

TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

MEETING DATE: July 24, 2013

SUBJECT: TORONTO-YORK SPADINA SUBWAY EXTENSION PROJECT
BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE STATION
APPROVAL OF ARCHITECTURAL DESIGN REVISIONS

ACTION ITEM

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the Board:

- Approve the modified station entrance architecture for the entrances on both north and south sides of Steeles Avenue West, changing the cornice design to the approved station name, generally as illustrated in Exhibit 2; and
- Direct TTC staff, prior to finalizing the architectural design change, consult with the City of Vaughan and York Region with respect to this architectural design change.

FUNDING

Sufficient funds for this expenditure are included in the Toronto-York Spadina Subway Extension (TYSSE) Project, as set out on pages 1229-1231 of the TTC's Capital Budget (Category - Expansion) which was approved by City Council on January 16, 2013.

BACKGROUND

The TTC is planning the design and construction of a subway line from the existing Downsview Station on the Spadina Line located in the City of Toronto, to the future Vaughan Metropolitan Centre located in the City of Vaughan, Region of York.

At the Commission meeting of October 23, 2008, Contract A85-75A for the design of Steeles West Station was awarded to the design team led by The Spadina Group Associates (TSGA). The architectural teams that are part of the TSGA design team are Richard Stevens Architects and Will Alsop.

At the Commission meeting of February 2, 2011, the Commission approved the final station design including the architecture, finishes and artwork. Prior to this approval, the project was reviewed by the public and all stakeholders, including the City of Toronto and the City of Vaughan Planning Departments. The station elements north of Steeles Avenue West were presented to Vaughan Council on January 10, 2011.

At the Commission meeting of September 27, 2012 the matter of station names was tabled. The station name for the station at Steeles Avenue West was approved as "Black Creek Pioneer Village".

DISCUSSION

Black Creek Pioneer Village Station straddles the boundary between York Region and the City of Toronto at an oblique angle to Steeles Avenue West. The station includes two entrance structures; one located north of Steeles Avenue West in York Region and a second south of Steeles Avenue in the City of Toronto. In the previously approved design, the station name is embedded into the cornice of the entrance buildings and is integral to the architecture of the station. The name caps the entrance buildings which is cut from the same steel as the cladding (weathering steel plates), in large format bold letters reading "STEELES WEST", as shown in Exhibit 1. This element of the station entrance architecture is a play on the street name and the materials of the station entrance and is visible from the street and plaza around the entrance.

The change in the station name requires that this element of the station entrance architecture be changed to reflect the new station name "BLACK CREEK PIONEER VILLAGE". With the new name, the lettering wraps about half way around the top of the entrance structure, maintaining the original scale and design. Exhibit 2 shows an illustration of a revised design of one of the station entrances showing the new station name on the cornice, including a new perspective similar to what is shown in Exhibit 1.

This is considered to be a significant change in design requiring the approval of the Board.

JUSTIFICATION

Approval is requested to proceed with a design change to modify the previously approved station design that included the architectural cornices, including revised station name. There is a cost to making the change including design fees, and possibly contractor charges, which have not been quantified.

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Attachments: Exhibits 1 and 2

EXHIBIT 1



EXHIBIT 2



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