

# **Motion without Notice**

## Consideration of the TTC Operating and Capital Budgets

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#### Summary

This motion is urgent as it pertains to the budgetary process and involves scheduling an additional special meeting of the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Board in December 2020. The City of Toronto's Striking Committee considered the 2021 Recommended Schedule of Meetings for the first time on Friday, November 13, 2020, after having released it publically on Tuesday, November 10, 2020.

The TTC's budget timelines must interface with the City's budget process, meeting key deadlines while avoiding conflicts with other Committee and Board meetings. After reviewing the schedule of meetings, TTC staff have advised that it will, understandably, be very challenging to find a date for additional, public meetings prior to the 2021 Budget Launch.

Given these challenges, the TTC Board should meet as a whole publicly to consider the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets in December 2020, rather than host separate Budget Committee meetings. The Budget Working Group selected by the TTC will have an opportunity to informally review and comment on the TTC budget in advance of this meeting.

Public engagement is an integral part of the TTC's budget process. In light of the unprecedented financial and logistical challenges posed by the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, it is critical that the TTC schedules a special TTC Board budget meeting as soon as possible to ensure that members of the public are provided with ample notice and opportunity to participate.

### Recommendation

That the TTC Board:

- 1. Direct staff to plan and execute a Special Meeting of the TTC Board in December 2020 for the purpose of considering the 2021 Operating and Capital Budgets, ensuring prior engagement with the Budget Working Group.
- 2. Nominate an additional Commissioner to fill the current vacancy on the Budget Working Group.

### Attachments

Attachment 1 - Recommended 2021 Schedule of Meetings (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/st/bgrd/backgroundfile-158264.pdf)

Attachment 2 - Days of Cultural or Religious Significance (http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2020/st/bgrd/backgroundfile-158265.pdf)

Attachment 3 - Notice of Motion - Budget Stewardship

(<u>https://www.ttc.ca/About\_the\_TTC/Commission\_reports\_and\_information/Commission\_meetings/2020/September\_24/Reports/17\_Notice\_of\_Motion\_Budget\_Stewardship\_submitted\_by\_Shelley\_.pdf</u>)

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