

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 Thursday, February 24, 2005.

Present: George K. Soulis, Chair
John W. Maletich, Vice Chair
Stan Kumorek, Director
Robert Brent, Director

Maurice J. Anderson, President
Teresa Toigo, Board Secretary

Absent: Deputy Mayor Michael Feldman (regrets)
Councillor Kyle Rae (regrets)
Myron Pestaluky, Director (regrets)

05-011 The Board confirmed the minutes of the January 12, 2005 meeting.

FINANCE & ADMINISTRATION

05-012 The Board received, for information only, a list of cheques issued and shown as Annex A to the February 24, 2005 Agenda (vouchers 23224-23840).

05-013 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 16, 2005 recommending an upgrade to electronic door locks for all pay-on-foot stations (with the exception of Carparks 1 and 11) at a quoted cost of \$677.00 per station plus installation and ORST where applicable for a sum total amount of \$11,000.00. An amount of \$12,000.00 is included in the 2005 operating budget for this upgrade.

05-014 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 16, 2005 recommending the purchase of 20 new validator/receipt printers to replace the existing printers at locations that will continue to operate with exit lane fee computers through 2005 for a sum total amount of \$15,000.00 to be depreciated over three years for an annual expense of \$5,000.00. The 2005 operating budget includes repair expense of \$15,000.00. Most of this cost will be avoided with the purchase of these new units which carry a one-year factory warranty resulting in a net annual savings compared to budget.

05-015 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 4, 2005 recommending a \$50,000.00 sponsorship donation in support of the City of Toronto's Tree Advocacy Planting Program for calendar year 2005.

PARKING OPERATIONS – OFF-STREET

05-016 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 16, 2005 recommending the following rate charges for implementation on March 1, 2005:

- 1) Increase all day rates from \$8.00 to \$10.00 at Carpark 417 (5650 Yonge Street);
- 2) Establish a monthly permit program at Carpark 195 – 15 Price Street to be restricted to the period from 17:00 – 09:00 at a rate of \$40 per month; and,
- 3) Increase in all day rate from \$12.00 to \$14.00 at Carpark 221, 121 St. Patrick Street.

05-017 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 21, 2005 recommending the expenditure of \$356,000 (PST included) plus a contingency amount of \$20,000.00 to provide for the purchase of Zeag Orion revenue control equipment, Zeag EON proximity equipment, digital audio and video components and customer service sign package to re-equip and to convert the following carparks to semiautomated operations:

Carpark 5 – 5 Wellesley Street;
Carpark 12 – 30 Alvin Avenue;
Carpark 39 – 20 Castlefield Avenue;
Carpark 49 – 30 Roehampton Avenue;
Carpark 58 – Bedford Road.

05-018 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 21, 2005 recommending:

- 1) the expenditure to upgrade the current Zeag-P900 series Pay-on-Foot revenue control equipment to the Zeag-Orion series equipment at Toronto Parking Authority parking garage facilities as follows:

Carpark 1 (Hayden Street Garage, 20 Charles St.) - \$228,000 (PST included)
Carpark 11 (Rosehill Garage, 21 Pleasant Blvd.) - \$212,000 (PST included); and,
- 2) a contingency allowance in the amount of \$10,000 per location to finance the potential need for infrastructure upgrades/repairs.

05-019 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 21, 2005 recommending:

- 1) the expenditure of \$146,831.00 (PST included), being the lowest quotation received, to provide for the purchase of three (3) 2005 GMC Safari Cargo Vans and two (2) GMC Sierra 2500 Heavy Duty Pick Up Trucks from Addison on Bay Limited, 832 Bay Street; and,
- 2) the decommissioning of the following Toronto Parking Authority vehicles to be used for their trade in value against this purchase:

Vehicle No. B2 – 1994 Ford Aerostar Van;
Vehicle No. B14 – 1994 GMC Safari Cargo Van;
Vehicle No. A62 - 1999 Ford Windstar Van;
Vehicle No. A20 – 1996 Ford F250 Pick up Truck;
Vehicle No. A30 – 1996 Ford F250 Pick up Truck.

PARKING OPERATIONS – ON-STREET

05-020 The Board ratified with amendment the results of a telephone poll conducted on February 11, 2004 approving a staff memorandum dated February 8, 2005 recommending that Toronto City Council approve the following changes to the on-street rates for implementation in 2005:

- 1) Increase the current hourly rate from \$1.50 per hour to \$2.00 per hour on Bloor Street West between Avenue Road and Bathurst Street;
- 2) Increase the current hourly rate from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per hour for Queen Street East from Woodbine Avenue to Nursewood Road; and,
- 3) Increase the current hourly rate from \$1.00 per hour to \$1.50 per hour for the section of Gerrard Street East from Hamilton Street to Degrossi Street and Broadview Avenue between First Avenue and Simpson Avenue.

A motion was passed to amend recommendation 2) above to be implemented following completion of the scheduled TTC track work along Queen Street East.

IN-CAMERA

05-021 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated January 17, 2005 regarding invoices received. **Details were discussed in-camera.**

05-022 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 24, 2005 regarding a proposed property acquisition for municipal parking purposes. **Details were discussed in-camera.**

05-023 The Board approved a staff memorandum dated February 24, 2005 regarding a property lease agreement. **Details were discussed in-camera.**

OTHER BUSINESS

05-024 The Board received, for information only, the following articles recently appearing in local newspapers:

- 1) "Insurer sees big profit as car claims fall" (Toronto Star, Feb 18, 2005);
- 2) "Cash clock is ticking, province told" (Globe and Mail, Feb. 17, 2005);
- 3) "Already hurting, businesses lament death of hockey season" (Toronto Star, February 17, 2005);
- 4) "Bid to defer rise in parking fee fails" (Globe and Mail, Feb.17, 2005);
- 5) "Councillors mark time awaiting \$92 M bailout" (Toronto Star, Feb 16, 2005);
- 6) "Parking Police Target Queen" (Beach Metro News, Feb.8, 2005);
- 7) "All of city's parking permits now online" (Toronto Star, Feb.5, 2005);
- 8) "ACC hotel complex planned" (Toronto Star, Feb 5, 2005);

- 9) "City fears \$600K parking loss" (Toronto Star, February 3, 2005);
- 10) "TTC, city move toward resolving budget woes" (Toronto Star, February 2, 2005);
- 11) "Car-free day gassed by city" (Toronto Sun, February 1, 2005);
- 12) "Chief's not the only big-time commuter" (Toronto Star, Jan 28, 2005);
- 13) "They took a parking lot, put up a Forest Hill paradise" (National Post, Jan 27, 2005);
- 14) "Parking permit fee flap raises ire of south Scarborough councillor" (Toronto Community News, January 26, 2005);
- 15) "Parking sparks debate" (Toronto Community News, January 26, 2005);
- 16) "Unequal parking fees overtaxes Beachers claims Bussin" (Beach Metro News, January 25, 2005);
- 17) "Editorial: Parking fee excessive" (Toronto Star, January 24, 2005);
- 18) "Jack Layton still following local issues in riding" (Town Crier, January 21, 2005);
- 19) "Majority at meeting opposed parking lot" (Town Crier, Jan. 21, 2005);
- 20) "Public gets to weigh in on St. Clair plan" (Toronto Community News, Jan 21, 2005);
- 21) "Overnight parking could get costlier" (Town Crier, January 21, 2005);
- 22) "Parking's great divide" (Toronto Star, January 20, 2005);
- 23) "Transit corridors considered in TTC plan" (Toronto Community News, Jan 19, 2005);
- 24) "TTC staff get own parking lot" (Town Crier, January 17, 2005);
- 25) "Group will give input on design of transit corridor" (Toronto Community News, January 14, 2005); and,
- 26) Council nitpicks at litter-pickers' \$19.32 Student hourly pay rising to union rate it's 'hard to justify' says budget chief" (Toronto Star, January 13, 2005).

05-025 The Board requested that staff investigate the possibility of advertising Toronto Parking Authority carpark locations on Esso station gas pump monitors. The Board requested that staff report back at a future meeting of the Board.

05-026 The President verbally advised the Board regarding a letter received dated February 16, 2005 from Councillor Michael Walker regarding the possible disposition of air rights at Municipal Carpark 12 (30 Alvin Street) and the requirement to do a full RFP request. The Board agreed to proceed with a limited RFP inviting neighbouring land owners only, as was agreed at its last meeting held on January 12, 2005.

Meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

George K. Soulis
Chair

