

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: OCTOBER 19, 2011

SUBJECT: TTC 90th ANNIVERSARY AND 28 BILLIONTH RIDER

INFORMATION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Commission acknowledge the 90th Anniversary and 28 billion riders in 2011 as milestones in TTC history.

BACKGROUND

The Toronto Transit Commission recently marked its 90th anniversary as a public service in the City of Toronto. On September 1, 1921, the Toronto Transportation Commission (renamed Toronto Transit Commission in 1954) began serving the residents of a rapidly growing Toronto. The TTC took over a mix of private and municipal street railways comprising the central system of the Toronto Railway Company, the Toronto Civic Railways' five municipal routes and three routes of the Toronto & York Radial Railway within the city.

After 90 years of service the TTC has become an integral part of everyday life in Toronto, and has played a fundamental role in the quality of life in our communities. By mid-October 2011, the TTC carried 28 billion riders since 1921, four times the current world population of 7 billion people. The TTC has the third largest ridership in North America, after Mexico City and New York City – cities each with populations greater than eight million people. In 2010, the TTC set an all-time record of 477.4 million rides, surpassing its previous all-time total of 471.2 million set in the previous year. In 2011, the system is on track to carry more than 490 million customers. TTC ridership has increased each year for eight consecutive years, with one billion riders carried approximately every 25 months.

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