SPECIAL MEETING OF THE METROLINX BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DATE OF MEETING: Thursday, January 14, 2016

TIME OF MEETING: 2:00 p.m.

PLACE OF MEETING: Union Station West Wing
97 Front Street West
Toronto, Ontario  M5J 1E6

Peter R. Smith Boardroom, 4th Floor

CHAIR: J. Robert S. Prichard

PRESIDENT & CEO: Bruce McCuaig

MEETING SECRETARY: Mary Martin, Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

MEMBERS PRESENT: Upkar Arora
Bryan Davies (via teleconference)
Iain Dobson (via teleconference)
Janet Ecker
Bill Fisch (via teleconference)
Anne Golden (via teleconference)
Rose Patten (guest of the Board)
Bonnie Patterson (via teleconference)
Howard Shearer (via teleconference)
Carl Zehr (via teleconference)

REGRETS: Rahul Bhardwaj
Marianne McKenna

OTHERS PRESENT: John Jensen, Vice President, Rapid Transit Implementation
Judy Pfeifer, Vice President, Strategic Communications
Leslie Woo, Chief Planning Officer
Beth Kapusta, Chief, Design Excellence
Alba Taylor, Senior Legal Counsel & Associate Corporate Secretary

1. Call to Order and Remarks by Chair

Chair Prichard called the meeting to order at 2 p.m and provided opening remarks. The purpose of today’s special teleconference meeting is to finalize the Board’s recommendation on Eglinton Crosstown Station and Stop Names. The meeting is a follow up to the public discussion of the Board at its December 3, 2015 meeting. Accordingly, notice of the meeting has been provided to the public and the meeting is being broadcast online.
Chair Prichard confirmed there was quorum and that the required notice of the meeting as stipulated under the By-Law of the Corporation had been sent.

Chair Prichard acknowledged receipt of the following correspondence, which has been distributed to the Board:

(a) Email correspondence from TTC Board Vice-Chair Alan Heisey, dated January 13, 2016 and enclosing a copy of a resolution to be moved at the next TTC Board meeting to reopen TTC discussion of the naming of the Crosstown Station at Lebovic and Hakimi Avenue and currently proposed by Metrolinx to be named “Hakimi”;

(b) Email correspondence from Toronto City Councillor and TTC Board Member Denzil Minnan-Wong dated January 13, 2016 regarding the naming of Hakimi Station;

(c) Correspondence from Toronto City Councillor and Chair of the Economic Development and Culture Committee and Invest Toronto Michael Thompson and Deputy Mayor Glenn De Baereamaeker dated January 7 and 14, 2016 and regarding the naming of Hakimi Station;

(d) Email correspondence from Mr. Cameron MacLeod dated January 12, 2016 regarding Eglinton Crosstown LRT Station naming; and

(e) Email correspondence from Mr. Joseph Speranzioso dated January 13, 2016 regarding Eglinton Crosstown LRT Station naming.

2. **Revised Recommendations: Eglinton Crosstown LRT Stations Naming**

Bruce McCuaig, Chief Executive Officer, together with Leslie Woo, Chief Planning Officer, presented staff’s revised recommendations for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT Station and Stop Names.

Staff reviewed the process which resulted in the proposed names, and described the additional due diligence and consultations completed to reassess the three names appearing before the Board, being: Forest Hill, Fairbank, and Hakimi (previously Lebovic). Staff clarified that for both Forest Hill and Fairbank, station signage would include reference to the major cross street in parenthesis below the station name, to aid in location. That is, Forest Hill would include Bathurst underneath it, and Fairbank would include reference to Dufferin.

The Board discussed the distinction between station naming and wayfinding, and how wayfinding may be used to support orientation. The Board also discussed the Eglinton Crosstown line name. Staff confirmed that final line naming has not been determined. This will return to the Board for consideration at a future date.

The Board confirmed its support for the Forest Hill and Fairbank station names, subject to station wayfinding referencing appropriate cross streets.

The Board discussed the unique intersection of Eglinton Avenue with Hakimi and Lebovic – both of which are the names for intersecting streets which co-terminate at this location. The Board concluded that the station at this location be named Hakimi Lebovic. Staff confirmed that this proposed name does not offend the naming principles and protocol.
The approved station names will be provided by Metrolinx to Crosslinx Transit Solution by January 20, 2016 as required by the Eglinton Crosstown contract.

RESOLVED, as revised:

THAT the Metrolinx Board of Directors approve the recommended station names for the Eglinton Crosstown LRT project as described in the Chief Planning Officer’s January 14, 2016 report to the Board except for Hakimi which will be named Hakimi Lebovic.

AND THAT staff be authorized to provide the recommended names to Crosslinx Transit Solutions and continue to advance the GTHA Naming Policy.

AND THAT staff be authorized to advise the public and key stakeholders of the Board’s decision above.

Carried

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Carried

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J. Robert S. Prichard, Chair               Mary Martin, Secretary