

THE CITY OF TORONTO

Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Planning and Transportation Committee

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 7, 2000

The Planning and Transportation Committee met on Monday, February 7, 2000, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:30 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joanne Flint, Chair
Councillor Maria Augimeri
Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Blake F. Kinahan
Councillor Gloria Lindsay Luby
Councillor Howard Moscoe
Councillor Dick O'Brien
Councillor Joe Pantalone

Members were present for some or all of the meeting.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee held on January 10, 2000, were confirmed.

2.1. Exemption from Part Lot Control of Certain Lands in Connection with the Purchase of Union Station by the City of Toronto and GO Transit. (Trinity-Niagara, Downtown, Don River)

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (January 24, 2000) from the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services to exempt certain lands from subdivision control to allow the reservation of an easement in favour of the Toronto Terminals Railway Company Limited over portions of the lands being transferred to GO Transit in association with the purchase of Union Station by the City of Toronto and recommending that:

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- (1) a Subdivision Control Exemption By-law be enacted pursuant to section 16 of the *City of Toronto Act, 1971* in respect of the lands illustrated on Maps 1 and 2 hereto, being transferred to GO Transit in association with the purchase of Union Station, such By-law to expire on December 31, 2000;
- (2) a Part Lot Control Exemption By-law be enacted pursuant to section 50(7) of the *Planning Act*, in respect of the lands illustrated on Maps 3 through 6 hereto, being transferred to GO Transit in association with the purchase of Union Station, such By-law to expire on December 31, 2000;
- (3) the City Solicitor be authorized to introduce the necessary Bills in Council to give effect to recommendations 1 and 2; and
- (4) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to register the By-laws on title.

Barbara Leonhardt, Director, Policy and Research, Urban Development Services, provided an overview of the report.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the report (January 24, 2000) from the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services provided that the report does not exempt any portion of the fibre optic network from the necessity to secure municipal access agreements with the City of Toronto when extended upon City road allowance or when crossing any City streets.

(Report No. 2, Clause 1)

2.2. Interim Replacements of Members of Examining Boards

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee recommending that the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services:

- (1) be authorized to begin the process to fill, on an interim basis, the one vacancy on the Master Electrician Examining Board and the three vacancies on the Building Renovator Examining Board; and
- (2) at the conclusion of the process, report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, through the Licensing Sub-Committee, with names of individuals for appointment to these two boards for an interim period ending December 31, 2000, or until the Licensing By-law review has been completed.

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On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended to Council the adoption of the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee contained in the transmittal letter (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk.

(Report No. 2, Clause 2)

2.3. Terms of Reference – Licensing Sub-Committee

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee recommending that the authority granted to the members of the previous Licensing Commissioners under Section 17 of By-law 20-85, quoted below, be extended to the Members of the Toronto Licensing Tribunal and to the Members of the Licensing Sub-Committee:

“17. Any person duly authorized by the Commission, or any member of the Commission, may at all reasonable times inspect as much of any house, place or premises as is used for the carrying on of any trade, calling, business or occupation in respect of which any person has or is required to have a licence under this By-law, and any such person so authorized or any member of the Commission may inspect any goods, articles, books, records and other documents of or relating to any such trade, calling, business or occupation, and no person who has or is required to have a licence under this By-law shall obstruct or hinder the making of the inspection aforesaid, or cause or permit the same to be obstructed or hindered.”

Councillor Pantalone assumed the chair.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Committee:

- (1) referred the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee, contained in the transmittal letter (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, and the following motion placed by Councillor Lindsay Luby, to the City Solicitor with a request that he submit a report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on this matter, as soon as possible:

“It is recommended that the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee be adopted subject to an amendment that any such inspections be reported to the Chair, Licensing Tribunal”; and

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- (2) requested the City Solicitor to take note of the concerns expressed by members of the Planning and Transportation Committee when preparing his report.

Councillor Flint resumed the chair.

(City Solicitor; cc: Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services – February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 5(a))

2.4. Rat Control Measures

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 25, 2000) from Councillor Bill Saundercook regarding the provision for rat control as a condition for application for building and/or demolition permits.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Planning and Transportation Committee referred the communication (January 25, 2000) from Councillor Saundercook to the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services with a request that he report, in consultation with the Chief Building Official and the Medical Officer of Health, to the next meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) on the rat control provisions that existed in former municipalities as they related to the issuance of building or demolition permits;
- (2) the requirements necessary to reinstate, or expand, these provisions City-wide; and

The following motion, moved by Councillor O'Brien, was accepted as a friendly amendment by Councillor Moscoe and adopted by the Committee:

- “(3) that the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services, also address the process to implement required changes, so as to ensure that a similar problem as the one cited by Councillor Saundercook in his communication (January 25, 2000) does not occur.”

Jane Ross and Alexander Ross addressed the Committee in respect to this matter:

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(Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Chief Building Official, Medical Officer of Health; cc: Councillor Saundercook, Interested Persons – February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 5(b))

2.5. GTA Transit Usage Survey Results

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 14, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission requesting that Council formally support the Toronto Transit Commission's request to have the "Seamless Transit" and "GTA Transit Usage Survey Results" presentations heard by the Greater Toronto Services Board.

See Minute 2.6 - the Committee considered minute items 2.5. and 2.6. together

2.6. Seamless Transit

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 6, 2000) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission responding to the Committee's invitation to make a presentation regarding "Seamless Transit".

The Committee also had before it a Copy of Presentation on GTA Transit Issues (February 2000) from the Toronto Transit Commission

A presentation was given by W.R. (Bill) Dawson, Superintendent, Route and System Planning, TTC, and Richard C. Ducharme, Chief General Manager, TTC and Gary M. Webster, General Manager, Operations Branch, TTC were in attendance at the meeting and responded to questions by the Committee.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended that City Council formally support the Toronto Transit Commission's request that the Greater Toronto Services Board hear presentations by the Toronto Transit Commission on Seamless Transit and the GTA Transit User Survey Results.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee:

- (1) requested the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on a detailed action plan which could use City of Toronto streets more effectively for transit purposes;

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- (2) requested the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, in conjunction with the Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, to undertake a study on commuter parking lots juxtaposed to the number of transit users who currently park on City street and then use the transit system;

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee:

- (3) referred the following questions, proposed by Councillor Jones, to the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, with a request that he report thereon to the Toronto Transit Commission within two months:
 - (a) on the 1-3 year plan of parking expansion along the transit system, particularly at the perimeters of the City; and
 - (b) that a bus way connection between Kipling Station and Sherway Gardens, with a parking facility at Sherway Gardens, be evaluated for inclusion into the Service Plan.

(Richard C. Ducharme, Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission; cc: General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services – February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 3)

2.7. Taxi Driver Safety

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the communication (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee recommending that:

- (1) City Council direct the City Solicitor to amend the Licensing By-law 20-85 so that taxi drivers are granted the right to demand a pre-paid deposit on a taxi fare; and
- (2) the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services, be requested to report to the Licensing Sub-Committee on an appropriate protocol and pre-paid amount towards a taxi fare.

The Committee also had before it the following communication

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- (February 7, 2000) from Gerald H. Manley forwarding his deputation and proposing digital cameras as his preferred safety device
- (February 7, 2000) from Steven D. Holmes, President, Verif Eye suggesting the introduction of their product TaxiCam as an effective security solution for the taxi and transportation industry.

The following persons addressed the Committee in respect to this matter:

- Gene MacDonald (representing Mobil Com, Canada and Cab Connection)
- Steven Holmes, Verif Eye
- Frank Hegyi, Hegyi Geo Technologies

Councillor Pantalone assumed the chair.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee referred the recommendations of the Licensing Sub-Committee, contained in the transmittal letter (January 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, back to the Licensing Sub-Committee with a request that the Commissioner, Urban Development Services submit a report to the Sub-Committee on the pros and cons of the suggested course of action.

Councillor Flint resumed the chair.

(Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Licensing Sub-Committee; cc: Interested Persons- February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 5(c))

2.8. Incentives for Private-Sector Affordable Housing Development: Proposal Review

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to the report (December 22, 1999, from the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services to review an affordable housing model using property tax measures and other incentives proposed by Councillor Jakobek and recommending that:

- (1) the potential use of property tax measures and other incentives to stimulate affordable rental housing development, as outlined in this report, be forwarded to the City of Toronto Business Reference Group (for consideration by the Multi-Residential Sub-Panel) as part of their overall mandate to bring forward to City Council, through the Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force, requests for new tax policy by legislation;

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- (2) this report be forwarded to the Community Services Committee and the Policy and Finance Committee for information; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee:

- (1) referred the above-noted joint to the Commissioner, Urban Development Services with a request that he submit a further report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the concept of stimulating affordable rental housing development;
- (2) referred the potential use of property tax measures, and other incentives to stimulate affordable rental housing development, as outlined in the joint report (December 22, 1999) from the Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services and the Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, to the City of Toronto Business Reference Group (for consideration by the Multi-Residential Sub-Panel) as part of their reference mandate to bring forward to City Council, through the Assessment and Tax Policy Tax Force, requests for new tax policy by legislation; and
- (3) requested that the above-noted report request, and any comments from other Committees on this matter, be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

(City of Toronto Business Reference Group, Acting Commissioner, Urban Development Services; cc: Acting Commissioner, Community and Neighbourhood Services, Committee Administrator, Assessment and Tax Policy Task Force – February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 5(d))

2.9. Building Code Regulations covering Retaining Walls on Private Properties

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Committee, pursuant to Section 124 of the Procedural By-law, by majority vote decided to consider this matter.

The Planning and Transportation Committee gave consideration to a motion (undated) from Councillor Lindsay Luby requesting the Province to include in the Building Code

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regulations to cover retaining walls built on private properties that are more than 1 m in exposed height.

On motion by Councillor Lindsay Luby, the Committee recommended to Council that the Province of Ontario be requested to include in the Building Code Regulations, a provision to cover retaining walls built on private properties that are more than 1 metre in exposed height.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee also requested the Chief Building Official to report directly to Council for its meeting on February 29, 2000 on this matter.

(Chief Building Official – February 9, 2000)

(Report No. 2, Clause 4)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Chair