

TORONTO PARKING AUTHORITY

A meeting of the Board of Directors of the Toronto Parking Authority was held at Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 2nd Floor, Meeting Room B at 4:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 17, 2007.

Present: George K. Soulis, Chair
John W. Maletich, Vice Chair
Councillor Kyle Rae
Councillor Michael Feldman
Stan Kumorek, Director
Bob Brent, Director

Maurice J. Anderson, President
Teresa Toigo, Board Secretary

Absent: Myron Pestaluky, Director (regrets)

Toronto Parking Authority staff member Victor Smith was in attendance to receive congratulations from the Board on the occasion of his retirement from the TPA.

Representatives of Ernst & Young were in attendance to present the Audited Financial Statements for calendar year 2006 (refer to Minute #07-059)

Representatives of Wallace & Partners Human Resource Consultants Inc. were in attendance to speak in regards to In-camera Minute #07-070

07-057 The Board confirmed the minutes of the March 20, 2007 meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

07-058 The Board received, for information only, a list of cheques issued and shown as Annex A to the April 17, 2007 Agenda (vouchers 35895 - 36250).

07-059 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated April 11, 2007 regarding the 2006 Audited Financial Statements and received, for information only the Audit results for year ending December 31, 2006 as prepared by Ernst & Young, LLP. Following Ernst & Young's summary of the Audit results, a discussion was raised with regards to the TPA's accrual of unused management staff vacation days as itemized in the Audit results. The Board requested that staff develop a plan to reduce the amount of vacation days owing to management as recommended in the Auditor's report.

- 07-060 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated April 9, 2007 recommending the purchase of various items at a total cost not to exceed \$26,000.00 including a contingency. The items were included in the 2007 Operating Budget as equipment purchases at a total cost of \$30,500.00.
- 07-061 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated April 12, 2007 recommending that the Toronto Parking Authority continue to support the Toronto Association of Business Improvement Areas (TABIA) for year 2007 with a contribution of \$50,000.00.
- 07-062 The Board received, for information only, a staff memorandum dated April 17, 2007 regarding the on and off-street revenue results for the first quarter of calendar year 2007.

DESIGN & CONSTRUCTION

- 07-063 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated March 26, 2007 recommending that:
- 1) the contract for the Municipal Carpark 26 Electrical Lighting System Upgrade for Levels B1 to P4 be awarded to Beckett Electric Inc. for the sum total amount of \$299,000.00 plus GST; and,
 - 2) URS Canada Inc. be retained as consultants for the Municipal Carpark 26 Electrical Lighting System Upgrade for Levels B1 to P4 at a sum total amount of \$32,650.00 plus GST.
- 07-064 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated April 13, 2007 recommending that:
- 1) the contract for the Fire Alarm System Upgrade for Municipal Carpark 29 at 75 Holly Street be awarded to Canadian Life Safety Services Inc. for the sum total amount of \$197,000.00 plus GST; and,
 - 2) URS Canada Inc. be retained as consultants for the Fire Alarm System Upgrade for Municipal Carpark 29 at a sum total amount of \$28,000.00 plus GST.
- 07-065 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated March 28, 2007 recommending that:
- 1) the contract for the Landscape Planting and Maintenance Program for years 2007, 2008 and 2009 for Tender No. 1 be awarded to Hank Deenen Landscape Ltd. for the sum total amount of \$326,832.00 plus GST. For the year 2007, the contract amount will be a sum total amount of \$110,200.00 plus GST; and,
 - 2) the contract for the Landscape Planting and Maintenance Program for years 2007, 2008 and 2009 for Tender No. 2 be awarded to Downtown Groundskeeping Services o/a Clintar Groundskeeping Services for the sum total amount of \$310,665.00 plus GST. For the year 2007, the contract amount will be a sum total amount of \$114,230.00 plus GST.

PARKING OPERATIONS – OFF-STREET

07-066 The Board received, for information only, a staff memorandum dated April 12, 2007 regarding the Toronto Parking Authority Waste Diversion Program.

07-067 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated April 12, 2007 recommending confirmation of the following rate changes at Municipal Carpark 126 (43A Parliament Street) which were implemented effective April 3, 2007 and set as follows:

- 1) Day Maximum rate increased from \$5.50 to \$6.00; and,
- 2) Day Maximum start time changed from 07:00 to 09:00.

PARKING OPERATIONS – ON-STREET

07-068 The Board approved, with amendment, a staff memorandum dated April 12, 2007 recommending the following on-street rate changes for implementation in 2007:

- 1) Increase the basic hourly rates in the existing rate zones:

| <u>Zone</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------|-------------|-----------|
| AA | \$3.00 | \$4.00 |
| A | \$2.00 | \$2.50 |
| B | \$1.50 | \$2.00 |
| C | \$1.00 | \$1.50 |

It was moved by Councillor Rae that the increase in the basic hourly rate for Zone AA be reduced to \$3.50 rather than the \$4.00 rate as recommended in staff's report. **The Board approved the motion to amend the basic hourly rates in the following existing rate zones as follows:**

| <u>Zone</u> | <u>From</u> | <u>To</u> |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| AA | \$3.00 | \$3.50 |
| A | \$2.00 | \$2.50 |
| B | \$1.50 | \$2.00 |
| C | \$1.00 | \$1.50 |

- 2) Create a new rate zone 'D' with a basic hourly rate of \$1.00 per hour;
- 3) Set the locations indicated as Zone 'D' on Map 5 attached to staff's report at rate 'D';
- 4) Set the maximum allowable duration for all on-street spaces which currently have a 2-hour duration limit to 3 hours; and,
- 5) Change the metered spaces in the area bounded by Bloor Street, University Avenue, College Street and Spadina Avenue to rate Zone 'A' meters from the current Zone 'B' designation.

IN-CAMERA

- 07-069 The Board received, for information only, a staff memorandum dated March 30, 2007 regarding an invoice received.
- 07-070 The Board received the recommendation from the Selection Committee for their choice for TPA President, replacing Maurice J. Anderson upon his retirement on July 31, 2007. Ms Lynn Jessop from Wallace & Partners was in attendance to present her report and to answer questions from the Board Members regarding the choice of the Selection Committee. The Selection Committee selected the current **TPA Vice President of Operations Gwyn Thomas to be the next President of the Toronto Parking Authority** effective August 1, 2007. After a brief discussion with the committee members, the Board unanimously approved the recommendation of the Selection Committee.

OTHER BUSINESS

- 07-071 The Board received, for information only, copies of the following articles recently appearing in local newspapers:
- 1) "City raids reserve accounts", National Post, April 17, 2007;
 - 2) "Bankruptcy looms for city, opponents say", Toronto Star, April 17, 2007;
 - 3) "Queen's Park shuts door on City's \$71 M stopgap", National Post, April 12, 2007;
 - 4) "Councillors eye illegal parking pads", Toronto Star, April 12, 2007;
 - 5) "Parking Tickets Frustrate Residents", Scarborough Mirror, March 30, 2007;
 - 6) "Paying a high price", Toronto Star, March 28, 2007;
 - 7) "More high-rises in plans for Yonge-St. Clair", Town Crier, March 27, 2007;
 - 8) "City budget: \$7.8 billion, 3.8% tax hike", Toronto Star, March 27, 2007;
 - 9) "Drinks, movies among tax targets", Toronto Star, March 27, 2007;
 - 10) "City to reveal tough climate change proposals", Globe and Mail, March 23, 2007;
 - 11) "Miller to unveil green plan", Toronto Star, March 23, 2007;
 - 12) "Stiff fines, streetcar lanes proposed for King Street", Toronto Sun, March 22, 2007; and,
 - 13) "The Parking Meter: After they pave paradise, guess who foots the bill?", National Post, January 2, 2007.

07-072 The President verbally updated the Board regarding a request made from the City of Toronto's Clean & Beautiful City Secretariat regarding the Toronto Parking Authority's participation in the official opening of Measurement Park scheduled for June 6th at 2:30 p.m. Specifically, the Secretariat has requested that the Toronto Parking Authority's Board Chair attend the event as a designated speaker with other senior management members of TPA staff also in attendance. The Board agreed that the TPA would not participate in this event and instructed staff to respond back the City of Toronto's Clean & Beautiful City Secretariat.

07-073 The President verbally updated the Board regarding a letter dated April 11, 2007 from Jeffrey Cantos, Planner with the City of Toronto Planning Division regarding a Community Planning request to remove Municipal Carpark 78 located at 35 Erindale Avenue from upcoming tendering documents to reconfigure and resurface the lot. This request is in regards to City Planning staff working with Shoppers Drug Mart to devise a proposed loading and servicing area off the public laneway which may affect three to five municipal parking spaces. The Board passed a motion requesting that a license agreement be negotiated with Shoppers Drug Mart and that the TPA be compensated for any loss of spaces.

Meeting adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

George K. Soulis
Chair