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GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD NO. 7

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, October 26, 2007

PLACE OF MEETING: Executive Boardroom - GO Transit
20 Bay Street, Suite 600
Toronto, ON
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm

CHAIR: Rob MacIsaac

MEMBERS PRESENT: Roger Anderson – left at 2:30 pm
Paul Bedford
Gary Carr – left at 3:25 pm
Fred Eisenberger- left at 2:55 pm
Norm Kelly
Hazel McCallion
David Miller – left at 2:55 pm
Peter Smith

REGRETS: Adam Giambrone
Bill Fisch

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair MacIsaac called the meeting to order at 1:40 pm.

Chair MacIsaac thanked Peter Smith, Chair of the GO Transit Board for accommodating the GTTA Board meeting in GO Transit's Executive Boardroom.

Regrets were received from Bill Fisch and Adam Giambrone.

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

DECLARATION OF INTEREST:

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

CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:

07-B60 The minutes of the Board meeting of September 28, 2007, be approved.

Carried

AGENDA REVIEW

There were no further additions or changes to the Agenda.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair MacIsaac noted that a number of important milestone items will be considered at this meeting of the Board, reflecting the GTTA's progress in achieving its mandate as assigned by the Province of Ontario.

He also updated the Board on the following:

GTHA Mayors Meetings: Contact has been made with all the mayors' offices to schedule an update meeting with each mayor.

Advisory Committee: Most of the selected candidates have been contacted and all have agreed to participate on the Committee. An inaugural meeting is scheduled for November 27, 2007.

The Chair also recognized several important milestones that have been reached by the GTTA since its first in March.

BR-07-B61 Report of the CEO

Michael Fenn provided an overview of the CEO's Report previously distributed electronically to the Board and asked Jim O'Mara to make a brief presentation outlining the work he is doing on streamlining the process of environmental assessments on transit projects.

RESOLVED:

THAT Report BR-07-B61 CEO Report to the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Board be received and filed.

Carried

DECISION ITEMS

07-B63 Corporate Strategic Plan

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the corporate strategic plan as detailed in *Championing Change – A Corporate Strategic Plan for the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority* (October 26, 2007).

Carried

07-B64 GTTA Meeting Schedule for 2008

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the schedule of meetings for the 2008 Board of Directors and Standing Committee meetings as attached to these minutes (Schedule A)

Carried

07-B65 2007/08 Revised Budget Report

RESOLVED:

THAT The Board adopt the revised 2007/08 Budget as presented in the form attached as Schedule B;

THAT staff report regularly to the Audit Committee on actual budget performance against the revised 2007/08 Budget;

THAT staff are directed to work with the Ministry of Transportation to complete the necessary Treasury Board templates for the 2008/09 provincial budget cycle for both capital and operating budgets consistent with the approved 2007/08 budget and other Board identified priorities;

THAT staff are directed to present the GTTA's budget projections for fiscal year 2008/09 and the initial Results-based Planning (RbP) Submission to the Audit Committee for its detailed review and recommendations to the Board;

THAT notwithstanding any Fall 2007 administrative deadlines for the provincial budget cycle and specific deadlines imposed by Treasury Board and the Ministry of Transportation, Board-recommended modifications to the Results-based Planning Submission for 2008/09 Capital and Operating Budgets be included in the GTTA submission for consideration in the 2008/09 Ontario Budget and Estimates Process, and that the Chair and CEO take whatever steps they deem necessary to advance the Board approved-recommendations; and

THAT staff are directed to report back to the Board with the outcome of the Results-based Planning process and 2008/09 budget allocation following the release of the Spring 2008 Ontario Budget, including a proposed GTTA budget for 2008/09.

Carried

07-B66 A Strategic Communications Framework for the GTTA

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the attached Communications Framework, Schedule C;

THAT GTTA staff and consultants be directed to implement the communications approach as outlined in the attached Framework;

THAT GTTA staff and consultants be directed to produce and publicize an outline of a GTTA's Public and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy, so that residents and businesses of the GTHA are aware of the GTTA's planned outreach efforts and the ways in which the public and our stakeholders can become involved;

THAT this Strategy be posted on the GTTA's English and French web sites and copied to our municipal, provincial and transit partners; and

THAT GTTA staff and consultants be directed to routinely report back on major elements of the framework, as appropriate, to receive Board guidance on planning and implementation.

Carried

07-B68 National Transit Strategy

RESOLVED:

THAT staff be directed to:

- (i) Establish foundation policy principles (based, on the notions of **significant new investment to provide dedicated**, sustainable long-term **transit** funding) **compatible with those expressed by the Federation of Canadian Municipalities Big City Mayors Caucus**, to support the implementation of a National Transit Strategy (NTS) for consideration by the federal department of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities.
- (ii) Develop a framework for collaboration between Canada's three regional transportation authorities -- Agence Metropolitain des Transports (AMT), the Greater Vancouver Transportation Authority (TransLink) and the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (GTTA) **and a framework for collaboration with the major transit operators** – to advance the NTS, long-term sustainable transit funding, and other matters of shared strategic interest.
- (iii) Confer and collaborate regularly with municipalities and major transit operators in the GTTA mandate area, in preparation for future consultations with the Government of Canada and the Province of Ontario in the development and implementation of the NTS.
- (iv) In pursuit of Board directions, to develop and execute a "letter of agreement" between the GTTA and the two other regional transportation authorities on such terms and conditions as the CEO determines are necessary or desirable.
- (v) Consult and work collaboratively with other key stakeholder organizations, including the Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA), Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) **and the Big City Mayors' Caucus**; and
- (vi) Report back with regular status updates on implementation progress towards the NTS, long-term sustainable federal transit funding, and a collaborative framework between Canada's three regional transportation authorities.

APPROVED AS AMENDED

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

07-B67 Proposed Capital Planning and Investment Strategy Framework

RESOLVED:

THAT the Report 07-B67 Proposed Capital Planning and Investment Strategy Framework be received for information.

Carried

GO Transit Presentation

Bill Jenkins, Director, Customer Service, GO Transit, provided a presentation on GO Transit's station access plans, including bike, walking, local transit and Kiss 'n Ride facility improvements over the next five years.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board receive and file GO Transit's Station Access Report.

Carried

07-B70 Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance

RESOLVED:

THAT the Report 07-B70 Directors' and Officers' Liability Insurance be received for information

Carried

ROUND TABLE

There were no issues discussed at the round table session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 3:45 pm

Carried

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Chair

Secretary