

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: August 26, 2009

SUBJECT: SENECA BUS LOOP AGREEMENT

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission approve the execution of an agreement, in a form satisfactory to the Commission's General Counsel, with Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology and the City of Toronto for the reconstruction of the Seneca Bus Loop (also known as the Newnham Loop) located at 1750 Finch Avenue East in Toronto, under the general terms outlined in this report.

FUNDING

TTC will not incur any lease or maintenance costs for the use of the City lands and the Seneca lands for the Seneca Bus Loop.

Funding for the Seneca Bus Loop reconstruction, in the amount of \$250,000 is included in Project 3.3 Yards & Roads under Transit Shelters and Loops as set out on pages 657-660 – Category Improvement of the TTC 2009-2013 Capital Program as approved by City Council on December 10, 2008. An additional \$32,000 has been requested in the TTC 2010–2014 Capital Program Budget which includes, \$260,000 representing ½ of the total budget for the reconstruction of the Seneca Bus Loop and \$22,000 for TTC periodic inspection and design review. The balance of the cost will be funded by Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology including design and construction management.

BACKGROUND

The TTC has operated bus service from this loop since 1968 (See photo attached as Appendix 1). This loop is considered to be an important element of the bus service network and, therefore it is considered necessary to continue operating from this loop under a long-term commitment.

DISCUSSION

Seneca College of Applied Arts and Technology, with the assistance of the TTC, intends to reconstruct the Seneca Bus Loop in 2009 to meet current operational and design standards. Once constructed, TTC will have no further operating or maintenance commitments as the maintenance and repair of this loop will become the responsibility of Seneca College.

The general terms negotiated as part of the agreement are as follows:

Term:	Ten (10) years commencing September 15, 2009 and terminating September 14, 2019
Renewal Option:	For an additional two (2) ten (10) year terms commencing on September 15, 2019 and terminating on September 14, 2039.
Rent:	'Nominal' fixed annual rent of \$1.00 per year

JUSTIFICATION

The Seneca Bus Loop is an important facility accommodating Seneca Students and faculty as well as other TTC customers. The reconstruction of the Bus Loop will include all current design standards and safety elements, and this agreement will secure long term access for TTC operations.

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Attachments: Appendix 1

APPENDIX 1

