicles at 83%
- Further integration with the conventional transit system
- Community Bus routes remain at five (5) routes
- Implementation of new accessible and sedan taxi contracts
- Operating Budget Workforce decreasing by 29 to a year-end complement of 462
- No impact from AODA legislation

- 5/ Forward this report to the City of Toronto requesting approval of:
 - (a) the City's required 2009 Operating subsidy for the Wheel-Trans Operation;
 - (b) confirmation of the establishment of an additional receivable in the amount of \$830,000 to cover post-retirement benefit non-cash expenses for 2009 consistent with previous accounting treatment approved by Council; and
 - (c) the contribution of any 2008 net operating surplus to the TTC Stabilization Reserve Fund for utilization against the 2009 Operating Budget shortfall.
- 6/ Forward this report to the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transportation (ACAT) for information;
- 7/ Forward this report to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Ontario Minister of Energy and Infrastructure, and the Ontario Minister of Finance, for information.
- 8/ Forward this report to the Federal Minister of Transport, Infrastructure, and Communities, for information; and
- 9/ Forward this report to Metrolinx for information."

The foregoing is forwarded to the City of Toronto Budget Committee for approval of the Commission's request embodied in Recommendation No. 5 of the report.

Sincerely,

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachment