

June 3, 2010

Ms. Ulli Watkiss
City Clerk
City of Toronto
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, ON M5H 2N2

Dear Ms. Watkiss:

Recommendations:

The Toronto Transit Commission recommends that City Council at its meeting of June 8/9, 2010:

1. approve the recommendations of the Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility Transit Project Assessment Study and authorize staff to submit the EPR to the Ministry of Environment.
2. receive for information the attached report entitled "Replacement Fleet Maintenance and Storage Facility – Consideration of the Unilever Site".
3. note that the TTC response to Item (i) below is being forwarded under separate cover.

Background:

At its meeting on Wednesday June 2, 2010 the Commission considered the attached reports entitled "Request for Approval of the Replacement Fleet Maintenance and Storage Facility Transit Project Assessment Study" and "Replacement Fleet Maintenance and Storage Facility – Consideration of the Unilever Site".

The Commission took the following action:

1. Approved the recommendation, of the joint City/TTC Replacement Fleet Maintenance and Storage Facility (MSF), (Ashbridges Bay MSF) Transit Project Assessment Study, as described in the attached "Ashbridges Bay Light Rail Vehicle Maintenance and Storage Facility, Draft Environmental Project Report, Executive Summary", for:

- a. Locating the MSF on the property at the southeast corner of Lake Shore Boulevard East and Leslie Street (Ashbridges Bay Site) adjacent to the Ashbridges Bay Wastewater Treatment Facility;
 - b. The construction of a non-revenue service connection from the existing streetcar network at Queen Street to the proposed Ashbridges Bay Maintenance and Storage Facility, via Leslie Street;
2. Noted that five public consultation open houses/presentations have been held. In addition, consultation with local Councillors, local community groups and stakeholders have been held;
 3. Forward this report to the Toronto City Manager with a request to submit a report to the June 8/9, 2010 Toronto City Council meeting recommending that City Council approve the recommendations of the Ashbridges Bay MSF Transit Project Assessment Study and authorize staff to submit the EPR to the Ministry of the Environment; and
 4. Forward this report to the Ontario Ministry of the Environment, for information.
 5. Forward the "Replacement Fleet Maintenance and Storage Facility – Consideration of the Unilever Site" report to Toronto City Council for information.

The Commission also approved the following motions:

- (i) Consider the addition of a second access route as part of the Transit Project Assessment Plan and report to City Council on the Knox/Eastern/Russell route.
- (ii) Meet with stakeholders to ensure appropriate mitigation for the Leslie Street route.
- (iii) Staff report back on the changes proposed to the Russell Streetcar Facility to accommodate the new LRV's and to consult with the public on the impacts and mitigation measures of the changes to the Russell facility.
- (iv) Ensure design excellence for the site and also the route to include a greening strategy to Queen Street on Leslie Street.
- (v) Establish a construction liaison committee for the site and the route.
- (vi) Direct TTC staff to comment to the Commission and the Film Board on the results of testing and vibration measurements of the prototype LRVs.
- (vii) Direct TTC staff to maintain the connection track in a very good to excellent state of repair.
- (viii) Direct staff to collaborate with City of Toronto Employment Services and the ATU, Local 113 on the development of a local outreach and training initiative for the Ashbridges Bay LRV Facility.

The Commission's recommendation is forwarded to Toronto City Council for its consideration.

Sincerely,

Original signed by

Vincent Rodo
General Secretary
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Attachments

Copy: J. Pennachetti, City of Toronto