

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2009

SUBJECT: ENVIRONMENTAL AND HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT
SYSTEMS ANNUAL REVIEW, MINUTES OF APRIL 29, 2009

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission receive for information, the minutes of the April 29, 2009 Environmental and Health & Safety Management Systems Annual Review.

FUNDING

Captured in the Operating and Capital budgets.

BACKGROUND

At its meeting on March 24, 2004, the Committee of the Whole requested to have updates from the Senior Management Review of the Safety System submitted to the Committee on a quarterly basis.

DISCUSSION

Senior Management meets a minimum of four times per year to review the safety system at TTC, to ensure its continuing suitability, adequacy and effectiveness and to address the need for changes to policies, objectives, and other elements of the safety system. The April 29, 2009 meeting differed from the other meetings in that it was an annual review of both the environmental and health & safety management systems.

JUSTIFICATION

Commissioners have a duty under the Ontario Occupational Health and Safety Act, to take all reasonable care to ensure that the TTC complies with the Act and the regulations.

August 5, 2009
13.15

Attachment: Environmental and Health & Safety Management Systems Annual Review,
Minutes of April 29, 2009



**ENVIRONMENTAL and HEALTH & SAFETY MANAGEMENT SYSTEMS
ANNUAL REVIEW
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29, 2009
8:30 AM**

The Environmental and Health & Safety Management Systems Annual Review was held in the 7th floor Boardroom, on Wednesday, April 29, 2009 commencing at 8:30 AM.

Present were Gary Webster, Vince Rodo, John Sepulis, Rick Cornacchia, Dave Dixon, Al Chocorlan, John O'Grady, Brian Leck, Scott Blakey, Mike Roche, Sandra Sutherland, Andrew McKinnon, Vince Cosentino, Christine Triggs, Maryanne Langdon and Mary Zigomanis, BST representatives Don Groover and Pat Killimett.

1. **Legal Developments**

Brian Leck provided an overview of Bill 168 an act to amend the Occupational Health & Safety Act with respect to Violence and Harassment in the Workplace. He advised the bill was introduced on April 20. Brian reviewed various aspects of the bill and requirements of the new Act and the obligations of senior management and its directors and officers. Plan is to form a team to address Bill 168.

2. **Environmental and Health & Safety Management Systems**

John O'Grady noted this was the third annual review held by senior management to continue ensuring that the environmental and health & safety management systems meet the needs of the organization. John reviewed the past year's performance in environment, customer and public safety and occupational health and safety. He indicated that although the current customer and public safety initiatives underway will continue to address an increasing trend in the bus preventable collision rate, further analysis is required. Fire Code deficiencies growing and further detailed analysis required to understand this trend. He advised since the inception of the Work Safe – Home Safe program there is good progress towards meeting its corporate health and safety goal of a 60% reduction, a 25% reduction seen so far. Opportunities to improve the safety management system in various areas were reviewed and include: hazard identification and risk assessment, monitoring and measurement systems, incident investigations, communications etc.



John commented that the role of the Safety Department is currently being reviewed with departments to ensure the Safety Department is providing the necessary resources to the organization. The Work Safe - Home Safe initiative will bring about positive changes in the organization, aligning our policies with the program was discussed.

The meeting adjourned at 11:25AM.

Mary Zigomanis
Executive Assistant