

TORONTO PARKING AUTHORITY

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Parking Authority was held at 33 Queen Street East, 2nd Floor Boardroom at 4:00 p.m. on June 23, 2009.

Present: Ron Y. Tsin, Chair
Valentine R.B. Lovekin, Vice Chair
Councillor Rae
Councillor Feldman
Diana Birchall
Thomas Carter
Frank Sinanan

Gwyn Thomas, President
Teresa Toigo, Board Secretary

Absent: Director Diana Birchall was not present after 6:30 p.m.

A Deputation was heard from Councillor Cesar Palacio (Ward 17 Davenport) regarding the establishment of a surface parking facility on Hydro One lands located at 31 Blackthorne Avenue – refer to Minute #09-084.

Brad Nixon of Walker Poole Nixon was in attendance to update the Board and answer questions with regards to Minute #09-090.

09-078 The Board confirmed the minutes of the May 27, 2009 meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

09-079 The Board received, for information only, a list of cheques issued and shown as Annex A to the June 23, 2009 Agenda (vouchers 45139 - 45459 and voucher 400025).

09-080 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated June 17, 2009 recommending approval of attached staff report entitled "Status Report – Modified Enforcement Program/Courtesy Envelope Program" and directed staff to submit the report to Government Management Committee for information.

09-081 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated June 12, 2009 recommending the purchase of a replacement coin wrapping machine from Talaris Inc. for an amount of \$15,250.00 plus sales taxes. The purchase is to replace an aging unit purchased in 1994 that experiences increasingly more frequent downtime and related service calls. This purchase was not included in the 2009 operating budget.

PARKING OPERATIONS – ON-STREET

09-082 The Board approved, with amendment, a staff memorandum dated June 17, 2009 recommending that the current operating hours at the metered parking spaces located on Gerrard Street East between Broadview Avenue and Degrassi Street be amended to convert the existing paid parking to unpaid parking from 18:00 to 21:00 from Monday to Thursday.

On motion by Councillor Feldman, seconded by Director Carter, the Board requested that staff's recommendation be amended to indicate that the conversion be implemented for a one-year trial period only and after which time, staff will report back to the Board regarding the usage levels in the area. Motion carried.

PARKING OPERATIONS – OFF-STREET

09-083 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated June 17, 2009 recommending implementation of the following rates at new Municipal Carpark No. 246 at 31 Blackthorne Avenue:

- 1) \$0.75 per half hour; and,
- 2) \$5.00 maximum from 7:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m.

The rates are to be in effect 24 hours per day, seven days per week.

09-084 Councillor Cesar Palacio (Ward 17 – Davenport) was in attendance. A deputation was heard by Councillor Palacio with regards to the establishment of surface carpark 246 at 31 Blackthorn Avenue, and a request to extend the proposed parking lot to the limit of the available area to include additional parking spaces;

On motion by Councillor Feldman, seconded by Councillor Rae, the Board approved to re-open staff's report dated July 17, 2008 (Minute #08-105 – meeting held July 22, 2008) regarding the establishment of a 17-space surface parking lot at 31 Blackthorn Avenue;

On motion by Councillor Rae, seconded by Councillor Feldman, the Board requested that staff be authorized to expand the carpark upon evaluation and to justify the expansion, subject to an upset fee not to exceed \$75,000. Motion carried.

09-085 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated June 17, 2009 recommending the expenditure of \$320,000 (taxes extra) to provide for the purchase of Zeag Orion revenue control equipment, Zeag EON proximity equipment, digital audio and video components, lane barriers, and customer service sign package to automate/convert Carpark 15 – Yorkville/Cumberland Garage to a pay on foot facility.

On motion by Vice Chair Lovekin, seconded by Councillor Rae, the Board requested that staff prepare a report that explores alternatives to magnetic tape technology and a strategy to minimize environmental magnetic tape disposal. Motion carried.

DEVELOPMENT & MARKETING

09-086 The Board approved, with amendment, a staff memorandum dated June 16, 2009 which recommended that staff be authorized to request the City of Toronto to:

- 1) grant a Right of Way ("ROW") through the southern limit of Market Street ("TPA Lands" – Municipal Carpark 43 at 2 Church Street (St. Lawrence Garage)) to Metrolinx (formerly, the Greater Toronto Transit Authority o/a GO Transit) for the sole use as a new vehicular service/maintenance ingress/egress point to the Union Station Railway Corridor as outlined in staff's report, but more particularly subject to the following terms and conditions:
 - Term is in perpetuity;
 - The ROW will be granted for the sum of \$346,000, and;
 - The ROW will have the following dimensions:

➤ North Limit (Market Street)	10.06 meters
➤ South Limit	10.06 meters
➤ West Limit	26.68 meters
➤ East Limit	26.82 meters
➤ Height Limit	Stratified in height extending from grade level to 5.18 meters above grade level; and,
- 2) amend such by-laws as may be necessary to permit the use of these lands for the purposes of the ROW.

On motion by Director Carter, seconded by Councillor Rae, the Board requested that staff's recommendation be amended to read "Term is 99 years or co-term, as appropriate"; and the reference to "sole use" in staff's recommendation, and all other references to "sole use" in the body of the report, be removed. Motion carried.

09-087 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated June 16, 2009 recommending that staff be authorized to negotiate an agreement with the Toronto Transit Commission ("TTC") in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding on TPA lands (Carpark 89 – Lipton Avenue East of Pape Avenue) as outlined in staff's report, but more particularly, subject to the following terms and conditions:

- 1) The temporary closure of approximately 43 parking spaces for an estimated period of two (2) years at a daily rental rate of \$7.50 per parking stall;
- 2) The net impact with respect to the redevelopment of the Pape Subway Station results in a loss of no more than five (5) parking spaces;
- 3) TPA is compensated for the fair market value of TPA lands being transferred to the TTC and the fair market value for any loss of parking spaces to be determined by an appraisal obtained by the TPA; and,
- 4) The TTC restores the entire parking facility to a condition satisfactory to the TPA.

On motion by Councillor Rae, seconded by Vice Chair Lovekin, the Board recessed the public session of the meeting to consider the following confidential reports in closed session with specific reference made to the reasons cited under the City of Toronto Act for closed meetings.

IN-CAMERA

09-088 The Board received a staff memorandum dated June 9, 2009, for information only, regarding an invoice received.

(Confidential – re: Labour relations or employee negotiations; and a request under the Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act)

09-089 The Board received a staff memorandum dated June 12, 2009, for information only, entitled “Security Report – Off-Street Facilities”.

(Confidential – re: The security of the property of the municipality or local board)

09-090 The Board received an update from Brad Nixon of Walker Poole Nixon regarding the status of the Toronto Parking Authority property assessment appeals.

Brad Nixon of Walker Poole Nixon was in attendance.

(Confidential – re: Litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board)

09-091 The Board received a staff memorandum dated June 16, 2009 for information only, regarding a real estate update of Agreements and Commercial Leasing Activity.

(Confidential – re: A proposed or pending acquisition of land for municipal or local board purposes)

On motion by Director Carter, seconded by Councillor Feldman, the Board recessed the closed session of the meeting.

OTHER BUSINESS

09-092 The Board received, for information only, copies of the following articles recently appearing in local newspapers, publications and media:

- 1) “Strike ripples across city”, Toronto Star, June 22, 2009;
- 2) “It’s time for parking meters to pay the piper”, Toronto Star, June 22, 2009;
- 3) “Fraud doubles with \$10 M parking upgrade”, Toronto Star, June 18, 2009; and,
- 4) “Dispute erupts over parking”, Toronto Star, June 4, 2009.

In reference to the City of Toronto Auditor General’s report on the review of the Toronto Parking Authority’s revenues, expenditures and procurement practices and the media coverage regarding the on-street parking equipment upgrade, the Board requested that staff provide an in-camera report at the July 2009 meeting addressing the status of the upgrade, technology information and future initiatives.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Ron Y. Tsin, Board Chair