



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

Proposed Acquisition of Property for TTC Bus Operations

Date:	November 30, 2016
To:	TTC Board
From:	Chief Executive Officer
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report is about a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land for municipal or local board purposes.

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek the Board’s approval to purchase a property for bus storage and maintenance. Additional property is required to receive and commission new buses and address overflow from the existing seven (7) bus garages.

Recommendations

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the confidential recommendations contained in Attachment 1 to this report; and
2. Authorize the public release of the confidential information and recommendations contained in Attachment 1 once the transaction, which is the subject of this report, has closed.

Implementation Points

Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) corporate policies require the Board approve the proposed acquisition and request the City of Toronto (City) to acquire the property on TTC’s behalf.

Financial Impact

Funds for the acquisition of the property have been requested under the 2017 Capital Budget.

The Chief Financial & Administration Officer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

Accessibility/Equity Matters

There are no accessibility or equity matters arising from this report.

Decision History

At its meeting of November 23, 2015, the Board approved the recommendations set out in the confidential attachment to the “Lease for Interim Bus Storage and Maintenance Facility” report.

Issue Background

The Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) operates bus service out of seven (7) garages located across the City of Toronto. The combined capacity of the seven garages is 1,630 buses. Service growth and improvements over the years have resulted in the fleet growing to 1,849 buses. This fleet growth has resulted in the existing seven garages operating over the maximum capacity. The resultant congestion imposes operational constraints as well as concerns over the safe movement of buses at each facility. TTC is in the procurement phase of building an eight bus garage, McNicoll Bus Garage, which is scheduled to open in 2020. Staff has been investigating the potential to lease an interim bus maintenance facility to ease some of the capacity shortfall issues.

With the ongoing capacity issue at TTC bus garages, additional maintenance bays are also needed to carry out work including:

- Acceptance of delivery and commissioning of new vehicles resulting from steady state procurement previously approved by the Board;
- Vision equipment (Computer Aided Dispatch/Automated Vehicle Locating) installation;
- Delivery and commissioning of new vehicles recommended for procurement utilizing the Federal Government’s Public Transit Infrastructure Fund (PTIF) program;
- Vehicle warranty work; and
- Bus maintenance

Interim Bus Maintenance and Storage Facility

In 2014, staff were requested to identify buildings and properties for lease that could be adapted for use as an interim bus storage and maintenance facility to meet capacity shortfalls. This included the need for an interim facility to house approximately 250 buses for a minimum of five years until such time as the new McNicoll Garage was in operation. Given the limited availability of suitable large properties and buildings for bus maintenance and storage, staff are also pursuing smaller, existing opportunities.

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Attachments

Attachment 1 Proposed Acquisition of Property for TTC Bus Operations

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