# TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION REPORT NO.

## **MEETING DATE:** September 25, 2013

SUBJECT: VICTORIA PARK STATION – TORONTO URBAN DESIGN AWARD

## **INFORMATION ITEM**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board receive this report for information.

### **FUNDING**

The recommendation of this report does not have any financial impact.

#### BACKGROUND

On September 11, 2013, the TTC was presented with an Urban Design Award from the City of Toronto for its work on the Victoria Park Bus Terminal Modernization and Replacement.

The Award of Excellence won by the TTC was one of five presented in the category "Buildings in Context - Public." The City holds the Urban Design Awards every other year to acknowledge the significant contribution that architects, landscape architects, urban designers, artists, design students, and city builders make to the look and livability of our city.

This is the second major award the TTC has won for this project. In February 2013, the City of Toronto and the TTC jointly received a Sustainable Communities Award from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities.

## DISCUSSION

The project, completed in 2011, included the rehabilitation and upgrading of the station, which serves more than 25,000 passengers per day. The design improved connections within the station itself and to the surrounding community, making Victoria Park Station an integral part of the neighbourhood.

In their comment explaining why the project was worthy of the award, the jury stated in part: "Now, the station should be held up as an example of how the TTC should modernize its transit hubs."

Congratulations to all who worked on the project.

#### **Project team:**

Project Managers: Senior Project Engineers: Architects: Construction Managers: Stephanie Rice, Malcolm MacKay Selim Gabra, Damien Forbes Andrew Siu, Ian Trites Kamran Ehsani – Construction Site Manager Jim Kerr – Senior Construction Inspector

### **Consultants:**

Detailed Design/Project Architect: Landscaping, Green roof: Urban Design: SGA/IBI Architects Scott Torrance Landscape Architect Brown+ Storey Architects Inc.

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