

METROLINX

(GREATER TORONTO TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY)

BOARD MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF BOARD NO. 9

DATE OF MEETING: Friday, January 25, 2008

PLACE OF MEETING: Westin Harbour Castle
One Harbour Square, Convention Level
Pier 2 & 3
Toronto, ON
10:00 a.m.

CHAIR: Rob Maclsaac

MEMBERS PRESENT: Paul Bedford
Gary Carr
Fred Eisenberger
Bill Fisch
Adam Giambrone
Norm Kelly
Hazel McCallion
Peter Smith

REGRETS: Roger Anderson
David Miller

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

CALL TO ORDER:

Chair Maclsaac called the meeting to order at 10:05 am.

Regrets were received from Roger Anderson and David Miller.

Chair Maclsaac 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:

RESOLVED:

THAT the minutes of the Board meeting of November 23, 2007 be approved.

Carried

AGENDA REVIEW

Mayor McCallion requested that the Board consider two resolutions (attached to these Minutes as Appendix A).

There were no further additions or changes to the Agenda.

CHAIR'S REMARKS:

Chair Maclsaac acknowledged the full agenda before the Board members in the coming months as the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) work intensifies with the completion of the second and third green papers, complemented by the development of a workplan relating to Metrolinx's Investment Strategy which will ultimately support RTP implementation.

The Chair also introduced the new General Managers who will begin with Metrolinx over the next three weeks. These talented people bring the extraordinary mix of skills, expertise and experience that will be needed at Metrolinx. Vince Mauceri begins with Metrolinx today, Leslie Woo will start on February 1, and Colleen Bell will start February 11. The final General Manager appointment will be filled by John Howe who had been on secondment to Metrolinx from the province.

CEO 08-001 Report of the CEO

Michael Fenn provided an overview of the CEO's Report, which was distributed in the Board Agenda.

It was noted that Councillor Kelly and Mayor Eisenberg also attended the Metrolinx launch of the Regional Transportation Plan public consultation process referred to in the CEO Report.

RESOLVED:

THAT CEO 08-001, CEO Report to the Metrolinx Board be received and filed.

Carried

DECISION ITEMS

Chair MacIsaac identified the two additional green papers now completed as part of the RTP design process. Board members were reminded that the role of the Board is to authorize the release of the green papers for public consultation. Comments will subsequently be collated, presented to the Advisory Committee, referred to Staff to review policy implications. Each Green paper and the accompanying public consultation will be used as the basis to make policy recommendations to the board in the form a white paper. The accumulated policy decisions in the white papers will be used in the drafting of the RTP.

P&P 08-001 Green Paper #2: Mobility Hubs

Joe Perrotta, Director, Policy & Planning presented the RTP Green Paper #2 and introduced Joe Berridge, Partner, Urban Strategies to provide an overview of the paper.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the release of the second consultation paper for the Regional Transportation Plan, titled **Mobility Hubs**, subject to minor housekeeping changes, final formatting of content and document design.

Carried

P&P 08-002

Green Paper #3: Active Transportation

RTP Green Paper #3 was presented by Joe Perrotta, Director, Policy & Planning and Brian Hollingsworth, Consultant, IBI Group Inc., was introduced to provide a summary of the third discussion paper.

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approve the release of the third consultation paper for the Regional Transportation Plan, titled **Active Transportation**, subject to minor housekeeping changes, and final formatting of content and document design.

Carried

P&P 08-003

Development of a Vision for the RTP

RESOLVED:

THAT the Board approves the process outlined in Report P&P 08-003 for the development of a vision and supporting principles for the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP); and

THAT staff are directed to report back with a draft vision and supporting principles for the Board's consideration and approval.

Carried

SII 08-001

Investment Strategy Workplan

RESOLVED:

THAT the Metrolinx Board approve the Transportation Investment Strategy workplan outlined in staff report SII 08-001 including the proposed:

- a) Vision principles for the Investment Strategy;
- b) Strategy scope and key workplan components;
- c) Linkages to the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) process and other key concurrent aspects of the Metrolinx workplan;
- d) Public and stakeholder consultation strategy; and
- e) Expert consultant engagement strategy,

THAT the Board use the RTP Advisory Committee and Multi-Disciplinary Expert Review Panel (MERP) to act as additional sources of advice to the Metrolinx Board and staff in developing the Investment Strategy; and,

THAT staff report back to the Board with:

- a) Regular status updates on the progress of the Investment Strategy workplan, including an interim draft report in summer 2008;
- b) Investment Strategy final options and recommendations in fall 2008, coordinated with the release of the final RTP; and
- c) A workplan to deliver the results of the Investment Strategy to the governments of Ontario and Canada, as input to their respective pre-budget consultations and policy development on a sustainable funding framework for regional transportation authorities.

Carried

LS 08-001

Amendment to By-Law #3: Advisory Committee

RESOLVED:

THAT effective immediately Section 3.1 of By-Law No. 3 be deleted and replaced by the following:

The Advisory Committee shall consist of between 15 and 20 members selected by the Board or by a subcommittee struck by the Board comprised of the Chair and 2 or more Board members.

THAT effective immediately Section 3.3 (Mandate) of By-Law No. 3 be amended to include the following:

- To act as a technical resource to the Board and to the Corporation's staff in developing the Corporation's investment strategy.

THAT effective immediately a new section 3.7 be added to By-Law No. 3 as follows:

- Notwithstanding the provisions of the Corporation's Open Board Meeting Policy (GP-07-01) the Advisory Committee may on a motion duly carried stipulate that all or any portion of an Advisory Committee meeting shall be held in camera.

Carried

INFORMATION ITEMS

SII 08-002

AFP Workplan Update

RESOLVED:

THAT the Report SII 08-002 be received for information.

Chair MacIsaac noted that the original AFP resolution carried by the Board in November 2007 called for a report back to the Board with detailed analysis and recommendations for two projects. Upon further analysis, staff have determined this time line is not feasible given the amount of work to be done. Staff will keep the board apprised on a regular basis of the progress being made on the AFP analysis.

Carried

CEO 08-003

UK / Madrid Study Tour

Chair MacIsaac also acknowledged receipt from Councillor Giambrone of a report prepared by Gary Webster, Toronto Transit Commission, and dated January 24, 2008. This report was circulated to the Board members present. The Chair suggested that a copy of this report be attached to the Minutes from the meeting when they are posted to the Metrolinx web page.

RESOLVED:

THAT the findings outlined in Report CEO 08-003 be referred to appropriate Metrolinx staff and consultants for consideration in connection with the Regional Transportation Plan and the Metrolinx Investment Strategy.

AND THAT the report prepared by Gary Webster, Toronto Transit Commission, and dated January 24, 2008 attached to the minutes as Appendix B be received and filed.

CARRIED AS AMENDED

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

RESOLVED:

THAT the resolutions distributed by Mayor McCallion in the form attached as Appendix A be referred to Metrolinx staff for consideration and that staff report(s) be prepared for review by the Board as soon as is practical.

Carried

ROUND TABLE

There were no items discussed at the round table session.

MOTION TO ADJOURN: at 12:00 pm

Carried

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Chair

Secretary

APPENDIX A

DRAFT RESOLUTION #1

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario, in the enactment of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, requires that the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority (“Metrolinx”) to, among other mandates,

- (a) coordinate, negotiate and manage the planning, design, development and acquisition, by purchase, lease or otherwise, of local transit system vehicles, equipment, technologies and facilities and related supplies and services on behalf of any municipality in Ontario by either procuring on behalf of or facilitating the procurement of such by a municipality; and
- (b) establish, in consultation with municipalities and other persons that operate local transit systems in Ontario and suppliers, specifications and common standards for local transit system vehicles, equipment, technologies and facilities and related supplies and services.

AND WHEREAS within Canada there are currently three bus manufacturing firms.

AND WHEREAS centralized transit vehicle procurement may provide benefit to one supplier and in so doing may limit the viability of the others.

AND WHEREAS it is to the benefit of all transit agencies within Ontario, as well as the provincial government which is partially funding these buses, to ensure a healthy, competitive bus industry.

AND WHEREAS transit agencies benefit from the flexibility in delivery schedule provided by multiple suppliers.

AND WHEREAS it is recognized that there are benefits in having provincial specifications and standards for municipal buses, especially as this relates to provincial funding.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Metrolinx, as per clause 8 (1) (b) of the Greater Toronto Transportation Authority Act, establish specifications and common standards for local transit system vehicles, equipment, technologies and facilities and related supplies and services as soon as possible and in no event later than June 30, 2008.

AND FURTHER that in developing common standards to be used for all procurement of municipal transit vehicles, equipment, technologies and facilities and related supplies and services,, Metrolinx has facilitated municipal procurement and is considered to have discharged its obligations under clause 8 (1) (a) of the Act, and that specific procurement be handled either by individual Transit Agencies or by Metrolinx through facilitating group procurement by interested Transit Agencies.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Ministry of Transportation and all Transit Agencies within the Province of Ontario.

DRAFT RESOLUTION #2

WHEREAS Metrolinx has been suggesting Quick Start Projects to the Provincial Government to allow the Province to start addressing traffic congestion as soon as possible.

AND WHEREAS changes to cross-boundary operational restrictions between municipal transit systems within the Greater Toronto Area could also quickly begin to address traffic congestion.

AND WHEREAS cross boundary transit operating restrictions between the City of Toronto and neighbouring municipalities are governed by the City of Toronto Act and potentially other provincial legislation.

AND WHEREAS as a result Mississauga Transit and the Toronto Transit Commission duplicate service on corridors such as Burnhamthorpe Road and Dundas Street in providing connecting service to and from the subway system.

AND WHEREAS similar situations occur between York Transit, Durham Transit, Brampton Transit and the TTC.

AND WHEREAS outside of the City of Toronto Transit Agencies have developed relationships between adjacent Transit Agencies to eliminate duplication and provide better integrated service to the public.

AND WHEREAS all Transit Agencies are currently growing, which places demands on transit vehicle and human resources.

THEREFORE be it resolved that Metrolinx staff facilitate discussions among the TTC, the City of Toronto, Mississauga Transit, York Transit, Durham Transit and Brampton Transit to develop options to reduce duplication, improve service, and integrate fares on cross-boundary routes between the 905 and the City of Toronto, notwithstanding current restrictions in the City of Toronto Act and other provincial legislation, and report back to the Metrolinx Board with recommendations including any legislative changes.

AND THAT this resolution be forwarded to the City of Toronto, TTC, Mississauga Transit, York Transit, Durham Transit and Brampton Transit.