

MANAGEMENT REPORT TO METROLINX

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1.0 RECOMMENDATION:

RESOLVED:

THAT report P&P 08-018 RTP/IS Advisory Committee Report to the Metrolinx Board on the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy be received for information.

2.0 PURPOSE & EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The purpose of this report is to present to the Board the input and advice from the RTP/IS Advisory Committee on the content and direction of the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy.

3.0 BACKGROUND:

On July 27, 2007 the Metrolinx Board approved By-law #3 creating an Advisory Committee. The mandate of the Advisory Committee is to assist the Board in developing the Regional Transportation Plan. In satisfying this role, the by-law states that the Advisory Committee will:

- Review consultation papers and draft plans;
- Analyze public and stakeholder input;
- Engage in dialogue with the public and other stakeholders;
- Support and promote the release and implementation of the RTP;
- Provide recommendations to the Board in respect of the foregoing and any other specific issues referred to the Advisory Committee by the Board or the Subcommittee; and
- Such other roles relating to the development of the RTP as may be assigned to the Advisory Committee from time to time by the Board or the Subcommittee.

The By-law also states that the Advisory Committee shall provide the Board with periodic reports setting out the Advisory Committee's analysis and recommendations. The reports to the Board shall reflect the collective input and recommendations of the Advisory Committee based on the consensus of the Advisory Committee members.

The Advisory Committee has met eight times and provided two previous reports to the Board, one on the Green Papers and one on the White Papers. This report is in response to the Draft Regional Transportation Plan entitled The Big Move: Transforming Transportation in the GTHA.

Advisory Committee members are listed in Appendix A.

4.0 DISCUSSION:

The Advisory Committee met on November 21, 2008 to review and discuss the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Draft Investment Strategy and public and stakeholder responses to them. The Committee was presented with an overview of comments received and an overview of how the comments were proposed to be addressed in the Final Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.

The attached report (Appendix B) represents the consensus position of the Committee members, except in those cases where different points of review are presented.

4.0 FINANCIAL MATTERS:

N/A

5.0 HUMAN RESOURCES MATTERS:

N/A

6.0 ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS:

N/A

7.0 COMMUNICATION MATTERS:

N/A

8.0 LEGAL MATTERS:

N/A

9.0 CONCLUSION:

The Advisory Committee represents a broad cross-section of stakeholders from across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area and their advice to Metrolinx has shaped the development of the Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy.

Respectfully submitted,

Approved for Submission to the Board



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Appendices:

Appendix A: RTP Advisory Committee Members
Appendix B: Report from the RTP Advisory Committee

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Appendix A
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Appendix B

FINAL ADVICE to the Metrolinx Board from the Regional Transportation Plan/Investment Strategy Advisory Committee Regarding the Draft Regional Transportation Plan and Investment Strategy

- **Be Bold - Implement The Big Move** as quickly and as comprehensively as possible. The committee urges the board to maintain the momentum embodied in the bold visions, bold moves, and robust strategies and actions set out in the final RTP. Current global economic unrest, means now more than ever, investment in all aspects of the Big Move are needed, not only as an economic stimulus but also to deliver environmental and social benefits today and for many generations to come. Please seize the Moment.
- Ensure that the implementation and governance of the Big Move grows to be more inclusive and diverse in order to more clearly respond to the many needs of individuals, businesses and other organizations across this large region. Consider expanding the Board to include non-elected members from the public and private sectors.
- New revenues streams for funding for both capital and operations as set out in the Investment Strategy are critical to the credibility and sustainability of the Big Move. The Board should not put investment discussions off for too long and should consider beginning the public dialogue as early as 2009.