

Clause embodied in Report No. 8 of the Policy and Finance Committee, which was before the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003.

35**1. OTHER ITEMS CONSIDERED BY THE COMMITTEE**

(City Council on July 22, 23 and 24, 2003, amended this Clause as follows:

- (a) *Council waived the necessary provisions of Chapter 27 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code in order to consider Item (d), entitled "Staff Response to Commission Inquiry: Revised Motion in Support of Funding for Environmental Assessments of Subway Extensions", embodied therein. Council subsequently adopted the following recommendation:*

"It is recommended that Council adopt the following Motion in order to permit an application to the Province of Ontario's Golden Horseshoe Transit Investment Partnership to be filed immediately, and that a copy also be forwarded to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration of the funding implications:

***WHEREAS** the Toronto Transit Commission, at its meeting held on July 16, 2003, adopted a motion regarding the undertaking of environmental assessments for the proposed extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways and requested that City Council consider this matter at its July 22, 2003 meeting as a time critical item; and*

***WHEREAS** the provision of high-quality rapid transit service is critical to attracting travellers to transit, as is advocated in the City of Toronto's new Official Plan, in York Region's new Transportation Master Plan, by the Central Ontario Smart Growth Panel, and by the Federal Government's Kyoto Action Plan; and*

***WHEREAS** the undertaking of Environmental Assessments of the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways would be consistent with the provision of such high-quality rapid transit in the Greater Toronto Area; and*

***WHEREAS** it is the common interests of the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York and the Toronto Transit*

Commission to proceed with Environmental Assessment studies in support of the extensions of these subways, both of which would facilitate both inter-regional and intra-regional transit travel; and

WHEREAS *the City of Toronto and the Toronto Transit Commission have expressed strong support for the extension of the Spadina and Sheppard subways, and confirmed them as their top priorities for transit expansion; and*

WHEREAS *the Regional Municipality of York has demonstrated a financial commitment to participating in the extension of the subway beyond Steeles Avenue by purchasing lands on the north side of Steeles Avenue adjoining York University for an Inter-Regional Bus Terminal/Commuter Parking Gateway Facility, and is fully financing the cost of the Environmental Assessment Study for rapid transit including a future subway from that facility north to Highway 7; and*

WHEREAS *the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan and York University have co-operated extensively in their planning and advocacy efforts as evidenced by their participation in the Spadina-York Subway Extension Committee and the development of a business case report that was submitted to all interest parties; and*

WHEREAS *the Provincial and Federal Governments have recently announced the provision of funding for transit initiatives which facilitate inter-regional transit travel; and*

WHEREAS *the total costs of the Environmental Assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways is approximately \$5 million; and*

WHEREAS *the Provincial and Federal governments have not yet agreed to provide any funding towards the undertaking of these Environmental Assessments;*

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, *in order to achieve an equal municipal-provincial-federal sharing of the costs of the environmental assessments for these subway extensions:*

- (1) the City of Toronto commits to funding the one-third municipal share of the Environmental Assessment study as it relates to the extension of the subway from Downsview station to the proposed York University station;*

- (2) *the City of Toronto and the Regional Municipality of York commit to equally cost-share the municipal portion of the Environmental Assessment study as it relates to the section of the proposed line from the York University station to the Inter-Regional Bus Terminal/Commuter Parking Gateway Facility at Steeles Avenue;*
- (3) *the City of Toronto, the Toronto Transit Commission, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan and York University continue to work co-operatively to ensure the co-ordination of these studies and present a unified submission to the senior levels of government requesting their participation;*
- (4) *the one-third provincial share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the Province through the submission of a new application to the Province of Ontario's Golden Horseshoe Transit Investment Partnership, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the Toronto Transit Commission; and York University; and*
- (5) *the one-third federal share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the federal government through the submission of a new application to the Government of Canada's Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the Toronto Transit Commission and York University.' ”; and*

(d) Staff Response to Commission Inquiry: Revised Motion in Support of Funding for Environmental Assessments of Subway Extensions

The Policy and Finance Committee reports having:

- (1) referred the following communication to the Budget Advisory Committee for consideration and report thereon to the Policy and Finance Committee; and**
- (2) recognized that the alignment for a future extension of the Spadina subway from Downsview Station to Steeles Avenue is virtually entirely within private lands, and given the importance of ensuring**

that future development in this area does not negatively impact the recommended alignment for this extension, requested the Toronto Transit Commission to report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the work involved in, and the costs associated with, a detailed property protection study for this subway extension; and further that this report include the manner in which this study could be funded within the TTC's Operating/Capital budgets:

(May 22, 2003) from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that at its meeting on May 14, 2003, the Toronto Transit Commission had before it the attached memorandum dated May 14, 2003 from R. Ducharme, Chief General Manager entitled, "Staff Response to Commission Inquiry: Revised Motion in Support of Funding for Environmental Assessments of Subway Extensions" and that the Commission adopted the motion, the operative part of which reads as follows:

"Therefore be it resolved that, in order to achieve an equal municipal-provincial-federal sharing of the costs of the environmental assessments for these subway extensions, that:

- (1) the one-third municipal share of the \$3 million cost of an environmental assessment of the extension of the Spadina Subway be shared equally by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, and the City of Vaughan, and that each of these municipalities agree to contribute \$333,000 as their share of this cost;
- (2) the one-third municipal share of the \$2 million cost of an environmental assessment of the extension of the Sheppard Subway be paid by the City of Toronto, in the amount of \$666,000;
- (3) the one-third provincial share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the Province through the submission of a new application to the Province of Ontario's Golden Horseshoe Transit Investment Partnership, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan, York University, and the Toronto Transit Commission; and
- (4) the one-third federal share of the \$5 million cost of the environmental assessments for the extensions of the Spadina and Sheppard Subways be requested from the federal government through the submission of a new

application to the Government of Canada's Canada Strategic Infrastructure Fund, which would be jointly prepared and submitted by the City of Toronto, the Regional Municipality of York, the City of Vaughan, York University, and the Toronto Transit Commission.”

and advising that the foregoing is forwarded to City of Toronto Council, through the Policy and Finance Committee for information and consideration.