

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO METROLINX

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RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED:

THAT Report CEO 08-014 be received for information.

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1. Communications and Public Affairs Update

Public and stakeholder meetings were held throughout the region in October, supported by an innovative campaign for print-radio advertising to attract people to both the public sessions and to the online consultation site. The on-line mapping tool was successfully launched as well. In addition to the Metrolinx team, a large number of volunteer facilitators from municipalities, local transit authorities, Ministry of Transportation and the Growth Secretariat came to support the public roundtable discussions in a great collaborative effort.

206 representatives attended the stakeholder meetings. 657 members of the public registered for the public meetings. Many more individuals attended the public meetings without voluntary registration. The Limehouse on-line consultation site received 1,039 postings about the seven Green Papers, two White Papers and draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy. The Metronauts website has received 770 unique visitors representing 1,364 visits.

2. Developing Stakeholder Relationships

Metrolinx staff continues to participate in a growing range of discussions with stakeholders who share our goal of a seamless, integrated metropolitan transportation system. Metrolinx also continues to host international delegations visiting Canada to compare experiences on our transportation systems. We recently hosted the Vice-President and Vice Chair of Strathclyde Partnership for Transportation (SPT-UK), which is Greater Glasgow's equivalent to Metrolinx, to exchange information and insight on regional transportation planning processes. In addition, SPT-UK officials shared information on their Glasgow Airport Rail Link project. These officials also had the opportunity to meet with our municipal (City of Toronto and York Region), provincial (Ministry of Transportation) and transit partners (GO Transit, TTC, York/VIVA) during their visit.

Metrolinx also organized a day-long workshop for November 26, bringing together senior transit and transportation officials from Vancouver TransLink, Transport for London and a range of Federal, Provincial and Transit entities, to examine alternative financing and procurement experience in a number of jurisdictions.

At the suggestion of Board Director Paul Bedford, Metrolinx hosted Auckland New Zealand City Councillor and Transport Committee Vice-Chair John Lister and London Underground Piccadilly Line General Manager Mike Challis, for separate and very productive discussions about a range of transit and transportation issues. A similar discussion took place with a senior finance official of Madrid's Regional Transportation Authority.

The CEO and senior Metrolinx staff also participated in conferences and other public events sponsored by the Association of Municipalities of Ontario [Oct 27, in London], the Town of Markham's "Gridlock, Rapid Transit & You" Summit [Nov 3], the Ontario Growth Secretariat [Nov 4], the Oakville Citizens' Round Table on Public Transit [Nov 13], the Ministry of

Transportation Procurement Symposium [Nov 18], Canadian Urban Institute [Nov 21] and the Canadian Council for Public-Private Partnerships [Nov 25].

On November 6, Metrolinx officials and GO Transit officials attended the annual Mississauga Board of Trade awards dinner, at which GO Transit Chair and Metrolinx Vice-Chair Peter Smith was honoured as Mississauga Businessperson of the Year.

The 2008 Smart Commute Awards were hosted by Rob MacIsaac on November 20 in downtown Toronto. Approximately 110 Smart Commute partners from throughout the region were in attendance to celebrate and share in each other's successes. Winning employers included the City of Toronto, the City of Mississauga, the Town of Oakville and the City of Hamilton. The Smart Commute Champion Award was presented to seven municipal staff from Hamilton, Halton, Mississauga, Peel, York, Toronto and Durham who played a lead role in creating and developing the Smart Commute Initiative.

3. Other Business

Finance and Project Delivery

As part of Metrolinx staff's on-going commitment to working closely with municipal, transit authority and provincial staff, and pursuant to the Board's direction from its September 26, 2008 meeting, Metrolinx staff and consultants invited and met with senior municipal finance staff from participating municipalities in mid-October and in a series of meetings during the first week of November, to discuss matters such as eligible project costs, municipal and transit authority input into the Metrolinx Capital Planning process, the implications of asset ownership, and so on. Similar meetings were held with Provincial officials from the Ministries of Transportation, and Energy and Environment, and Infrastructure Ontario.

Directors and Officers Insurance

As directed by the Board at the October 25, 2008 meeting the Directors and Officers Insurance policy was renewed with the same terms and conditions. The policy provides for \$5,000,000 coverage (per claim and on an aggregate basis) with a \$5,000 deductible per claim. The premium paid for this policy was \$8,000 and the policy will expire on October 31, 2009.

2009 Canadian Transportation Demand Management Summit

Smart Commute staff is working with representatives from the City of Toronto's Environment Office and the Association for Commuter Transportation (ACT) Canada to host the 2009 Canadian TDM Summit in Toronto next November. This annual conference on transportation demand management is the only one of its kind in Canada, and has been successfully run the last two years in each of Calgary and Halifax. Hosting in Toronto provides Metrolinx and all municipalities within the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area an

opportunity to showcase our leadership in the field, as well as our advances in other sustainable transportation areas such as pedestrian and cycling facilities, public transit and high occupancy vehicle lanes. Contributions to the event will be made by both Metrolinx and Toronto (pending approval), and staff from other municipalities involved in the Smart Commute program will be engaged in the planning of the event.

Respectfully submitted to the Board,



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