
City Council

Notice of Motion

MM10.3	ACTION			Ward: All
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Calling on all Ontario Political Parties to make a Commitment to Fund the TTC - by Councillor Raymond Cho, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Raymond Cho, seconded by Councillor Shelley Carroll, recommends that:

1. City Council call on all three Ontario Political Parties to make public commitments to reinstate the "fair share" funding arrangement for the Toronto Transit Commission.

Summary

From the 1970's until the late 1990's, the Province of Ontario funded 50 percent of the TTC's operating costs and 75 percent of the TTC's capital costs. This arrangement was known as the "fair share" formula. It was maintained by Premiers Davis, Peterson and Rae and lead to the greatest growth of transit ridership in Toronto's history.

At present the TTC faces capital and operating shortfalls and funding unpredictability. Long term, predictable funding arrangements between the City and the Province would allow the TTC to continue to provide great service and expand to meet growing demand for transit. It would also assist the City as it works for greater financial stability.

As the Province moves toward the October 6th election, Torontonians deserve to know where the three major parties stand on this crucial issue.

(Submitted to City Council on July 12 and 13, 2011 as MM10.3)