

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: February 27, 2008

SUBJECT: COMMISSIONER ATTENDANCE – 2008 TRANSIT
CONFERENCES

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve the following:

1. That the budgetary provision of \$18,000.00 included in the 2008 TTC Operating Budget for Commissioner Travel be distributed equally between the nine Commissioners; and
2. That the General Secretary's Office be requested to canvass each Commissioner to determine their respective plans for Conference travel in 2008.

FUNDING

The 2008 Operating Budget includes a provision of \$18,000.00 to cover travel and accommodation expenses for Commissioners to attend American Public Transportation Association (APTA) and Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA) conferences to be held during 2008.

On approval of the Recommendation embodied in this report, \$2,000.00 will be allocated to each Commissioner to cover travel and accommodation expenses for conference attendance. Registration costs will be accounted for separately within the overall corporate travel budget. Any travel requirements that arise with respect to representation on the CUTA Board will be approved by the Chair and Chief General Manager.

DISCUSSION

APTA and CUTA are associations comprised of urban transit service providers, suppliers and related organizations across Canada and the United States. The Toronto Transit Commission is a member of both organizations. The conferences bring together experts and experiences from around the world and will provide attendees with information, research and analysis on all aspects of public transport. The conferences serve as a valuable resource and networking tool for those in the transit industry.

During 2008, the following APTA and CUTA conferences are scheduled to take place:

Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA)

Annual Meeting, Edmonton, Alberta, May 24-28, 2008

Fall Conference, Windsor, Ontario, November 8-12, 2008

American Public Transportation Association (APTA)

Bus and Paratransit Conference / International Bus Rodeo, Austin, Texas, May 3-7, 2008

Rail Conference / International Rail Rodeo, San Francisco, California, May 29-June 4, 2008

Annual Meeting, San Diego, California, October 5-8, 2008

Registration for all conferences will be undertaken through the General Secretary's Office to facilitate the necessary paperwork with the appropriate associations.

JUSTIFICATION

Attendance at these conferences is an important forum and link with the leadership of the respective organizations and its members.

January 30, 2008

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