Present: Councillors B. McHattie, C. Collins, and T. Whitehead
H. Donison, M. Duncan, D. McLean, A. Pazaratz, B. Simons,
P. Shaker,
J. Dawson, K. L. De La Cruz, R. Letourneau, T. Nolan,
R. Smithson, and K. Wiens

Absent with regrets: Councillor M. Ferguson, illness
Councillor S. Merulla, City Business
L. Heywood and L. Wilson, illness

Also present: D. Bender, P. Hutton, Alternates
D. Hull, J. Dahms, and A. McLaughlin, Transit Division
T. Horzelenberg, Capital Planning and Implementation Division
T. Tollis, Director of Budgets & Finance Division
I. Bedioui, Clerk’s Office

THE PROVINCIAL GAS TAX TRANSIT MASTER PLAN STEERING COMMITTEE
PRESENTS REPORT 06-001 AND RESPECTFULLY RECOMMENDS:

1. Consideration and Recommendation of 2006 Capital Budget
   That the 2006-2015 Capital Budget Project List for Transit Services as outlined in Appendix “A” attached hereto be approved.

2. Rapid Growth Strategy - Dedicated Staff
   That staff be directed to proceed to recruit a contract staff resource dedicated to the Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee to be funded from the Gas Tax and that staff report back on the details of the contract before it is finalized.

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FOR INFORMATION:

(a) Declarations of Interest

None declared.

(b) Minutes

The Minutes of the December 13, 2006 Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan Steering Committee were approved as presented.

(c) Consideration of a Transit Fare Increase (PW05125) (City Wide) (Referred from Committee of the Whole)

The Steering Committee approved the following motion which is being referred to Committee of the Whole (Budget Deliberations):

(a) That the transit fare not be increased in 2006.

(b) That an increase in the transit budget be addressed through the tax levy by exploring a change in the City’s area rating policy that would see a gradual elimination of the tax differences between the former municipalities

(c) That as the tax equalization takes place, it be accompanied by an increase in the service level provided in the conventional transit service area.

(d) Consideration and Recommendation of 2006 Capital Budget

Staff explained that prior to any expenditure with respect to the capital budget, staff will prepare a report to Committee.

(e) Asset Management Plan

Don Hull introduced Brian Hollingworth who will be the main point of contact for the I.B.I Group, the consulting firm which has been selected to work on the Ridership Growth Plan and Asset Management Plan assignments.

Brian Hollingworth made a power point presentation entitled HSR Ridership Growth and Asset Management Plan and distributed hard copies.

Chair McHattie asked if any member would be interested in sitting on a sub-Committee to work with Brian Hollingworth on these assignments.

The following members volunteered:

Daryl Bender    Kevin Wiens
Brendan Simons  Ron Smithson
Roger Letourneau Paul Shaker
Kim Leslie De La Cruz

Chair McHattie indicated that he also wished to be part of the sub-committee.
(f) Ridership Growth Strategy
   (i) Dedicated staff (gas tax eligible)

   The Committee approved a motion to recruit a contract staff resource person. (See Item 3)

   (ii) Bus Rapid Transit

   Brian Hollingworth made a PowerPoint presentation entitled Introduction to Bus Rapid Transit and distributed a hard copy to the Committee members.

Chair McHattie informed the Committee members that bus tickets are being provided and any members wishing to have them should contact the Legislative Assistant. He also asked if the Committee would agree to change the meeting time to 4:00 p.m. in order to avoid the supper hour. The Committee agreed to the time change.

(g) Unfinished Business

Due to the late hour, Chair McHattie advised that the following Items will be referred to the next meeting:

1. Federal Gas Tax Money (Item 8)
   (i) Letter from City Council to the Prime Minister dated January 9, 2006, requesting that the one time federal gas tax money be made permanent.
   (ii) Letter from Mayor Rob MacIsaac, Chair- Transit Board Members Committee – CUTA respecting New Deals for Cities and Communities (Referred from City Council December 14, 2005.)

2. Information and other requests from Steering Committee members: (Item 9)
   (i) Request for bus tickets from Steering Committee members from ACT Office.
   (ii) Information request from Don McLean.
   (iii) Enquiry with respect to communications strategy from Lee Wilson.
   (iv) Request for service to be provided in Dundas.

3. Update respecting representation from the Public School Board (Item 10)

Chair McHattie asked that if any of the Committee members had suggestions for agenda items that they e-mail the suggestions to him.
(h) **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor B. McHattie, Chair  
Provincial Gas Tax Transit Master Plan  
Steering Committee

Ida Bedioui,  
Legislative Assistant  
January 18, 2006