



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Queens Quay Revitalization and Transit Environmental Assessment Studies – Recommended Deferral

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| Date: | July 28, 2009 |
| To: | City Council |
| From: | Deputy City Manager Richard Butts |
| Wards: | Ward 20 – Trinity Spadina and Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale |
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SUMMARY

This report recommends Council deferral of EX33.18 concerning the Queens Quay Revitalization Environmental Assessment (EA) and East Bayfront Transit EA to its September meeting to provide City staff with the time necessary to complete the additional analysis requested by Executive Committee.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Deputy City Manager for Waterfront Revitalization recommends that:

1. Consideration of EX33.18 concerning the Queens Quay Revitalization Environmental Assessment (EA) and East Bayfront Transit EA, be deferred to the September meeting of Council;
2. The appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from implementation of recommendations contained in this report.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

At its meeting on June 2, 2009, Executive Committee approved, with amendment, report EX33.18 from the Deputy City Manager for Waterfront Revitalization, titled “Queens

Quay Revitalization EA and East Bayfront Transit EA”. The Committee directed staff to report directly to Council on a number of matters, including:

- a. Confirmation that safety and operational issues of Redpath Sugar concerning the proposed gate at the plant’s easterly driveway have been satisfactorily addressed;
- b. Creating a controlled intersection for northbound buses only on the east segment of Robertson Crescent;
- c. Making no further changes to the Queens Quay and Dan Leckie Way intersection;
- d. Improving new north-south connections between Queens Quay West and Lakeshore Blvd., between Rees and Spadina and at Yo Yo Ma;
- e. The operational and safety concerns of the TTC.

COMMENTS

Addressing these matters in a fulsome manner requires that detailed traffic and traffic signal modelling and analysis be undertaken to the satisfaction of staff of Transportation Services, division the division responsible for road and traffic signal operations. During the labour disruption, Transportation staff was redeployed to other functions in the City. While Waterfront Toronto and TTC officials continue to work diligently to address the various issues raised by Executive Committee, the work cannot be completed until staff of Transportation Services has provided input into this process. Specifically, staff must review and concur with modelling parameters, processes and results and must undertake the analysis required to determine the feasibility and financial implications of improving north-south connections between Lakeshore Blvd. and Queen’s Quay. For this reason, it is recommended that item EX33.18 be deferred to the September meeting of Council.

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