GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

Board Meeting Date: July 27, 2007
Item Class: Resolution / By Law

RECOMMENDATION:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT:
The minutes of the Board meeting of May 25th, 2007 be approved.

ISSUE:
The minutes of each Board meeting should be reviewed and approved at a subsequent meeting to ensure that the minutes accurately reflect the decisions that were taken at that time.

Legal Implications:
None
Chair MacIsaac called the meeting to order.
DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

The Chair requested declarations of potential conflicts of interest and none were declared.

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

Moved by: H. McCallion; Seconded by: P. Smith

- 07-B20 The minutes of the Board meeting of April 27th 2007 be approved.

Carried

CHAIR’S REMARKS:

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked Mayor David Miller for the City of Toronto accommodating the board meeting. The board meeting on July 27th will be hosted by the City of Mississauga and Hamilton has offered to host the August meeting.

There were no additions to the Agenda.

The Board Information package placed at members’ seat contains an invitation issued to members to join GTTA at the CUI luncheon on June 14th, 2007. Members interested in attending are requested to RSVP to the GTTA office by Monday May 28th.

The report ‘York Region Transit Mobility Plus Cross-Boundary Trial Service’ described in correspondence from York Region Clerk Denis Kelly, item 12b also placed on members' seat. In future these reports will be included in the electronic distribution of agenda items.
OTHER BUSINESS

Motion from Mayor David Miller on the Provincial Environmental Assessment Process:

Moved by: D. Miller; seconded: by B. Fisch

That the GTTA recognize that the Environmental Assessment Process represents a significant barrier to moving the transit agenda forward in a timely way,

And that the Chair be requested and the CEO be directed to pursue changes to the Environmental Assessment process at both the political level and through the civil service which will allow transit projects to proceed quickly.

And that board members be advised of and invited to any key meetings arranged.

Carried

PRAGMA CONFERENCE:

Chair MacIsaac, Board members Mayor McCallion, Paul Bedford and GTTA staff attended the Pragma conference organized by the Planning Department of the University of Waterloo.

The two day conference focused on the challenges and opportunities facing the GTTA in developing the Integrated Regional Transportation Plan.

AIRPORT TOUR:

Chair MacIsaac and CEO Michael Fenn met with the Greater Toronto Airport Authority’s stakeholder Liaison Committee. Pearson International Airport will be a major hub in the GTTA’s Transportation Plan.
REPORT OF THE CEO:

The CEO provided a brief overview of the CEO’s Report (BR-07-0004), previously distributed electronically to the Board.

Moved by: D. Miller Seconded by: B. Fisch

That Report BR-07-004 be received and filed.

Carried

DECISION ITEMS

07-B22: Meeting location

Moved by: A. Giambrone; Seconded: by P. Bedford

That the Board approve, pursuant to section 7.3 of the By-law #1, the Board’s meeting of May 25th, 2007 shall be held in the municipality of the City of Toronto at the Toronto City Hall, Committee Room # 4, Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2.

Carried

07-B23: CUTA Membership and Travel

Moved by D. Miller; Seconded by F. Eisenberger

That the Board approve the GTTA’s membership and the Chair’s participation with the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA). The Chair will also seek re-election to the CUTA Board of Directors at the June annual meeting.

Carried
INFORMATION

STAFF REPORTS

Joe Perrotta, Director Planning, GTTA, introduced two guest presenters from the Ministry of Transportation. Chris Burke, Director, Urban and Rural Infrastructure Policy Branch, provided an overview of the work done by the former GTSB, *Removing Roadblocks: The Strategic Transportation Plan for Greater Toronto and Hamilton*. Bruce McCuaig, Assistant Deputy Minister, Operations Division, provided a status on the implementation of the recommendations by the Smart Growth Gridlock Sub-Panel.

BR-07-0005: Summary of GTSB Report and Central Ontario Gridlock Sub-Panel recommendations

Moved by: P. Smith; Seconded by: R. Anderson

That the Board receive and file Report BR-07-0005

Carried

Strategic Planning Session – Status Update

Michael Rowland provided a brief overview of plans for the Strategic Planning Workshop on June 22 and 23, 2007.

ROUND TABLE

There were no round table issues.

CORRESPONDENCE

That the correspondence circulated with the Agenda, together with the correspondence sent with the board package, be received and filed and that the Chair and CEO are hereby directed to respond as appropriate.

- Canadian Federation of Independent Business – May 7, 2007
• York Region Transit Mobility Plus Cross Boundary Trail Service – May 7, 2007
• Letter from Chair to Planning, Public Works, Transportation Commissioners and Directors – May 16, 2007

**Correspondence circulated with the Agenda**

• 2007 Urban Leadership Awards Luncheon – June 14, 2007
• Media Clippings

Moved by D. Miller; Seconded by H. McCallion

**Carried**

Motion to adjourn at 1:00 pm

Moved by: P. Smith Seconded by: David Miller

**Carried**