

METROLINX

(GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY)

BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD NO. 13

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, April 25, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Westin Harbour Castle
Two Harbour Square
Convention Centre
Queen's Quay Room
Toronto, ON
10:00 a.m.

CHAIR: Rob Maclsaac

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson
Paul Bedford
Fred Eisenberger
Bill Fisch
Adam Giambrone
Norm Kelly
Hazel McCallion
David Miller
Peter Smith

REGRETS: Gary Carr

STAFF PRESENT: Michael Fenn, CEO
Mary Martin, Corporate Secretary
Metrolinx Staff

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 10:03 am.

Regrets were received from Gary Carr.

Chair MacIsaac confirmed that the required notice of the meeting as stipulated under the By-Law of the Corporation had been sent and that quorum requirements have been met.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Board meeting of March 28, 2008 be approved.

Carried

AGENDA REVIEW:

Chair MacIsaac was pleased to inform the Board that Minister Bradley would be attending the Board Meeting today to formally meet and address the Board for the first time since his appointment to the Ministry of Transportation. There were no further additions or changes to the Agenda.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair MacIsaac noted the passage of another milestone in the satisfaction of the Corporation's mandate with the preparation and presentation of the draft White Papers to be presented before the Board for approval at today's meeting.

REMARKS BY THE HONOURABLE MINISTER JIM BRADLEY

Minister Bradley was pleased to be in attendance before the Board, and thanked the Board for their time and dedication to Metrolinx's key mandate: to build a vision for transportation across the greater Toronto and Hamilton region. The Minister anticipated that the implementation of this task – which represents the largest investment in transit in Canadian public history -- may prove to be challenging but ultimately rewarding as the goal of improved transportation is married with international efforts to reduce energy use and green house gas emissions. The Minister noted with pleasure the high degree of cooperation evidenced at the Metrolinx Board level, which cooperation has resulted in rapid implementation through the approval and commencement of the Quick Win projects. The Minister confirmed that in moving forward with its important mandate, Metrolinx has the support and commitment of all Provincial Ministries.

CEO 08-006

CEO's Report

Michael Fenn provided an overview of the CEO's report and highlighted the status of the Alternative Finance and Procurement evaluations led by Infrastructure Ontario, and benefits case analysis process, for which the Board will receive a report back in June, 2008. Michael Fenn noted that James O'Mara, Mary Martin and other Metrolinx staff involved were pleased that Metrolinx has been able to make a significant contribution to advancing the environmental assessment process for transit, with a proposed transit environmental assessment regulation and Ministry of Transportation policy statement having been posted on the Environmental Registry for public review and commentary. As a result, it is anticipated that by mid-year 2008 Metrolinx transit projects will have the advantage of an adequate but efficient Environmental Assessment process.

RESOLVED:

THAT CEO 08-006 Monthly Report be received for information.

Carried

DECISION ITEMS:

P&P 08-011

RTP Advisory Committee Report

Leslie Woo, General Manager, Policy & Planning presented the Advisory Committee Report and introduced Pamela Robinson, a member of the Advisory Committee to provide an overview of the report. Ms. Robinson explained that the report was the result of a successful multi-stakeholder engagement process, and the commitment of the diverse members of the Advisory Committee. Based upon the Advisory Committee's review, the following general findings were noted: the status quo is unsustainable; bold goals are required to move forward; and in order to fulfill its mandate Metrolinx must think transformatively about transportation for the region.

RESOLVED:

THAT report P&P 08-011 RTP Advisory Committee Report to the Metrolinx Board be received for information.

Carried

P&P 08-010

White Papers 1 and 2

White Papers 1 and 2 were presented by Leslie Woo, General Manger, Policy & Planning. White Paper 1 incorporates a revised vision statement and sets out objectives based on the three pillars of people, environment, and the economy.

White Paper 2 builds on the green papers by incorporating public and stakeholder commentary and analyzing four test concepts of infrastructure improvements which support the Growth Plan objectives and build from on MoveOntario 2020.

A thorough Board discussion followed identifying areas of further analysis to strengthen the utility of White Paper 2. The following matters were discussed:

- additional variations to the test concepts which consider expanded roads and reduced roads should be analysed;
- further analysis to determine how the Regional Transportation Plan ("RTP") could help meet provincial green house gas emission targets; staff should specify for the Board the manner in which Provincial green house gas emission targets may be achieved through the RTP;
- the investment strategy should be presented alongside the RTP;
- mapping should be improved to increase accuracy and readability; and

- safety concerns and the needs of women and persons with disabilities should be specifically taken into account in the RTP

The following **amended** resolutions were passed:

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve White Paper 1 for the Regional Transportation Plan titled Vision, Goals and Objectives (attached as Appendix “A” to Board report P&P 08-010) and White Paper 2 titled Preliminary Directions and Concepts (attached as Appendix “B” to Board report P&P 08-010) subject to minor housekeeping changes and final formatting of content and document design.

THAT the Board direct staff to release the White Papers for public comment after implementation of the following analysis:

- variations to the test concepts which consider expanded roads and reduced roads; and
- further analysis to determine how the Regional Transportation Plan (“RTP”) could help meet provincial green house gas emission targets.

THAT the draft RTP be prepared and brought forward by staff for Board review and approval coincident with the draft Investment Strategy at the Board Meeting scheduled for July 25, 2008.

THAT the Consultation Plan outlined in report COM 08-001 and approved on March 28, 2008 be revised to accommodate the new release date for the draft RTP of July 25, 2008 and be brought forward by staff for Board review and approval.

THAT the Board receive the summary booklet Sustainable Transportation: An Overview and direct staff to make the booklet available to the public as an informational piece.

Carried

LS 08-002

Procedural By-Law

Mary Martin, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary provided an overview of the proposed Procedural By-Law #4. After a discussion the Board recommended that further review of this By-Law be deferred until the May 23, 2008 Board Meeting and moved the following **amended** resolution:

RESOLVED:

***THAT* the proposed By-Law No. 4, being a by-law relating to general procedural matters, be referred back to staff until the next Board meeting and that Board members be encouraged to submit to staff their thoughts on amending the proposed By-law No. 4 in terms of delegations having access to the Board.**

Carried

ROUND TABLE:

There were no items discussed at the round table session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 1:33 pm

Carried

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Chair

Secretary