

TALKING TRANSIT

Experts chat with media

When it comes to regional transportation planning, “what is the overall goal?” asked former TTC chief general manager, **David Gunn**.

“It’s pretty hard to get a coherent statement,” he told reporters during an intimate seminar reviewing the reports authored by **Richard Soberman** and **Harry Kitchen**, commissioned by the **Residential and Civil Construction Association of Ontario**.

Soberman’s reports looked at transportation challenges in the GTA, Toronto Transit City and MoveOntario 2020. Kitchen’s went a step further and looked at financing transportation infrastructure, including controversial suggestions like toll highways and user fees.

Living in Nova Scotia now but insisting he keeps abreast of TTC and other transportation news, Gunn said he

believes the time is now to move forward with a regional transportation plan but said the weakest point is governance.

The line between management and politicians is blurring, he said.



As for the firm charged with fixing the region’s transportation woes, **Metrolinx** should hold the purse strings for municipal transportation agencies, Gunn said. Also, it should be the referee watching what is being spent on new infrastructure, maintenance of the existing systems and tallying the cost recovery, he added.