MOTION

The Planning & Growth Management Committee request that the Chief Planner work with TTC staff and other project partners in developing a public consultation process for an amendment to the Official Plan for incorporating the corridor known as the Downtown Relief Line (DRL) into the Higher Order Transit Corridors of the Official Plan.

SUMMARY

• City Council at its meeting on January 28, 2009, approved the following motion:

"The Toronto Transit Commission be requested to commence the proper studies, including Environmental Assessments as required, to evaluate the merits of the Downtown Rapid Transit Line and Don Mills LRT for the purpose of moving these projects up on the priority list of Metrolinx and making it a greater priority for Transit City, and that these studies form part of the discussions occurring with the other project partners."

- TTC Chair Adam Giambrone has been quoted in the National Post on August 20, 2009, as saying "the analysis of the Downtown Relief Line would start this fall,"
- In a meeting with TTC staff and Councillor Thompson on August 10, 2009, TTC staff indicated that they would be making the request for authorizing funding for a study on the Downtown Relief Line this fall at an upcoming TTC meeting.