



**PLANNING AND TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING No. 9**

Date of Meeting:	October 15, 2001	Enquiry:	Christine Archibald
Time:	9:30 a.m.		Administrator
Location:	Committee Room 1		(416) 392-7039
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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 11, 2001 MEETING - available in qry\2001\standing\planning\minutes and on the City's website

1. 10.00.A.M. INTERGOVERNMENTAL CO-OPERATION ON PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AND FENCING OF RAILWAY AND HYDRO LANDS

Note: The Planning and Transportation Committee, at its last meeting on September 11, 2001, deferred consideration of this report to this meeting.

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(August 20, 2001)

Reporting further on Intergovernmental Co-operation on Property Maintenance and Fencing of Railway and Hydro Lands, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Federal Minister of Transport be requested to amend the draft Railway Right-of-Way Access Control Regulation and the Railway Safety Act as necessary, and to co-ordinate the enactment of related provincial legislation with the provincial Ministers

responsible for transportation and municipal affairs, to provide the following:

that any costs incurred by a municipality in complying with a requirement under the regulation relating to private property automatically become a lien on the land and deemed to be municipal real property taxes that may be added to the rolls and collected in the same manner and with the same priorities as municipal real property taxes;

- (2) a copy of the letter to the Minister be sent to the Ontario Minister of Transportation, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) seeking their support for Recommendation No. 1., and
- (3) that the balance of this report be received.

2. 10.15 A.M. ABBEYFIELD HOUSES SOCIETY OF TORONTO

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 25, 2001)

Reporting on Councillor Walker's proposal regarding Abbeyfield Houses Society of Toronto and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

2(a).

Hugh Wilkinson
Abbeyfield Houses Society of Toronto
(September 13, 2001)

Providing a history of Abbeyfield Houses, how they operate and why an easement in zoning by-laws is necessary to allow them to contribute to the recognized shortage of adequate housing for the frail and elderly.

3. 10.35 A.M. DEVELOPMENT OF A FORMULA TO DETERMINE THE NUMBER OF AMBASSADOR TAXI LICENCES TO BE ISSUED

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

Advising that the Licensing Sub-Committee, at its meeting on June 15, 2001, **recommended** the adoption of the report (May 23, 2001) from the

Commissioner, Urban Development Services and, in so doing, recommended that:

- (1) Council endorse the workplan as set out in the report;
- (2) Council authorize the retention of a consultant to assist with the development and validation of a model for the issuance of Ambassador taxi licences; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

3(a).

Abu Turab
(June 15, 2001)

Requesting a formula for the issuance of more Ambassador taxi plates.

4. 11:00 A.M. CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC STREETS IN TORONTO

Lela Gary
Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario
(August 15, 2001)

Forwarding comments regarding the closure of specific streets in Kensington Market area, Yorkville area, and Chinatown to motor traffic as the congestion in these areas poses danger to both pedestrians and cyclists.

4(a).

Commissioner of Urban Development Services

Report not yet received

5. 11:15 A.M. REPORT ON THE TORONTO PORT AUTHORITY'S PROPOSED LAND USE PLAN (Humber York, Ward 14 and Toronto East York, Wards 19, 20, 28, 30, and 32)

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 28, 2001)

Informing Council of the Toronto Port Authority's proposed land use plan and **recommending** that the Board of Directors of the Toronto Port Authority not make a final decision on its land use plan until Council has

had the opportunity to discuss the recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting of November 6, 7 and 8, 2001.

- 5(a).** J. Morand, President & CEO
Toronto Port Authority
(August 20, 2001)

Advising Members of Council of the development and public consultation schedule of a Land Use Plan for the Toronto Port Authority.

6. PROVINCIAL POLICY STATEMENT FIVE YEAR REVIEW

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 24, 2001)

Providing Council with information and comments on the Provincial Policy Statement Five Year Review, making recommendations with respect to the preparation of a new Provincial Policy Statement, and **recommending** that:

- (1) this report be forwarded to the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing as the City of Toronto's initial comments on the Provincial Policy Statement Five Year Review; and
- (2) the Province be requested to provide all municipalities with an opportunity to review and comment on changes to the Provincial Policy Statement, prior to its finalization and legislative approval.

7. RESPONDING TO THE PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S SMART GROWTH INITIATIVE

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 28, 2001)

Making recommendations with respect to a City position on how the Province of Ontario can make its Smart Growth Initiative work for Toronto and all municipalities of Ontario, and **recommending** that Council:

- (1) endorse this report as the City of Toronto's response to Smart Growth in Ontario and that copies of this report be forwarded to the Province of Ontario's Smart Growth Secretariat, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Prime Minister's Task Force on Urban Affairs and to the Association of Municipalities

of Ontario, Federation of Canadian Municipalities, Ontario Professional Planners Institute, and the Regional Planning Commissioners of Ontario;

- (2) direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services in consultation with appropriate staff, to monitor the development of Ontario's Smart Growth Initiative and report when appropriate to Council on:
 - the position City Council could take with respect to the Province of Ontario's continuing development of the Smart Growth Initiative; and
 - the potential implications of any actions taken by the Province of Ontario with respect to this initiative on the City's policy, programmes, and operating procedures; and
- (3) direct the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to report on the position Council could take respecting the development of a regional smart growth management strategy for the Golden Horseshoe/Central Ontario region following the completion of the City led study entitled, "*City and Regional Strategies for Growth that Protect Countryside and Air Quality*".

8. REVIEW OF PARKING REQUIREMENTS FOR RENTAL APARTMENT BUILDINGS

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 21, 2001)

Following up on the recommendation for a review of parking requirements in rental apartment buildings contained in the Rental Action Plan entitled: "Unlocking the Opportunity for New Rental Housing: A Call to Action" which was **endorsed** by City Council in July 2001, **identifying** a number of steps that can be taken to help the City address on-going concerns over the provision of parking in new rental apartment buildings while awaiting the completion of the wider Zoning By-law review process, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services:
 - (a) approach the private rental industry, through the Urban Development Roundtable – Rental Working Group, to provide information related to parking demand in private rental buildings;
 - (b) approach provincial officials to assist in the review of parking demand in rental buildings by providing information on car ownership levels; and

- (c) approach the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation to assist in the review of parking demand in rental buildings by providing technical assistance and making available any relevant data sources;
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services update the Planning and Transportation Committee on the findings of this work by providing a summary, status report in March 2002; and
- (3) the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary actions to give effect thereto.

9. NEW ZONING BY-LAW PROJECT

Commissioner of Urban Development Services (October 2, 2001)

The New Zoning By-law Project received initial endorsement during the 2000 Capital Budget process where it was presented as a multi-year-phased project with an estimated budget forecast of \$6.272 million. The Zoning By-law is part of the core business of the organization. The objective of the New Zoning By-law Project is to produce a single, simplified, comprehensive Zoning By-law that applies to the entire City. It will be a blend of the standards and regulations of existing by-laws with new regulations that implement the new Official Plan policies but would not take a “one size fits all” approach. Funding for Phase One, in the amount of \$466,000 for work associated with project scoping, was approved last year with a request that the task involving the development of the Project Work Plan, once completed, be brought forward. Attached to this report is the detailed Work Plan and Work Schedule for the entire Project.

With the other two tasks associated with Phase One scheduled for completion in the first quarter of 2002, it is important to secure Phase Two funding in 2002 in order avoid delaying the project by almost a year, that is, until the 2003 budget process. This report also recommends approval of funding for Phase Two, which will commence in 2002 and be completed in 2003, and **recommends** that:

- (1) the Work Plan and Work Schedule attached to this report be adopted;
- (2) the proposed funding for Phase 2 be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for its review during consideration of the 2002 Capital Budget allocation for the New Zoning By-law Project;
- (3) the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report on the status of the New Zoning By-law Project to the Planning and Transportation Committee at the

conclusion of each subsequent phase indicating any changes in the scope or timelines of the project and the general findings to date; and

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

10. UPDATE ON CITY OF TORONTO ARCHITECTURE AND URBAN DESIGN AWARDS PROGRAM

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(September 25, 2001)

Responding to Councillor Flint's request for an update on the City of Toronto Architecture and Urban Design Awards Program, and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

11. OAK RIDGES MORAINES - RESPONSE TO PROVINCE OF ONTARIO'S DRAFT STRATEGY

Commissioner of Urban Development Services
(October 2, 2001)

(Bound report, titled "Share Your Vision for the Oak Ridges Moraine" (August - September 2001, is distributed with this agenda to Members of Council and appropriate staff only).

Responding to and making recommendations with respect to the Province's proposals for the long-term protection of the Oak Ridges Moraine contained in the booklet "Share Your Vision on the Oak Ridges Moraine" issued by the Ministry of Municipal Affairs on August 14, 2001, and **recommending** that:

- (1) the City of Toronto supports special legislation being passed that provides for:
- (i) an 'ecologically-based' Plan for the Oak Ridges Moraine
 - (ii) public consultation on the proposed Plan and legislation with surrounding municipalities and the City of Toronto;
 - (iii) the conformity of local and regional Official Plans with such Plan;
 - (iv) implementation of the Plan; and
 - (v) ongoing management of the Oak Ridges Moraine.
- (2) a Regional Growth Management Strategy for the Golden Horseshoe / Central Ontario be jointly developed by the affected municipalities and the City of Toronto. This Strategy should be referenced in an amended PPS to also include strong statements related to the protection of Natural Core, Natural Linkages and Countryside areas of the Moraine in a consistent manner;

- (3) the City of Toronto, along with other affected municipalities, be consulted in the development and drafting of any special legislation and the Plan through a full Committee Hearing with adequate time for public consultation;
- (4) the Provincial government extend the effective time period of the Act to Protect the Oak Ridges Moraine until such time as the proposed Plan is finalized;
- (5) the City of Toronto supports an adequately funded Oak Ridges Moraine Legacy Trust compatible with existing stewardship bodies; and
- (6) the City Clerk forward this report to the Province of Ontario as input to the Provincial proposal on the Oak Ridges Moraine.

12. GREATER TORONTO AIRPORTS AUTHORITY, LESTER B. PEARSON INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT – APPEAL TO ONTARIO MUNICIPAL BOARD OF OFFICIAL PLAN AMENDMENTS – OMB CASE NUMBER: PL000959

City Solicitor
(September 21, 2001)

Advising of the outcome of the Ontario Municipal Board appeal by the Greater Toronto Airports Authority of its applications to amend the official plans of the (former) Cities of Etobicoke and North York and the Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto and **recommending** that this report be received for information.

13. OUTDOOR FIREPLACES

Councillor Flint
(undated)

Forwarding the following Motion:

“WHEREAS there are an increasing number of Chimineas Outdoor Fireplaces being installed in residential rear yards, balconies and decks; and
WHEREAS there is no classification for Chimineas Outdoor Fireplaces in the current by-law; and

WHEREAS concern has been expressed by the Fire Department over the placement, type and amount of material being burnt; and
WHEREAS abutting neighbours can be adversely affected by the air quality as a result of the smell and/or smoke from Chimineas Outdoor Fireplaces;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Fire Chief investigate the possibility of classifying such outdoor fireplaces as open air burning and treated as such under Article 2.6.3.4 of the Fire Code and report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, in consultation with the City Solicitor, report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on whether the Building Code, or any other City of Toronto By-law and/or Provincial Legislation could be amended to address the safety concerns of these outdoor fireplaces.”

14. PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS AND CONSOLIDATION OF BY-LAWS AFFECTING PARKING ENFORCEMENT ON PRIVATE PROPERTY

Chairman, Toronto Police Services Board
(August 31, 2001)

Providing a response to recommendations adopted by City Council at its meeting on May 30, 31 and June 1, 2001 regarding Program Enhancements and Consolidation of By-laws Affecting Parking Enforcement on Private Property (Clause No. 3 of Report No. 3 of the Planning and Transportation Committee), and **recommending** that the Planning and Transportation Committee receive this report.

15. RUSSELL HILL SUBWAY TRAIN ACCIDENT OF AUGUST 11, 1995 DUE DILIGENCE CHECKLIST UPDATE

General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(August 30, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on August 29, 2001, adopted the following recommendations contained in the attached report (August 29, 2001), entitled "Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995 Due Diligence Checklist Update", and **forwarded** this matter to City Council through the Planning and Transportation Committee for information.

“That the Commission:

- (i) receive for information the updated Due Diligence Checklist relating to the Russell Hill Subway Train Accident of August 11, 1995, which provides a status report on the progress toward closing the Coroner's Jury Recommendations and the TTC's Internal Team Recommendations; and

- (ii) forward this report to the Chief Coroner of Ontario, the City of Toronto, and the Province of Ontario for information."

16. RESTORING A CONVENIENT TTC/MISSISSAUGA TRANSIT CONNECTION AT ISLINGTON STATION

General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission
(September 27, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting on September 25, 2001, adopted the following recommendations contained in the attached report (September 25, 2001), entitled "Restoring a Convenient TTC/Mississauga Transit Connection at Islington Station", and **forwarded** this matter to City Council for information.

"That the Commission:

- (1) restore the convenient, weather-protected transfer arrangements within Islington Station for customers using both TTC and Mississauga Transit (MT) buses on Burnhamthorpe Road, by allowing such MT buses back into the Islington bus terminal;
- (2) acknowledge the importance of protecting such convenient inter-regional connections, noting the provincial government's recent policy statements supporting these types of transit connections;
- (3) authorize TTC staff to enter into a long-term license agreement with MT for their use of the Islington Station bus bays, in a form satisfactory to the General Counsel, in recognition of the continuing need for a convenient transfer between TTC and MT services at Islington Station; and
- (4) forward this report to the Cities of Toronto and Mississauga, the Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB), and the Burnhamthorpe Residents for Traffic Safety (BRTS)."