

**TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION  
REPORT NO.**

**MEETING DATE:** April 18, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Parc Downsview Park Trial Summer Service

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the Commission:

1. Approve a trial summer bus service between Downsview Station and Parc Downsview Park, as described in this report, operating in the midday from Monday to Friday, and the daytime on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from June 24 to September 3, 2007; and
2. Forward this report to Councillors Augimeri, Feldman, and Perruzza, and to Parc Downsview Park.

**FUNDING**

The seasonal service change described in this report will result in an estimated increase in net operating costs of \$20,000 in 2007. This is not included in the TTC's 2007 operating budget.

**BACKGROUND**

Parc Downsview Park requested that the TTC investigate options to provide new transit service directly into the grounds of the park, in order to serve increasing travel demands to recreational and employment activities at the site.

**DISCUSSION**

Several options were investigated for providing service into the park grounds. Diverting one of the three bus routes that presently operate along Sheppard Avenue, the northern boundary of the park, was investigated. It was determined that the inconvenience to customers, of the longer travel time to divert through the park, would greatly outweigh the benefits of a shorter walk for the smaller number of customers that would use the new service.

Options for a new route operating between Downsview Station and the park were investigated. It was determined that a new bus service operating from Downsview Station, west on Sheppard Avenue, south on John Drury Crescent, east on Carl Hall Road, and looping on park roads east of the railway would be operationally feasible. The attached map shows the proposed routing.

One bus would be required to operate this new service. The projected ridership and costs for all periods of operation were evaluated, and the results are listed in the table, below.

Time period	Projected		Financial standard	
	Customer-trips on service	Number of customer-trips new to the TTC	Customers gained/net \$ of additional cost	Required minimum standard
Monday-Friday peak periods	20	20	0.05	0.23
<b>Monday-Friday midday</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>60</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.23</b>
Monday-Friday evening	10	10	0.03	0.23
<b>Saturday daytime</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.23</b>
Saturday early evening	10	10	0.03	0.23
<b>Sunday/holiday daytime</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>90</b>	<b>0.25</b>	<b>0.23</b>
Sunday/holiday early evening	10	10	0.03	0.23

The financial analysis shows that only during the midday from Monday to Friday and in the daytime on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays would the projected ridership be high enough for the service to meet the minimum financial standards. It is projected that approximately 60 customer-trips would be made each weekday, and approximately 90 customer-trips would be made each Saturday, Sunday, or holiday in the summer on the new service. All of these customers are projected to be new to the TTC. Because service during these periods meets the minimum financial standard, the operation of this trial summer service is recommended.

This summer service would operate approximately every 20 minutes, on weekdays from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from approximately 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The service would operate on a trial basis, and would be subject to a post-implementation review after the service has ended.

## SUMMARY

A new trial summer service between Downsview Station and Parc Downsview Park is projected to make service better for customers and meet the minimum financial standard. It is recommended for trial implementation during the midday from Monday to Friday and the daytime on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays, from June 24 to September 3, 2007.

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Attachment: Map – Proposed Service to Downsview Park  
 Letter from Parc Downsview Park to TTC Chair Giambrone

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