



**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING No. 7**

Date of Meeting: Tuesday, July 3, 2001 **Enquiry:** Christine Archibald
Time: 9:30 a.m. **Administrator**
Location: Committee Room 2 **(416) 392-7039**
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF JUNE 4, 2001 MEETING – available in qry\2001\standing\planning\minutes

PUBLIC HEARINGS/DEPUTATIONS:

10:00 A.M. PROPOSED SIGN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS TO THE FORMER CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 297, SIGNS, FORMER BOROUGH OF EAST YORK BY-LAW 64-87, FORMER CITY OF ETOBICOKE MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 215, SIGNS, FORMER CITY OF NORTH YORK SIGN BY-LAW 30788, FORMER CITY OF SCARBOROUGH SIGN BY-LAW 22980, AND FORMER CITY OF YORK MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 835, SIGN (INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO INCREASE SIGN PERMIT FEES) (Item 1)

11:00 A.M. PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE DON VALLEY PARKWAY (Item 2)

2:00 P.M. STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CYCLING IN TORONTO: THE
"TORONTO BIKE PLAN - SHIFTING GEARS" (ALL WARDS)
(Item 3)

PUBLIC HEARING

1. 10:00 A.M. PROPOSED SIGN BY-LAW AMENDMENTS TO THE
FORMER CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE,
CHAPTER 297, SIGNS, FORMER BOROUGH OF EAST
YORK BY-LAW 64-87, FORMER CITY OF ETOBICOKE
MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 215, SIGNS, FORMER
CITY OF NORTH YORK SIGN BY-LAW 30788, FORMER
CITY OF SCARBOROUGH SIGN BY-LAW 22980, AND
FORMER CITY OF YORK MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER
835, SIGN (INTRODUCTION OF BILL TO INCREASE
SIGN PERMIT FEES)

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(June 7, 2001)

Providing the necessary Bill to amend the various sign by-laws of
the former municipalities across the City of Toronto in order to
implement a 5% increase to fees for sign permits and variance
application fees, and **recommending** that:

- (1) former East York Sign By-law 64-87 be amended to
increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by
5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete
applications received before that date being subject to the
fees that applied at the time of the application;
- (2) Chapter 297, Signs, and Chapter 178 of the former
Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit and
variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001
with any complete applications received before that date
being subject to the fees that applied at the time of
application;
- (3) Chapter 215, Signs, of the former City of Etobicoke
Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit fees
and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1,
2001 with any complete applications received before that
date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of
application;

- (4) former North York Sign By-law 30788 be amended to increase sign permit fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (5) former Scarborough Sign By-law 22980 be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (6) Chapter 835, Sign, of the former City of York Municipal Code be amended to increase sign permit fees and variance application fees by 5% effective August 1, 2001 with any complete applications received before that date being subject to the fees that applied at the time of application;
- (7) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action, including the introduction of a bill, in Council, substantially in the form of draft by-law attached to this report, to give effect thereto.

2. 11:00 A.M.

PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO EXPAND THE DON VALLEY PARKWAY

Note: The Planning and Transportation Committee, at its last meeting on June 4, 2001, deferred consideration of the matter to this meeting.

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(May 31, 2001)

Responding to a request to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to comment, in the context of the Official Plan, on a preliminary proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway by adding four centre toll lanes, and **recommending** that Council receive for information the preliminary proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway by adding four centre toll lanes.

2(a).

Councillor Disero
(May 4, 2001)

Forwarding a report (April 20, 2001) from Councillor Sutherland which **requests** staff to report on a proposal to expand the Don Valley Parkway, which would include maintaining up to three existing lanes in either direction while adding two new centre toll lanes each way and funding to be provided by private firm(s) with a portion of the tolls being returned to the City for transit initiatives, and **advising** that this report, addressed to the Works Committee, comes within the jurisdiction of the Planning and Transportation Committee and is **referred** to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration in the context of the Official Plan.

2(b).

City Clerk, North Community Council
(June 15, 2001)

Referring a Resolution submitted by Councillor Sutherland to the Planning and Transportation Committee, which recommended that the North Community Council request the Planning and Transportation Committee to accept the proposal from the Ontario Road Development Corporation to explore, at its cost, the feasibility of constructing public non-tolled lanes and that the following be included in the study:

- (1) a full costing analysis of the road widening;
- (2) that the road widening be paid for and constructed with no tax dollars;
- (3) that a formula be prepared and an estimate provided on expected new revenue to the City;
- (4) that the new resources be dedicated to City transportation and environmental projects;
- (5) that the report detail the potential reduction of smog emissions from moving vehicles on the new tolled lanes compared to the smog emissions produced by idling vehicles;
- (6) that the report detail the feasibility of using new asphalt materials that can reduce noise pollution by as much as 50% from current levels;
- (7) that the report provide details on new ice eliminating materials available that would decrease most or all of the salt and oil entering the Don River;
- (8) that the report indicate methods of using a transponder toll system that would allow for pollution-free or alternative fuel vehicles to travel the toll lanes at reduced rates;
- (9) that an estimate of daily use of the bus expressway by GO and TTC be provided, including the number of estimated new transit riders; and

- (10) that the consortium be requested to work with City Transportation and Planning staff and report back to the Planning and Transportation Committee as soon as possible.

2(c).

Acting Executive Director, Greater Toronto Services Board
(May 7, 2001)

Advising that the Transportation Committee of the Greater Toronto Services Board considered correspondence (March 29, 2001) from Councillor Sutherland, and:

- (1) directed that this correspondence be referred to the City of Toronto with a request that it report back to the GTSB on the status of Councillor Sutherland's proposal vis-à-vis the City of Toronto's transportation plan; and
- (2) forwarded this material to the City of Toronto Commissioner of Urban Development Services and to the GO Board for comment.

2(d).

Joel Ornoy
(May 30, 2001)

Requesting that the Committee invest in better public transit options rather than widening our roadways.

2(e).

Councillor Sutherland
(June 1, 2001)

Submitting the following material:

- correspondence from Tony Dionisio, Universal Workers Union Local 183;
- correspondence from Kerrie MacPherson and Elyse Allan, The Toronto Board of Trade; and
- report, entitled "Strategic Development Partnership - Parkway Transportation Express Corridor".

2(f).

John P. Wilson
Chair, Task Force to Bring Back the Don
(May 31, 2001)

Opposing any plan to add traffic lanes to the Don Valley Parkway.

2(g).

Mark Wilson
Chair, Don Watershed Regeneration Council
 (June 20, 2001)

Opposing the expansion of the Don Valley Parkway.

DEPUTATION

3. 2:00 P.M.

STRATEGIC PLAN FOR CYCLING IN TORONTO: THE “TORONTO BIKE PLAN – SHIFTING GEARS” (ALL WARDS)

Note: The report titled “Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears” is distributed to Members of Council and appropriate staff only.

Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services
 Commissioner, Urban Development Services
Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
 (June 14, 2001)

Presenting the accompanying report, Toronto Bike Plan - Shifting Gears, which sets out a recommended ten year plan of action for encouraging and supporting cycling as an important mode of transportation in the City. This report makes the **following nine recommendations** which, if adopted by City Council, will set in motion the process for implementing the Bike Plan over the next ten years:

- (1) the Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears, June 2001, be adopted by City Council as the strategic plan for implementing cycling policies, programs and infrastructure improvements over the 10 year period, 2002-2011;
- (2) an inter-departmental Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, as outlined in this report, be established to co-ordinate the implementation of the Plan, in consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee, and that the Transportation Services Division take the lead in establishing and chairing the Committee;
- (3) the Commissioners of Works and Emergency Services, Urban Development Services, and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to clearly identify the Bike Plan projects identified as short term priorities in their

five year Capital and Operating Budget submissions for the years 2002-2006;

- (4) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to prepare annual progress reports to City Council, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, documenting the progress of the Bike Plan and presenting implementation priorities and funding requirements for the following year, and that the first report be presented in the fall of 2001 outlining Bike Plan projects to be implemented in 2002;
- (5) the Commissioners of Works and Emergency Services, Urban Development Services and Economic Development, Culture and Tourism be requested to review staffing resources required to implement the Bike Plan and report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on any proposed changes to the current establishment beginning January 2003;
- (6) the bikeway routes proposed in the Bike Plan be subject to the existing approval process (detailed analysis, design and public consultation) before being considered by City Council for implementation;
- (7) staff be directed to begin negotiations with Hydro One to establish a protocol for securing access to active hydro corridors for the provision of new off-road trails as part of the bikeway network;
- (8) the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, in consultation with the Bike Plan Co-ordinating Committee, be requested to undertake a study of all issues relating to winter maintenance of off-road trails, including cost implications, and report back in 2002; and
- (9) this report be referred to the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Works Committee for information.

3(a).

City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee
(May 22, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, **requested:**

- (1) that the report (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee, for their information; and
- (2) that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly endorses the acquisition of the abandoned CN Leaside Branch, by the City of Toronto, for the purpose of connecting the Upper Don Trail to the Lower Don Trail, providing a continuous cyclable off-street route through the City of Toronto, as recognized in the Toronto Bike Plan and the Victor Ford Associates Hydro Rail Corridor Study.

3(b).

City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee
(May 23, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, **requested** the Planning and Transportation Committee to:

- (1) approve a staff team:
 - (a) comprising of representatives from the Department of Works and Emergency Services, Department of Urban Development Services, and the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to meet at least four times a year to determine the implementation of the annual work plan, as established through the Toronto Bike Plan, and such meetings include the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, if possible; and
 - (b) led by staff of the Transportation Services Section of the Department of Works and Emergency Services, and, such staff, with the assistance of the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, establish the agenda for each meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, and such staff be the designated lead to ensure the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan.

4. UNLOCKING THE OPPORTUNITY FOR NEW RENTAL HOUSING: A CALL TO ACTION

Note: The report titled “Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action”, along with an information package, will be distributed to Members of Council under separate cover. It is also available on the City of Toronto website at www.city.toronto.on.ca

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(June 19, 2001)

Reporting on the Rental Action Plan developed by the Urban Development Roundtable - Rental Working Group, entitled "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action", and **recommending** that:

- (1) Council endorse the Rental Action Plan report: “Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action” and its recommendations;
- (2) Council authorize, in response to two recent actions taken by the Province of Ontario and in accordance with the Rental Action Plan:
 - (a) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the City Solicitor and the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer to undertake any actions necessary, including the preparation of a by-law if required, to extend the applicability period for the new multi-residential property tax class from 8 years to 35 years for newly-constructed, purpose-built rental properties, in compliance with previous Council direction; and
 - (b) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services and the City Solicitor to prepare a Municipal Housing Facilities By-law, in accordance with Ontario Regulation 189/01, to facilitate the provision of new affordable rental housing by the private sector as well as the non-profit housing sector, in partnership with the City of Toronto;
- (3) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services, to continue the process of constructive engagement with officials from the federal and provincial governments in seeking to implement the Rental Action Plan and to seek joint action;
- (4) Council direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the Commissioner of Community and Neighbourhood Services:

- (a) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to senior Planning and Housing officials in the major municipalities and regional municipalities in Ontario as well as other major Canadian cities;
 - (b) to distribute copies of the Rental Action Plan report to the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM); and
 - (c) to convene an inter-municipal meeting on implementing the Rental Action Plan to be held in Toronto during the Fall of 2001;
- (5) Council authorize the appropriate City officials to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

**5. NEW OFFICIAL PLAN – INCREMENTAL GROWTH STUDY - PHASE 2 REPORTS:
 BLOOR STREET WEST BETWEEN DUNDAS STREET WEST AND LANSDOWNE AVENUE
 THE QUEENSWAY BETWEEN MIMICO CREEK AND KIPLING AVENUE
 KINGSTON ROAD BETWEEN THE GUILDWOOD GO STATION AND HIGHLAND CREEK
 FINCH AVENUE CENTRED AT WESTON ROAD BETWEEN SIGNET ROAD AND MILVAN AVENUE**

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
 (June 8, 2001)

Presenting for Council's information an overview of the Phase 2 reports for four Incremental Growth Studies, **outlining** the role of future studies, and **recommending** that Council receive this report for information. The Incremental Growth Studies were undertaken as part of the ongoing work leading to the development of the City's new Official Plan. The purpose of these studies is to establish guidelines and principles for selected arterial corridors and to develop a tool kit to assist both the City and landowners in directing and managing change along them.

Note: Appendices A, B, C and D of the above-noted report are distributed to Members of Council and appropriate staff only.

6. OAK RIDGES MORAINÉ UPDATE

Commissioner, Urban Development Services
(June 8, 2001)

Responding to recent initiatives pertaining to the Oak Ridges Moraine including the report jointly prepared by the Regions of Peel, York and Durham entitled "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" and Bill 55: "An Act to protect the Oak Ridges Moraine", and **recommending** that:

- (1) the City of Toronto support the Moraine-wide approach promoted in the report "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" (May 2001) as an important first step in achieving the long term protection of the Moraine;
- (2) the City Clerk forward this report to the Councils of the Regions of Peel, York and Durham for their consideration during deliberation of the report "The Oak Ridges Moraine: Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape" (May 2001); and
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with Works and Emergency Services, report to the September 11, 2001 Planning and Transportation Committee meeting on actions the Province might take with respect to protecting the Oak Ridges Moraine.

Note: The draft report titled "The Oak Ridges Moraine – Proposals for the Protection and Management of a Unique Landscape", is distributed to Members of Council and appropriate staff only.

7. EXTENSION OF NEW MULTI-RESIDENTIAL TAX CLASS FROM 8 YEARS TO 35 YEARS

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(June 7, 2001)

Informing City Council about the recent announcement by the province of an extension to the applicability period of the new multi-residential tax class from 8 years to 35 years, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

8. EXPANSION OF PRELIMINARY PROJECT REVIEW SERVICE

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(June 8, 2001)

Introducing the necessary Bill to amend the Municipal Code to require the payment of fees for detailed development project review applications and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Municipal Code be amended to introduce a schedule of fees for applications for a preliminary project review, in accordance with the table included in this report;
- (2) Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 178-6, which currently sets the fees for preliminary zoning reviews (preliminary project review in this report) in South District (former City of Toronto) be repealed; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action, including the introduction of bills in Council, to give effect thereto.

9. STATUS OF THE FORMULATION OF CITYWIDE OFFICIAL PLAN POLICY FOR THE USE OF SECTION 37 OF THE PLANNING ACT

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(June 20, 2001)

Reporting on the formulation of citywide Official Plan policy for the use of Section 37 of the Planning Act, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

10. CAR FREE SUNDAY

Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services

Note: Report not yet received – will be included on the supplementary agenda.

11. RODENT CONTROL

City Solicitor
(June 19, 2001)

Providing an update on the methods by which the City of Toronto can control rodent displacement that results from construction and demolition of buildings, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

11(a) City Solicitor
(May 17, 2001)

Confidential report having regard that the subject matter may contain the receiving of advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

12. YEAR 2002 LICENSING FEES

Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee
(June 18, 2001)

Advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, **recommends** that:

- (1) Council approve the proposed Schedule of Licence Fees attached as Appendix “A” to the report (May 22, 2001) from the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, subject to the following:
- (a) amending Schedule 1 to By-law No. 574-2000 attached to the above mentioned report by adding the following under the columns indicated and after the licence category titled “Plumbers”:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Description of Licence	Fee	Expiry Date
Private Property Enforcement Agency		
For Initial Licence	\$186.00	December 31 st
For Renewal	\$100.00	

- (b) amending Schedule 1 to By-law No. 574-2000 attached to the above mentioned report by adding the following under the columns indicated and after the licence category titled “Cabs: Taxicab Owners – Ambassador Taxicabs – When Issued to a Cab Driver on the Waiting List”:

Column 1	Column 2	Column 3
Description of Licence	Fee	Expiry Date
For Renewal – Ambassador Taxicabs	\$604.00	December 31st

- (2) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

13. LIABILITY INSURANCE FOR PREMISES LICENSED TO SELL LIQUOR

Acting City Clerk, Licensing Sub-Committee
(June 18, 2001)

Advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee **recommends** the adoption of the report (May 18, 2001) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services which recommends that Council request the Province of Ontario to include amongst the requirements for obtaining a liquor licence that the operator obtain and keep in place appropriate public liability insurance.

14. NOMINATING SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE

City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee
(May 21, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on May 14, 2001, **requested** the Planning and Transportation Committee to approve the following persons as appointees to the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Toronto Cycling Committee:

Councillor Olivia Chow;
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem;
Mr. Phil Piltch;
Ms. Debbie Dimoff; and
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, staff representative.