THE CITY OF TORONTO

Minutes of the Urban Environment and Development Committee

Monday, January 11, 1999.

The Urban Environment and Development Committee met on Monday, January 11, 1999, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Toronto City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Joe Pantalone, Chair Councillor Ron Moeser, Vice-Chair Councillor Frank Faubert Councillor Irene Jones Councillor Blake F. Kinahan Councillor Peter Li Preti Councillor Pam McConnell Councillor Howard Moscoe Councillor Mario Silva

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Minutes of the meeting of the Urban Environment and Development Committee held on November 30, 1998 and December 1, 1998, were confirmed.

1.1 Bicycle Lanes on Spadina Avenue and Across the City of Toronto

The Committee had before it the report (January 6, 1999) from the General Manager, Transportation Services recommending that:

- Transportation Services improve cycling conditions on Spadina Avenue by marking an edge line approximately 0.9 metres from the curb to guide motor vehicles away from the curb and create more space for cyclists;
- (2) Staff investigate the provision of dedicated north-south bicycle lanes on Peter Street, Blue Jays Way, Bremner Boulevard and Rees Street and report back to committee; and
- (3) Works and Emergency Services and Urban Planning and Development Services report jointly to the Toronto Cycling Committee in February, 1999 on a strategy regarding the

implementation of the recommendations contained in the Coroner's report, "A Report on Cycling Fatalities in Toronto 1986 - 1996".

The Committee also had before it the following communications:

- (November 23, 1998) from the City Clerk advising that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, at its meeting held on November 19, 1998, recommended to the Urban Environment and Development Committee, support of the Toronto Cycling Committee's request that the appropriate City officials report in January 1999 on how streets, such as Spadina Avenue, across the new City can be redesigned to accommodate designated bicycle lanes, wider sidewalks with boulevards and less motor vehicle space;
- UEDC Presentation Outline. Brief Overview Cycling in the City;
- 36 submissions from persons in support of a bicycle lane on Spadina Avenue;
- (November 9, 1998) from Ms. Miriam M. Abileah advising of her opposition to a bicycle lane on Spadina Avenue;
- (January 5, 1999) from Ms. Anne Hansen requesting the redesigning of Spadina Avenue to accommodate bicycle lanes;
- (January 6, 1999) from Mr. Charles-Antoine Rouyer requesting the creation of a bicycle lane on Spadina Avenue;
- (January 7, 1999) from Mr. Tim Gladney opposing the increase of bike lanes on Spadina Avenue;
- (January 6, 1999) from Paula Tiberius & the staff of Canuck Creations Inc. supporting the request to implement a bike lane on Spadina Avenue;
- (January 7, 1999) from Gerald Lazare supporting the request for additional bicycle lanes on Spadina Avenue;
- (January 7, 1999) from Andrew Schulz requesting a report detailing how streets across the city could be redesigned to better accommodate pedestrians and cyclists;
- (January 4, 1999) from Silvia Langer, Greenest City supporting the request for additional bicycle lanes on Spadina Avenue;

- (January 7, 1999) from H-JEH Becker, Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee Public Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee supporting the proposal for bicycle lanes;
- (undated) from Phillip Piltch supporting the proposal of bicycle lanes;
- (January 7, 1999) from Avery Burdett, Chairman, Ontario Coalition for Better Cycling suggesting that bike lanes strips do not enhance safety, but encouraging cyclists to improve their skills;
- (January 6, 1999) from Denis Gagne;
- (January 8, 1999) from Mark and Mona Coulavin; and
- (January 10, 1999) from Hamish Wilson.

The following persons appeared before the Urban Environment and Development Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Beth McMillan;
- Joan Doiron, obo Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- Jake Allderdice;
- Derek Chadbourne;
- Crawford Murphy;
- Hamish Wilson;
- Doug Carroll;
- Ben Smithlea;
- Sally Mckay;
- Alison Field;
- Shannon Thompson;
- Pat McKendry, Kensington Market Working Group;
- Andrew Schutz;
- Wayne Scott;
- Councillor O. Chow, Downtown; and
- Councillor J. Layton, Don River.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee recommended to Council that:

 the report (January 6, 1999) from the General Manager, Transportation Services be adopted subject to amending Recommendation (1) by adding the words "from Bloor Street to Queen's Quay" after the words "Spadina Avenue", so as to read:

- "(1) Transportation Services improve cycling conditions on Spadina Avenue from Bloor Street to Queen's Quay by marking an edge line approximately 0.9 metres from the curb to guide motor vehicles away from the curb and create more space for cyclists;"
- (2) appropriate signage be provided for cyclists; and
- (3) the Police Chief be requested to bring the Police Force's Accident Statistics back on line within 6 months.

On a further motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee also:

- (1) received an overhead presentation on this matter from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Works and Emergency Services and Tom Mulligan, Director, Program, Policy and Planning.
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the City Cycling Committee for subsequent submission to the Urban Environment and Development Committee:
 - (a) on extending the marking of an edge line for cyclists to Davenport or Dupont;
 - (b) on the impact of installing a bicycle lane on Spadina Avenue;
 - (3) On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee also requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to consult with the City Cycling Committee, through its Chair, in designing an edge line on Spadina Avenue for cyclists and report further to the Urban Environment and Development Committee.

At 12:30 p.m. Councillor Pantalone, moved an extension to complete this Item.

Councillor Moeser assumed the Chair:

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report to the City Cycling Committee for subsequent submission to the Urban Environment and Development Committee, with a detailed report on the implementation of a pilot project on a representative section of Spadina Avenue where car lanes would be reduced to 3 metres, parking to 3 metres and the establishment of a designated bicycle lane, such report to also examine the issue of whether the bike lanes could be moved to the passenger side rather than the driver side;

Councillor Pantalone resumed the Chair

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Committee forwarded the article titled "When Cities take bicyclists seriously" referred to by Councillor McConnell to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and requested that he report further on how the City can, in future, look at implementing more sustainable transportation methods.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services cc: Chair, City Cycling Committee; Secretary, City Cycling Committee; Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; Tom Mulligan, Director, Program, Policy and Planning; Interested Persons - January 15, 1999)

(Clause No. 1, Report No. 2)

1.2 Final Recommendation Report - Zoning Amendment Application - Humber River Regional Hospital, 200 Church Street - File UDZ-98-05/R98-002 (Ward 6 - North York Humber; Ward 27 - York Humber)

The Committee had before it the following report (December 18, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that the rezoning application for 200 Church Street be approved subject to the following conditions:

the zoning be amended to a hospital zone in accordance with an implementing zoning by-law which generally complies with the draft by-law attached as Schedule "F" and the by-law be perfected prior to enactment;

- (2) prior to the enactment of the zoning by-law, the following conditions shall be met:
 - (i) the southern 15.27 metres of Longview Drive be closed and stopped up and conveyed to those persons entitled by law to such conveyance; and
 - (ii) the closed portions of Woodward Drive on the east and west sides of the hospital site be conveyed to the hospital;
- (3) the design principles outlined in Schedule "A" apply to the consideration of any site plan approval application;
- (4) prior to site plan approval, a community meeting be held to discuss the parking and drop off areas for the proposed daycare at 180 Church Street and the daycare be included as a permanent use in the zoning by-law;
- (5) the conditions of the Works and Emergency Services Department as set out in Schedules "G", "H1" and "I" be met;
- (6) the conditions of the Public Health as set out in Schedule "K1" and "K2" be met; and
- (7) the conditions of the utilities as set out in Schedules "M1", "M2", and "M3" be met.

The Committee also had before it:

- (November 30, 1998) from Councillor Sgro, addressed to the President and C.E.O., Humber River Regional Hospital requesting the Humber River Regional Hospital to undertake a review of the programming/services that are planned for the Church Street site;
- (December 24, 1998) from Mr. Sam Gildharry objecting to the Zoning Bylaw to permit additions to the south east existing hospital Church Street Site for a two storey parking garage;

- (Undated) from Ms. Florence Nightingale advising that the hospital's restructuring proposals are devaluating the nearby residential properties;
- (December 29, 1998) from J.M. Darvill, P.Eng., opposing the Application for a variety of reasons;
- (December 29, 1998) from Ms. Myrna and Mr. Jim Geldart opposing the proposal to permit additions;
- (January 4, 1999) from Manager, Development Services, North District;
- (January 4, 1999) from Mr. Sam Gildharry opposing the amendment of the Zoning By-law to permit additions;
- (Undated) from Mr. J. Doyle objecting to the Zoning By-law because of increase of pollution and traffic;
- (Undated) from Jack and Carole Doyle objecting to the Zoning By-law because of traffic congestion and disturbance of the quiet neighbourhood;
- (Undated) from E. Windsor protesting the reconstruction and addition of a parking garage;
- (January 7, 1999) from Carley R. Sala, Weston Ratepayers and Residents Association; and
- (January 11, 1999) from Councillor Sgro.

Councillor Moeser assumed the Chair

On motion by Councillor Pantalone the Committee cancelled the Public Meeting that had been scheduled for January 11, 1999 to consider the amendment of the zoning by-law to permit additions on the north and south sides of the existing hospital at 200 Church Street pursuant to the <u>Planning Act</u>;

Councillor Pantalone resumed the Chair:

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of this matter until such time that community meetings have been held at the York Civic Centre and in North York (location to be determined);
- (2) requested that recommendations, communications and deputations emanating from the community meetings referred to in the foregoing point be forwarded to the Urban Environment and Development Committee for consideration at the Statutory Public Meeting to be held pursuant to the Planning Act on this matter for which notice will be given; and
- (3) requested the Chair to poll the six Ward Councillors to determine whether the statutory Public Meeting be held in the evening.

The following motion by Councillor Moscoe was voted on and lost:

- "(1) That the matter be deferred to a date and time to be determined by the 6 Ward Councillors involved, or if no date or place has not been determined by the Ward Councillors within five days, a date and place be determined by the Chair; and
- (2) That notice be again provided in accordance with the provision of the <u>Planning Act</u>."

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Councillors Sgro, Mammoliti, Nunziati, Saundercook, Le Preti and Augimeri; City Solicitor - Attn: Wendy Walberg; Urban Planning and Development Services - Attn. Karen Whitney; Interested Persons - January 15, 1999)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

1.3 Request for Installation of Traffic Control Signals - Pharmacy Avenue and Dewey Drive. (Ward 14 - Scarborough Wexford)

The Committee had before it the following report (December 8, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services recommending that this report be received for information.

The Committee also had before it the following reports:

- (November 3, 1998) from Councillor Norm Kelly, Scarborough Wexford advising that the request for traffic control signals at the intersection of Pharmacy Avenue and Dewey Drive is in response to heavy traffic on Pharmacy Avenue, which places children at risk going to the Maryvale Public School; and submitting a copy of a communication dated October 26, 1998, prepared by Transportation staff in this regard; and
- (January 8, 1999) from Councillor Norm Kelly, Scarborough Wexford requesting that this matter be deferred to a future meeting.

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee referred this matter to the Scarborough Community Council for consideration at its meeting on February 17, 1999.

(Scarborough Community Council - January 13, 1999)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

1.4 Road Closure - Longview Drive South of Pelmo Crescent, Woodward Avenue East of Pine Street and Woodward Avenue West of Uphill Avenue. (Ward 27 -York Humber North York)

The Committee had before it a report (December 24, 1998) from the Director, Transportation Services - District 3, Works and Emergency Services recommending that Council:

- (1) close and sell 15.5 metres (50.85 feet) of the southerly portion of Longview Drive to Humber River Regional Hospital;
- (2) close and sell 18.5 metres (60.70 feet) of Woodward Avenue east of Pine Street to Humber River Regional Hospital; and
- (3) close and sell 15 metres (50 feet) of Woodward Avenue west of Uphill Avenue to Humber River Regional Hospital.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan the Committee deferred consideration of the aforementioned report for consideration at the same meeting at which the statutory Public Meeting with respect to the Zoning Amendment Application - Humber River Regional Hospital is considered.

(Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; - January 15, 1999)

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

1.5 Toronto Transit Commission's 1999 Service Plan - Results of Consultation.

The Committee had before it the following report (November 20, 1998) from the General Secretary, TTC advising that at its meeting on November 18, 1998, the Commission considered a report dated November 18, 1998, entitled "1999 Service Plan - Results of Consultation" and approved, inter alia, the following Recommendations Nos. (1), (4), (5) and (6) that the Commission:

- "(1) approve the introduction of the following service changes for a trial period, beginning on February 14, 1999, noting that no comments were received in opposition to these changes:
 - 160 BATHURST NORTH Removal of late evening service;
 - 307 EGLINTON WEST New overnight service to Pearson Airport;
 - 309 FINCH WEST New overnight service to Humberwood Loop;
 - 83 JONES New Saturday service;
 - 74 MT PLEASANT New Monday-Friday evening service;
 - 131 NUGGET New Sunday and holiday service;
 - Rustic Road and Falstaff Avenue New service;
 - 86 SCARBOROUGH Removal of non-summer weekend service to Toronto Zoo;
 - 85 SHEPPARD EAST Direct service east of Meadowvale Road on weekends;
 - 53 STEELES EAST New service on Elson Street east of McCowan Road;
 - 168 SYMINGTON New service on Weston Road to West Park Hospital;

- 168 SYMINGTON Removal of late evening service north of St. Clair Avenue;
- 319 WILSON New overnight service on Martin Grove Road north of Finch Avenue; and
- 165 WESTON RD NORTH New Sunday and holiday late evening service to Finch Avenue;
- (4) note that the following proposals for service changes, which had not been recommended in the 1999 service plan, have been re-evaluated by staff at the request of city councillors, and are still not recommended:
 - 51 LESLIE Sunday service; and
 - Rivalda Road Service north of Bradstock Road;
- (5) request the City of Toronto to take the steps necessary to build a bus driveway connecting Richview Road to Eglinton Avenue, because this connection is needed to introduce the 73 Royal York service on La Rose Avenue and Richview Road, as described in this report, and to respond on this matter to the Commission by March 1, 1999; and
- (6) forward this report to the City of Toronto, all city councillors, and the Town of Markham."

The Committee also had before it the communication (January 11, 1999) from Andrew Schulz.

The following persons appeared before the Urban Environment and Development Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Councillor Adams; and
- Councillor Walker.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe, the Committee:

Recommended that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be authorized to undertake a study with respect to the Toronto Transit Commission's request outlined in point 5 of the communication dated November 20, 1998, from the General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, which reads: "Request the City of Toronto to take the steps necessary to build a bus driveway connecting Richview Road to Eglinton Avenue, because this connection is needed to introduce the 73 Royal York service on La Rose Avenue and Richview Road, as described in this report, and to respond on this matter to the Commission by March 1, 1999."

and report thereon to the Toronto Transit Commission.

On a further motion by Councillor Moscoe the Committee also:

- (1) requested the Toronto Transit Commission to maintain the status quo with respect to the 74 Mt. Pleasant route pending further consultation with the Ward Councillors and requested that this matter be reconsidered at its January 13, 1999 meeting; and
- (2) requested staff from the Toronto Transit Commission to meet with affected Ward Councillors to consider alternatives.

(General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; cc: Councillors Adams, Bossons and Moscoe - January 13,1999)

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 2)

1.6 Proposed Speed Limit Reduction on Sheppard Avenue East Between Bayview Avenue and Hawksbury Drive (Wards 9 & 12 - North York Centre South and Seneca Heights)

The Committee had before it the following report (December 15, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services recommending that:

- (1) the speed limit be reduced to 40 km per hour on Sheppard Avenue East between Bayview Avenue and Hawksbury Drive until completion of Bayview Station surface construction in the fall of 2001; and
- (2) the appropriate by-law(s) be amended accordingly.

The Committee recommended the adoption of the report (December 15, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 2)

1.7 Rapid Transit Connection Between Pearson International Airport and Union Station.

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (November 27, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that consideration of this matter be deferred until the Urban Environment and Development Committee meeting in January 1999 in order to allow additional time for responses from the Provincial and Federal Governments.
- (October 9, 1998) from the City Clerk, addressed to the Minister of Transportation forwarding a copy of Clause No. 1 of Report No. 10 of The Urban Environment and Development Committee, headed "A Rapid Transit Connection Between Pearson International Airport and Union Station", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on October 1 and 2, 1998; and drawing the Minister's attention to the amendment by Council found at the beginning of the Clause, viz:

"It is further recommended that:

- (1) the federal Minister of Transportation be invited to make a presentation respecting this matter to the next meeting of the Urban Environment and Development Committee to be held on November 2, 1998; and
- (2) the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services be requested to submit a report to Council in November 1998, if possible, or in December 1998, with an update on whether there has been any movement from the provincial or federal governments with respect to the foregoing matter, so that Council can be informed on the progress of this project."

The Committee:

- (1) deferred consideration of the report (January 7, 1999) from the Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development Services; and
- (2) requested the Chair to immediately write to the Honourable David Collonette, Minister of Transportation and invite him to make a presentation to the Committee on this matter at its next meeting on February 8, 1999.

(Minister of Transport - January 14, 1999; Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development Services; cc: Members of the Urban Environment and Development Committee - January 14, 1999)

(Clause No.10, Report No. 2)

1.8 F.G. Gardiner Expressway/Highway 427/Brown's Line Interchange Modifications -Proposed Environmental Assessment Study (Ward 2, Lake shore - Queensway)

The Committee had before it a report (December 18, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services recommending that the General Manager of Transportation Services, in partnership with the Canada Life Assurance Company, be authorized to conduct an Environmental Assessment Study for modifications to the F.G. Gardiner Expressway/Highway 427/Brown's Line interchange as described in the Sherway Centre Secondary Plan.

Councillor Moeser assumed the Chair

On motion by Councillor Pantalone, the Committee recommended:

- (1) the adoption of the report (December 18, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services subject to Canada Life Assurance Company confirming that it is prepared to make the front end payments for the costs of the engineering consultant to be engaged in the environmental assessment and to contribute an additional \$10,000 to the City's costs;
- (2) that appropriate City officials be authorized to investigate the establishment of development charges for the recovery of City costs, including the study and planning costs related to

the proposed Interchange and road improvements. Development charges should provide a mechanism to reimburse or credit front end contributions to ensure that all benefitting landowners contribute on the terms set out in the Sherway Centre Secondary Plan.

Councillor Pantalone resummed the Chair

(Clause No.3, Report No.2)

1.9 By-law to Appoint Deputy Chief Building Officials

The Committee had before it a report (December 22, 1998) from the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that the attached by-law to amend By-law No. 226-1998 be enacted.

On motion by Councillor Jones, the Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 2)

1.10 Minister's Zoning Order with Respect To Woodbine Racetrack Lands (Ward 5 - Rexdale Thistletown)

The Committee had before it the report (December 29, 1998) from the City Solicitor and Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor McConnell, the Committee recommended that the City Solicitor be authorized to seek revocation of the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing's Zoning Order.

On motion by Councillor Moscoe requested the Chair to invite the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing to appear before City Council at its meeting on February 2, 1999 to justify his Zoning Order with respect to the Woodbine Racetrack lands; and

On motion by Councillor Jones the Committee requested the Commissioner, Urban Planning & Development Services in consultation with the City Solicitor and appropriate City staff to report directly to Council for its meeting on February 2, 1999:

(a) with an analysis of the planning implications of the Zoning Order imposed by the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing and the development of a legal strategy, such report to also provide details of the legal costs involved in this action and provide background information of the action previously taken by the former Etobicoke City Council with respect to this matter; and

On motion by Councillor Moscoe:

(b) that the Commissioner also provide a review of the Preliminary Secondary Plan and the Rexdale Highway 27 Plan.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan:

(c) that the Commissioner also report on all other options available to frustrate the will of the Minister given that his Zoning Order has frustrated the will of the people; and

On motion by Councillor Moscoe:

(d) that the Commissioner also report on the implications of the use of slot machines at the Woodbine Racetracks

(Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing - January 14, 1999; City Solicitor; Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development cc: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Fire Chief; - January 15, 1999)

(Clause No.5, Report No.2)

1.11 Proposed Eastbound and Westbound Left Turn Prohibitions During the Weekday Afternoon Peak Period at Bathurst Street and College Street (Wards 20 and 24 - Trinity-Niagara and Downtown)

The Committee had before it the following report (December 22, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services Division recommending that:

- (1) eastbound and westbound left turns be prohibited on College Street at Bathurst Street from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday; and
- (2) the appropriate by-law(s) be amended accordingly.

On motion by Councillor Moeser, the Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the aforementioned report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No.2)

1.12 IN CAMERA MATTER

Settlement of Claim, Contract No. T-51-93 Don Valley Parkway at Chester Hill Road, Slope Stabilization and Soldier Pile Retaining Walls

The Urban Environment and Development Committee met in camera at 9:55 a.m. in Committee Room No. 1, City Hall to receive advise on a matter subject of which dealt with litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipal or local board.

The Committee had before it the following reports:

- (i) (December 1, 1998) from the General Manager, Transportation Services; and
- (ii) (January 8, 1999) from the City Solicitor.

At the resumption of the public session of the Committee, on motion by Councillor Moeser the Committee:

- (1) requested that this matter be forwarded, without recommendation, to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee for consideration as an in-camera item.
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit a further in-camera report to the Strategic Policies and Priorities Committee providing additional information on this matter, and including the earlier report which was submitted to the former Metro Toronto Council.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 2)

1.13 Lawrence Avenue Bridge Over the Humber East of Scarlett Road, Structure Rehabilitation, Contract No. T-30-99, Tender No. 145-1998

The Committee had before it a joint report (December 17, 1998) from the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer and the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (a) Contract No. T-30-99, Tender No. 1450-1998, for the structure rehabilitation on the Lawrence Avenue Bridge over the Humber River, east of Scarlett Road, be awarded to Soncin Construction Corporation in the total amount of \$1,915,530.26 including all taxes and charges, being the lowest tender received; and
- (b) the appropriate City of Toronto officials be directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan, the Committee recommended to City Council the adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 2)

1.14 Proposed Amendments to By-Laws Concerning Snow Emergency Periods

The Committee had before it a report (January 8, 1999) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that:

- (1) the former Metropolitan Toronto By-law No. 148-70, which regulates traffic on certain highways during periods of emergency occasioned by the fall of snow, be amended as follows:
 - A. by inserting a new Section 2.1 following Section 2, as follows:
 - "2.1 Despite Section 2 of this By-law, the Mayor may declare that an emergency condition exists on any highway set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law when such a significant amount of snow has fallen that the clearing of snow from the highway is impeded by traffic and parking on the highway.";

- B. by inserting a new Section 3.1 following Section 3, as follows:
 - "3.1 The declaration of the emergency condition as provided for in Section 3 can be extended by the Mayor for any further period of time required for clearing snow from the highway."; and
- C. by replacing the phrase "Chairman of the Metropolitan Council" where it appears in the By-law with the word "Mayor";
- (2) Section 400-44 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 400, Traffic and Parking, be amended by inserting a new Subsection A.1 after Subsection A, as follows:
 - "A.1 The declaration of the emergency condition as provided for in Subsection A can be extended by the Mayor for any further period of time required for clearing snow from the highway.";
- (3) the former Borough of East York By-law No. 1-88, which regulates traffic on certain highways during periods of emergency occasioned by the fall of snow, be amended as follows:
 - A. by inserting a new Section 2.1 following Section 2, as follows:
 - "2.1 Despite Section 2 of this By-law, the Mayor may declare that an emergency condition exists on any highway set out in Schedule "A" to this By-law when such a significant amount of snow has fallen that the clearing of snow from the highway is impeded by traffic and parking on the highway."; and
 - B. by inserting a new Section 3.1 following Section 3, as follows:
 - "3.1 The declaration of the emergency condition as provided for in Section 3 can be extended by the Mayor for any further period of time required for clearing snow from the highway."; and
- (4) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

On motion by Councillor Kinahan the Committee:

- (1) recommended to City Council the adoption of the foregoing report; and
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report directly to Council for its meeting on February 2, 1999 on whether fines should be increased to assist in more effective snow removal, and address the issue of including a provision for car removal if necessary.

(Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; cc: General Manager, Transportation Services - January 14, 1999)

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 2)

The Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:40 p.m.

Chair.

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Attendance:

January 11, 1999	9:30 a.m 9:55.a.m.	9:55 a.m 10:05 a.m.* (in camera)	10:05 a.m 12:50 p.m.	2:10 p.m 3:00 p.m.
Faubert	-	-	Х	х
Jones	Х	Х	Х	х
Kinahan	х	х	х	х
Li Preti	х	х	х	х
McConnell	Х	Х	Х	х
Moeser	х	х	х	х
Moscoe	Х	Х	Х	х
Pantalone (Chair)	Х	Х	Х	х
Sgro	-	-	-	-
Silva	Х	Х	Х	Х
Tzekas	-	-	-	-

* Members were present for some or all of the time indicated.

Also Present: Councillor J. Adams Councillor I. Bossons Councillor O. Chow Councillor D. Holyday Councillor M. Giansante Councillor C. Korwin-Kuczynski Councillor J. Layton Councillor G. Mammoliti Councillor F. Nunziata Councillor B. Saundercook Councillor M. Walker