

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: September 25, 2013

SUBJECT: NEW SECOND EXIT PLANNING AND CONSULTATION
PROCESS - EXPERT PANEL

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

FUNDING

The recommendation of this report does not have any financial impact.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting of February 25, 2013, the Board endorsed the new Second Exit Planning and Consultation Program, including the establishment of a panel of third party experts.

As many TTC stations have only one exit, the TTC is adding second exits to a number of existing stations to enhance safety for customers and staff, providing an additional way out of subway stations in case of emergency. Second exits also improve customer convenience.

Planning second exits is a challenging and complicated task, taking many factors into account and balancing engineering, fire/life safety and community needs.

Of the 14 priority subway stations that were identified as needing a second exit, eight are still to be completed: Chester, College, Donlands, Dundas, Dundas West, Greenwood, Museum and Summerhill. Some of these will be more difficult to build than others, and will have more significant impacts on the surrounding communities.

The TTC's new approach involves the convening of the expert panel to develop the evaluation framework for planning second exits, providing for meaningful public input and including public education.

The new second exit process includes three distinct planning phases:

Phase 1: Develop evaluation framework by expert panel

Phase 2: Location planning at stations

Phase 3: Design of second exit

DISCUSSION

The TTC conducted recruitment of members for the expert panel on second exits during May and June using the following methods:

- Posting on ttc.ca
- Posting on social media
- E-mail blasts to community members
- Briefing of councillors in wards where the eight second exits will be built
- Targeted outreach to qualified candidates through professional bodies and agencies.

Applicants were asked to send their resume as well as a 250 word submission outlining why they want to sit on the panel, and what skills and insight they will bring.

Applications were reviewed by a TTC evaluation team consisting of TTC CEO Andy Byford, Chair Karen Stintz and Chief Capital Officer Sameh Ghaly.

The TTC has established a panel with expertise in, among other areas, urban design, architecture, customer service and wayfinding. A list of the panel members, along with their bios, is attached.

The panel held its first meeting on September 9, 2013 and will meet throughout September and October to develop the draft Second Exit Evaluation framework. In November, a consultation will be held for the public to review and provide feedback on the draft evaluation framework. The revised framework will be presented to the TTC Board in December. In early 2014 working groups will be established to plan the second exits at the eight remaining stations that require a second exit.

JUSTIFICATION

The Expert Panel on Second Exits has been convened and has commenced meeting to develop the Second Exit Evaluation Framework.

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Attachment : TTC Second Exit Expert Panel – Member Bios

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Calvin Brook

Calvin Brook has over 30 years of professional practice as an urban designer and architect, and brings to the panel a seasoned outlook on transportation projects from visioning through to design, construction and implementation as well as a long-standing interest in the challenges and opportunities related to transportation and transit initiatives as significant interventions for overall city building. He is a member of the City of Toronto's Design Review Panel.

Ian Dickson

Ian Dickson is an Environmental Graphic Designer who brings his extensive experience in creating positive customer experience through Signage and Wayfinding to the panel. Ian has designed Wayfinding systems for Transit, Education and Healthcare environments. Ian is a graduate of the Ontario College of Art and Design and the University of Guelph.

Wayne L. McEachern, B.A., M.E.S., M.C.I.P., R.P.P. (Ret.)

With close to 40 years of experience in transportation planning and land use policy, Wayne is a valuable member of the TTC's Customer Liaison Panel. In 2010 he retired as Manager of the City of Vaughan Policy Planning and Urban Design Department. Wayne is a lifelong resident of the City of Toronto with an impeccable transit pedigree passed on from his late grandfather, a long-time TTC employee.

Simon Rees

As a homeowner in the Danforth Community, Simon Rees has been actively involved in discussions around the Donlands Station Second Exit. As a small business operator who is an ECRA Licensed Electrical Contractor and qualified Master Electrician and OTAB General Carpenter, Simon brings to the panel extensive experience in and understanding of construction projects.

Kim Storey, B.Arch., OAA, MRAIC

Kim Storey is a Toronto Architect and Urban Designer. As a founding partner of Brown and Storey Architects Inc., she has been primarily involved in civic infrastructure work, focusing on award winning designs for transit, parks, public space and streetscape projects in Toronto and other Ontario municipalities.

Jay Young, PhD

Jay Young, PhD (York University, 2012) is a historian whose dissertation examined the evolution of the Toronto subway system, with particular emphasis on community relations during project construction. He is currently a SSHRC Postdoctoral Fellow in the Department of History at McMaster University and is revising his dissertation for publication. Jay is also an editor of the popular website ActiveHistory.ca.

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