
**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING No. 4**

Date of Meeting:	April 25, 2000	Enquiry:	Christine Archibald
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 2		392-7039
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF MARCH 21, 2000 – WILL BE ELECTRONICALLY TRANSMITTED TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE.

DEPUTATIONS/PRESENTATIONS:

**10:00 A.M. FREE TRANSIT ON AIR QUALITY DAYS
(Item No. 3)**

**11:00 A.M. SCHOOL CLOSURES
(Item No. 4)**

**12:00 NOON WATERFRONT CONSULTATION STRATEGY
(Item No. 5)**

**2:00 P.M. GTSB STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THE GREATER
TORONTO AREA AND HAMILTON-WENTWORTH
(Item No. 6)**

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS:

1. OFFICIAL PLAN SUBMISSION #2 – STABLE NEIGHBOURHOODS POLICY

Councillor Walker
(March 29, 2000)

Stating that the City of Toronto’s new Official Plan must include a ‘preservation of stable neighbourhoods’ policy which should include the following three components:

- (1) identify specifically each individual neighbourhood across the City of Toronto and enshrine them in the new Official Plan;
- (2) establish a special planning regimen for areas zoned low-density residential; and
- (3) development and entrench “Neighbourhood Stability Plans” (NSPs) for each of the neighbourhood areas identified, and **recommending** that:
 - (1) staff from the Urban Planning and Development Department be requested to report on this submission; and
 - (2) this report outlines a suggested consultation process including constituencies to consult and timeframes to report back for final inclusion in the new Official Plan.

2. GREATER TORONTO AREA AGRICULTURE ECONOMIC IMPACT STUDY

Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board
(March 7, 2000)

Forwarding, for information and any action deemed appropriate, Clause 1 of Countryside & Environment Working Group Report No. 6, entitled “Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Economic Impact Study”, and **advising** that the following recommendations were adopted by the Greater Toronto Services Board:

- (1) the GTA Federations of Agriculture be thanked for their work and presentation to the Working Group;
- (2) the GTSB adopt the eight recommendations of the study;
- (3) the GTSB include consideration of the agriculture industry as an important component of the GTSB strategies; and
- (4) the recommendations of the Greater Toronto Area Agricultural Economic Impact Study be taken into account by the Greater Toronto Services Board in reviewing terms of reference and a work program for the countryside and the environment.

3. 10:00 A.M. FREE TRANSIT ON AIR QUALITY ADVISORY DAYS

DEPUTATIONS

City Clerk
(February 9, 2000)

Advising that City Council at its meeting on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000, struck out and **referred** Item (d) of Clause No. 6 of Report No. 1 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled “Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days”, back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and the hearing of depositions, with a request that the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee be notified when this matter will again be before the Planning and Transportation Committee.

3(a) Hamish Wilson
(March 21, 2000)

Providing his perspectives on means of providing some action on on the issue of free transit on air quality days and concluding that fiscal conservatives ignore the many avoided costs of automobiles.

4. 11:00 A.M. SCHOOL CLOSURES

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(March 2, 2000)

Providing:

- (1) Members of Council with an update regarding the Toronto District School Board (TDSB) Phase 1 closures; and
- (2) a preliminary assessment of the impact of TDSB Phase 2 school closures on the local delivery of municipal services and programs,

and **recommending** that:

- (1) City Council adopt the draft principles for re-use of surplus schools as set out in Appendix A to this report;
- (2) this report be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, and that they be requested to review and adopt the principles for re-use of surplus

schools contained within Appendix A, prior to the release of any requests for proposals for schools declared surplus; and

- (3) the Toronto District School Board be requested to consult with appropriate City officials prior to any restriction of evening use of school facilities, to ensure that existing municipal programs can be adequately accommodated, and public meeting space continues to be available to local residents.

- 4(a) Executive Officer, Facility Services, Toronto District School Board
(March 3, 2000)

Forwarding, in compliance with *Ontario Regulation 444/98*, a proposal for school properties.

5. 12:00 NOON WATERFRONT CONSULTATION STRATEGY

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(April 12, 2000)

Outlining a public consultation process to facilitate comment on the report of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force released on March 27, 2000 and **recommending** that the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force be requested to take all steps necessary to organize and facilitate the recommend consultation process by the end of May, 2000.

6. 2:00 P.M. GTSB STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION FOR THE GREATER TORONTO AREA AND HAMILTON-WENTWORTH

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(April 11, 2000)

Responding to the report “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” and **recommending** that Council:

- (1) Adopt and endorse the attached Strategic Transportation Planning Group response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan and in so doing:

- 1.1. Endorse a GTA Strategic Transportation Plan as a first step towards coordinated transportation planning and investment in the GTA;
 - 1.2. Support maintaining and improving existing infrastructure as a priority over new initiatives when determining overall GTA infrastructure funding requirements;
 - 1.3. Support the transit focus of “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” as the means to move a greater proportion of the population and support a transit network that builds on the existing rapid transit and commuter rail networks;
 - 1.4. Support in principle the GTA Transit Plan on the condition that components of the Plan are revised and clarified based on sound integrated transportation and land use planning including cost-benefit and ridership analysis;
 - 1.5. Support the upgrading of Union Station for GO Transit services and the addition of a new TTC platform for Union Subway station as the first priority for infrastructure enhancement to improve transit in the GTA; and
 - 1.6. Support the expansion of GO Transit rail services in the peak periods as the means to support continued downtown development.
- (2) Endorse “Removing Roadblocks to Continued Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Transportation Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth” as a conceptual framework for transportation planning in the GTA subject to changes being made to the report as recommended in the STPG Response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan.
 - (3) Support the Recommended Actions for Implementation of the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan subject to the changes being made as recommended in the STPG Response to the GTA Strategic Transportation Plan.
 - (4) Communicate these recommendations to the GTSB and member municipalities of the GTSB and request that the GTSB incorporate the recommendations in the final GTA Strategic Transportation

Plan, Recommended Actions for Implementation of the Plan and 2000 work program.

- (5) Request the GTSB to establish study teams for the 2000 work program items to provide guidance and input and involve City and TTC staff in the study teams.

- 6(a)** Lynn Morrow, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board
(March 20, 2000)

Advising that the GTSB, at its meeting on March 3, 2000, adopted Clause 1 of Transportation Committee Report No. 8 of the GTSB titled “Recommended Actions for Implementing the Draft GTSB Strategic Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth”, and **noting** that Recommendation 3 therein requests the regional municipalities of Durham, Halton, Hamilton-Wentworth, Peel and York and the City of Toronto to coordinate the preparation of development charges by-laws for GO Transit services and supporting documentation for those by-laws. The attached Clause also notes that the timeline for receipt of comments by municipalities of April 3, 2000 has subsequently been extended by the GTSB to May 15, 2000.

- 6(b)** Lynn Morrow, Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board
(February 15, 2000)

Forwarding the GTSB Strategic Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto Area and Hamilton-Wentworth to member municipalities and other stakeholders for comment and report back to the GTSB Transportation Committee and advising that the report is also available on the GTSB website at www.gtsb.on.ca.

NOTE: THE ATTACHMENTS TO ITEMS 6(a) AND 6(b) ARE DUPLICATED AS APPENDICES TO ITEM 6 AND ARE, THEREFORE, NOT ATTACHED – REFER TO ITEM 6 FOR THIS MATERIAL.

- 6(c) TTC – CITY RESPONSE TO THE GTSB’S STRATEGIC TRANSPORTATION PLAN FOR THE GTA AND HAMILTON-WENTWORTH**

General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(April 6, 2000)

Forwarding Toronto Transit Commission Report No. 22 regarding the TTC – City Response to the GTSB’s Strategic Transportation Plan, for consideration by the Planning and Transportation Committee at its April 25, 2000 meeting in conjunction with a joint City Works and Planning report on the same subject, and **requesting** that the City of Toronto, through the Planning and Transportation Committee, accept this report as the TTC’s input to the City’s formal response to the GTSB regarding this plan