



Minutes

Toronto Transit Commission Board

Meeting No.: 2081

Meeting Date: Thursday, February 22, 2024

A meeting of the TTC Board was held in Committee Room 2, City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, and by video conference on Thursday, February 22, 2024 commencing at 10:05 a.m. The meeting recessed at 11:53 a.m. and reconvened at 1:07 p.m. The meeting recessed at 1:10 p.m. to meet as the Committee of the Whole. The Board reconvened the public session at 2:27 p.m.

Present at Committee of the Whole

Commissioners:

J. Myers (Chair), J. De Laurentiis (Vice-Chair), P. Ainslie, S. Holyday, F. Jagdeo, J. Matlow, C. Moise, and D. Saxe

Staff:

R. Leary, M. Atlas, K. Campbell, G. Downie, B. Hasserjian, J. La Vita, B. Macgregor, F. Monaco, S. Naraine, N. Poole-Moffatt, W. Reuter, J. Taylor, R. Wong, S. Green, M. Hopkins, K. Thorburn, R. Yeboah, C. Finnerty, L. Soto Maya and J. Ishak were present.

C. Alexander (Mayor's Office), and D. Jain (Chair's Office) were also present.

J. Myers was in the Chair.

Present at Public Session

Commissioners:

J. Myers (Chair), J. De Laurentiis (Vice-Chair), P. Ainslie, S. Holyday, F. Jagdeo, J. Matlow, C. Moise, and D. Saxe

Staff:

R. Leary (Chief Executive Officer), M. Atlas (General Counsel), K. Campbell (Chief Diversity and Culture Officer), G. Downie (Chief Capital Officer), B. Hasserjian (Chief Safety Officer), J. La Vita (Chief Financial Officer), B. Macgregor (Deputy CEO), F. Monaco (Chief Operations and Infrastructure Officer), S. Naraine (Chief People Officer), N. Poole-Moffatt (Chief of Corporate Affairs), W. Reuter (Chief Strategy and Customer Officer (Acting)), J. Taylor (Special Advisor, CEO's Office), R. Wong (Chief Transportation and Vehicles Officer), A. Gibson (Executive Director - Fare Technology and System

Stewardship (Acting)), M. Hopkins (Executive Director - People), M. Mis (Head - Strategy and Foresight (Acting)), J. Richardson (Head - Stations), K. Thorburn (Executive Director - Corporate Initiatives), R. Yeboah (Director - Business Continuity Resilience), C. Finnerty (Director - Commission Services), L. Soto Maya (Coordinator - Secretariat Services) and J. Ishak (Administrator - Secretariat Services) were present.

C. Alexander (Mayor's Office), A. Dressler (ACAT Chair), D. Jain (Chair's Office), C. Blackman (City of Toronto, Director Museums and Heritage Services, Economic Development and Culture), Dr. M. Newton (Associate Professor of History, University of Toronto), and A. Mangat (City of Toronto, Senior Project Manager, Economic Development and Culture) were also present.

J. Myers was in the Chair.

Land Acknowledgement

Chair Myers acknowledged that the TTC Board was meeting on the traditional territory of many nations including the Mississaugas of the Credit, the Anishnabeg, the Chippewa, the Haudenosaunee and the Wendat peoples and is now home to many diverse First Nations, Inuit and Métis peoples. He also acknowledged that Toronto is covered by Treaty 13 with the Mississaugas of the Credit.

Declaration of Interest – Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Nil

Minutes of the Previous Meeting

Commissioner Matlow moved that the TTC Board approve the Minutes of Meeting No. 2080 held on Thursday, January 25, 2024.

The motion by Commissioner Matlow carried.

Business Arising Out of the Minutes

Nil

Committee of the Whole

Chair Myers moved the following motion:

That the TTC Board recess as the Committee of the Whole to consider the following confidential item:

Information about labour relations or employee negotiations

11. Collective Bargaining Update

The motion by Chair Myers carried.

Public Presentations

Item No. 6. Proposal Assessment - A Step Towards Free Transit for Middle and High School Students

Dan Hendry

Rebeena Subadar

The Board received the deputations for information (See Item No. 6 for minute)

Item No. 8. City Council Transmittal – MM13.29 Confronting the Legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Renaming Civic Assets Bearing the Henry Dundas Name

Andrew Lochhead

Jennifer Dundas

Linda Dundas

Derek Moran

Walied Khogali Ali

Catherine Ellis

The Board received the deputations for information (See Item No. 8 for minute)

Item No. 9. City Council Transmittal – CC13.2 Ontario-Toronto New Deal Agreement

Alan Yule

The Board received the deputation for information (See Item No. 9 for minute)

Presentations/Reports/Other Business

1. Chief Executive Officer's Report – February 2024

R. Leary, Chief Executive Officer, delivered a verbal presentation on this item.

The TTC Board and TTC staff acknowledged the recent Fare Inspector graduates including the two valedictorians, Justin Leandre and Mulki Hezekia.

J. La Vita, Chief Financial Officer, W. Reuter, Chief Strategy and Customer Officer (Acting), and J. Richardson, Head, Stations delivered a presentation on Fare Compliance Update.

Commissioner Saxe moved receipt of the Chief Executive Officer Report – February 2024 for information.

The motion by Commissioner Saxe carried.

Received

2. Approved Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT) General Monthly Meeting December 14, 2023

A. Dressler, ACAT Chair, delivered a verbal presentation on this item.

Commissioner Saxe moved receipt of the Approved Minutes of the Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit (ACAT) General Monthly Meeting for December 14, 2023.

The motion by Commissioner Saxe carried.

Received

3. Wilson Carhouse Tracks 15 and 16 Expansions and Alterations – Status Update

Commissioner Saxe moved to adopt the report recommendations, as follows:

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Approve the recommendations as set out in the Confidential Attachment.
2. Authorize that the information and recommendation provided in the Confidential Attachment is to remain confidential in its entirety as it contains advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and information about litigation or potential litigation.

The motion by Commissioner Saxe carried.

Approved

4. Enterprise Asset Management Program Update

Commissioner Holyday moved to adopt the report recommendations, as follows:

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Receive this report for information.

The motion by Commissioner Holyday carried.

Received

5. 5 Cumberland Street - New Entrance Connection to Bay Station

Commissioner Saxe moved to adopt the report recommendations, as follows:

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Approve the Entrance Connection to Bay Station within the Development located at 5 Cumberland Street via the development at 65 Cumberland Street, as generally shown in Attachments 1 and 2.

2. Authorize execution of an Entrance Connection Agreement, and any other agreements arising as a result of the Entrance Connection, all on terms and conditions acceptable to the TTC's General Counsel.

The motion by Commissioner Saxe carried.

Approved

6. A Step Towards Free Transit for Middle and High School Students

Commissioner Saxe moved the following motion:

That the TTC Board request the Chief Executive Officer to:

1. Report back to the TTC Board at or before its May 16, 2024 meeting on the scope of a pilot program for the school year 2024-25 to provide free transit tickets to the four public and separate school boards for Middle School and Secondary School field trips using existing spare capacity, subject to reasonable date, time and location restrictions established by the TTC and to reasonable reporting requirements.
2. Engage with School Boards and Get on the Bus to create an education module that develops student skills, confidence, etiquette and fare compliance when riding the TTC, and request that school groups which access the free school trip program complete said training before (or, if necessary, within one month after) their trip.

Chair Myers requested a recorded vote.

In favour: P. Ainslie, J. De Laurentiis, J. Matlow, C. Moise, J. Myers, D. Saxe

Opposed: S. Holyday, F. Jagdeo

Absent: J. Osborne

The motion to amend carried on a vote of 6 to 2.

Amended

Correspondence submitted by TTC Riders

7. Scarborough Rapid Transit (SRT) Busway Funding Status Update

Commissioner Matlow moved to receive the report for information.

The motion by Commissioner Matlow carried.

Received

Correspondence submitted by A. Yule

8. City Council Transmittal – MM13.29 Confronting the Legacy of the Transatlantic Slave Trade: Renaming Civic Assets Bearing the Henry Dundas Name

C. Blackman, City of Toronto, Director, Museum and Heritage Services, Economic Development and Culture, A. Manget, City of Toronto, Senior Project Manager, Economic Development and Culture, and Dr. M. Newton, Associate Professor of History, University of Toronto, provided a presentation on the Dundas Street Renaming.

Commissioner Holyday moved the following motion:

1. That the TTC Board defer the item until such time as the Board may consider the forthcoming staff report which includes potential revenue opportunities for naming rights to transit lines, stations, rolling stock and other assets.

Commissioner Ainslie requested a recorded vote.

In favour: J. De Laurentiis, S. Holyday, D. Saxe

Opposed: P. Ainslie, F. Jagdeo, C. Moise, J. Myers

Absent: J. Osborne, J. Matlow

The motion by Commissioner Holyday failed on a vote of 3 to 4.

Commissioner Holyday moved the following motion:

1. That the TTC Board receive this item.

Commissioner Holyday requested a recorded vote.

In favour: J. De Laurentiis, S. Holyday, D. Saxe

Opposed: P. Ainslie, F. Jagdeo, C. Moise, J. Myers

Absent: J. Osborne, J. Matlow

The motion by Commissioner Holyday failed on a vote of 3 to 4.

Commissioner Holyday moved the following motion:

That the TTC Board direct staff to include in any subsequent reporting on this matter:

1. Commission an eminent historian with expertise in British history and the transatlantic slave trade, who is respected by people on all sides of the renaming debate, to produce a report for the TTC on the historical legacy of Henry Dundas; and,
2. Produce a report on how the TTC can involve the residents of Toronto and users of the TTC to have a voice in the decision about whether, and how, to rename the two subway stations.

Commissioner Holyday requested a recorded vote.

In favour: S. Holyday

Opposed: P. Ainslie, J. De Laurentiis, F. Jagdeo, C. Moise, D. Saxe, J. Myers

Absent: J. Osborne, J. Matlow

The motion by Commissioner Holyday failed on a vote of 1 to 6.

Chair Myers moved the following motion:

That TTC staff, in collaboration, with the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture and relevant stakeholders, develop a framework for considering the naming of Dundas Station and Dundas West Station and report to the TTC Board with a recommended process for public and stakeholder engagement, including consideration of:

- a. Existing policies and procedures for naming TTC assets and how associated costs and values are determined;
- b. A Racial Equity analysis regarding capital asset naming/renaming generally, and the TTC racial equity impacts and opportunities of Dundas and Dundas West renaming specifically, consistent with the City of Toronto Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism, City of Toronto Reconciliation Action Plan to Confront Anti-Black Racism, City of Toronto Reconciliation Action Plan, Embrace Diversity – The TTC's 10 Point Action Plan and 5-Year Diversity and Human Rights Plan;
- c. Associated costs, including opportunities to leverage efficiencies and partnerships to enhance public art and beautification of Dundas and Dundas West stations alongside implementation of any renaming; and
- d. Background on any requests or discussion with non-profit third parties with respect to the naming of Dundas Station and/or Dundas West Station.

Commissioner Holyday requested a recorded vote.

In favour: J. De Laurentiis, F. Jagdeo, C. Moise, D. Saxe, J. Myers

Opposed: P. Ainslie, S. Holyday

Absent: J. Osborne, J. Matlow

The motion to adopt carried on a vote of 5 to 2.

The motion by Chair Myers carried.

Amended

Correspondence submitted by J. Dundas; A. Harris; M. Lachemi, President and Vice-Chancellor, Toronto Metropolitan University; A. Lochhead, L. Dundas, and W. Khogali Ali

9. City Council Transmittal – CC13.2 Ontario-Toronto New Deal Agreement

Commissioner Saxe moved the following motion:

That recommendation 2 be amended to add “and the TTC.”, so it reads as follows:

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Implement the City’s commitments in the New Deal Term Sheet as it relates to the Toronto Transit Commission.
2. Direct staff to engage in negotiations with respect to future transit commitments, including operations and maintenance funding, the subway agreement in principle, and continued use of the provincial fare card system, at the appropriate time, with a view to achieving terms that are acceptable and in the best interests of the City of Toronto and the TTC.

The motion by Commissioner Saxe carried.

Commissioner Myers moved to adopt the item as amended.

The motion by Commissioner Myers carried.

Amended

10. City Council Transmittal – EX8.9 Wheel-Trans Service Model Update - Accessibility Feedback

Commissioner Myers moved to adopt the report recommendations, as follows:

City Council requests that the TTC Board:

1. Request the Chief Executive Officer to consult with the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit and community organizations serving people with disabilities, on ways to improve awareness and education around Wheel-Trans registration as well as identifying potential supports and registration assistance for riders for whom English is a second language or who cannot complete registration forms online.
2. Request the Chief Executive Officer to engage in consultations with the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit, people with disabilities and community-based organizations that provide support service for people with disabilities prior to the implementation of the Wheel-Trans Transformation Program elements that would require the use of the Family of Services Program; such consultations will inform any potential changes to the design and implementation of the Program to address concerns around safety, equity, mitigating impacts of service disruptions within the conventional transit system on Family of Services customers, and the impact of TTC crowding as service demands increase and number of people with accessibility needs grow.
3. Direct the Chief Executive Officer to report back findings to the TTC's Advisory Committee on Accessible Transit and the TTC Board in the second quarter of 2024, and to the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee by the third quarter of 2024 and for the Chief Executive Officer to attend the Toronto Accessibility Advisory Committee meeting to address any outstanding concerns.

The motion by Commissioner Myers carried.

Approved

11. Collective Bargaining Update

Commissioner Jagdeo moved to adopt the report recommendations, as follows:

It is recommended that the TTC Board:

1. Authorize that the information contained in Confidential Attachment 1 remain confidential in its entirety as it contains information pertaining to labour relations or employee negotiations.

The motion by Commissioner Jagdeo carried.

Approved

On a motion by Commissioner Holyday, the meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.