

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 1

Wednesday, January 24, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, January 24, 2001, in Committee Room No. 3, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Older Womens Network
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, (York)
Mr. Dave Meslin, North York
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Mr. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, (Etobicoke)

Also Present: Mr. Rick Czepita, Sierra Club of Canada
Mr. Dave Hanna, Toronto
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Mr. Lewis Pearsall, Toronto
Mr. Eric Tipping, Scarborough
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure
Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, the Minutes of the meeting held on October 18, 2000 were confirmed.

1.1 Pedestrian Refuge Islands and Split Pedestrian Crossover Study.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (December 11, 2000) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, for information summarizing the presentation given by Mr. Ray Bacquie, Vice President, iTRANS Consulting Inc. regarding the second phase of the pedestrian refuge island and the split pedestrian crossover study.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

1.2 Pedestrian Safety at Traffic Intersections Crossovers.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (September 20, 2000) from Mr. Phil Piltch, Scarborough, forwarding concerns with respect to pedestrian safety at traffic intersections and at crossovers; and submitted recommendations with respect thereto;
- (ii) (October 30, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, respecting a proposed response and directions to staff;
- (iii) (January 19, 2001) from Madeleine McDowell and Rhona Swarbrick, Members, Pedestrian Committee, regarding a further response to Mr. Piltch.
- (iv) (November 13, 2000) from Helen Hanson, regarding pedestrian safety at traffic intersections and flashing hand signal timing.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, The Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (i) request staff to provide a five-year summary of reportable collisions involving pedestrians (by age and severity of injury) at pedestrian crossovers, and signalized intersections:

identify the locations of the incidents

include information respecting pedestrian / bicycle collisions, if available;

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- (ii) request staff to comment on a process for initiating a public awareness campaign aimed at motorists, cyclists, and pedestrians regarding their mutual responsibility for the safe use of pedestrian crossings; and also to identify possible sources of staffing and financial resources that would be required to mount such a campaign;
- (iii) report on these matters by April, 2001 or earlier, if possible.
- (iv) receive Mr. Piltch's letter dated September 20, 2000 and advise him as follows:
 - (a) communicate to Mr. Piltch the committee's proposed actions to deal with the matter he has raised, and also advise him that:
 - (b) funding was available in year 2000 to upgrade about 100 signalized intersections with the Flashing Don't Walk feature; and staff anticipate a similar funding for 2001; and
 - (c) half of the locations implemented with the Flashing Don't Walk feature have been identified by the public, councillors or City staff, the other half by signal control staff;
 - (d) that, through the research and the Rights-of-Way Sub-committees, the Pedestrian Committee is examining:
 - its position on the appropriateness of the timing of the solid and flashing hand signals; and
 - the context of the interpretation of Section 144(27) of the Highway Traffic Act (*Pedestrian control signals – don't walk – No pedestrian approaching pedestrian control signals and facing a solid or flashing "don't walk" indication shall enter the roadway*) as it relates to law enforcement practices.
- (v) requested that Mr. Dave Meslin and Mr. Daniel Egan meet to discuss Ms. Hansen communication and that staff be requested to report back after investigation of this matter.

1.3 Appointment of 3 Members of The Toronto Pedestrian Committee to The Nominating Sub-Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal report from Ms. Lisa Ing, respecting applications for new members to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and outline (November 15, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, of basic information for and requirements of applicants for appointment by Toronto City Council to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee nominated the following members to the Nominating Sub-Committee:

Mr. Wayne Scott
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick
Ms. Dorothy Fletcher
Ms. Madeleine McDowell

At this point in the proceedings, Ms. Swarbrick moved that the Nominating Sub-Committee now recess to meet privately to consider the applications and select candidates to participate in an interview for membership on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, which was carried.

1.4 Vacant Position: Co-Chair.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (October 30, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-Chair, regarding the Vacant position (co-chair) as well as an outline entitled "Role of Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee" based on material from: Committees Handbook, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, February 2, 2000, providing for discussion the role of the chair(s).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of this matter until its next meeting scheduled to be held February 21, 2001.

1.5 Proposed Presentations for Upcoming Committee Meetings.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (October 30, 2000) regarding proposed presentations for up-coming meetings.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the list for up-coming meetings and requested Transportation staff to invite the appropriate persons.

**1.6 Toronto Heart Health Partnership's
Walking-Related Initiatives.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (October 30, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-Chair, providing a summary for discussion further to a meeting held between Richard Nelson, Rhona Swarbrick and Linda Ferguson of the Toronto Heart Health Partnership, advising that the initiatives of particular interest to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

1.7 Reimbursement of Expenses.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (November 15, 2000) from the General Manager, Transportation Services, in response to a letter from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, requesting reimbursement of expenses and suggesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee re-introduce a request for reimbursement of expenses to the Works Committee during the 2001 Current Budget process; and
- (ii) (January 24, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-Chair Toronto Pedestrian Committee, proposing that consideration be given to provide that volunteer members of advisory committees to City Council be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee proposes that the Works Committee recommend to the Budget Committee that volunteer members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and other advisory committees of Council, be reimbursed for out-of-pocket expenses incurred in conducting committee business; and that this matter be considered at the February 7, 2001 Works Committee meeting or whatever meeting the budget material is presented.

1.8 Resignation of Member.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 9, 2000) from Jim Anderson advising that he will not seek reappointment to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, due to other commitments.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication and requested that the Clerk send correspondence to Mr. Anderson expressing sincere appreciation for his exemplary service on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and extending best wishes to him.

1.9 Representative for Older Women's Network (Ontario) Inc.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (October 31, 2000) from Dorothy Rivers-Moore and Ann Wirsig, Council Co-Chairs of the Older Women's Network (Ontario) Inc. approving the appointment of Dorothy Fletcher as their representative to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the year 2000 – 2001.

On motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

1.10 2000 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the 2000 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics.

On motion by Ms. McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

1.11 2001 Schedule of Meetings for The Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 12, 2000) from the City Clerk submitting for information the 2001 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Ms. Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

1.12 Toronto Catholic District School Board.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (December 15, 2000) from Johanne Stewart, Director of Education for the Toronto Catholic District School Board advising that the Toronto Catholic District School Board appointed Trustee Christine Nunziata and Dan Koenig, Program Coordinator (Alternate) to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the term commencing December 1, 2000 through November 30, 2001.

On motion by Ms. Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

1.13 Transportation Services' Capital Budget – Creating a New Capital Works Program Respecting Missing Sidewalks on Public Transit Routes.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (January 22, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, proposing that Transportation Services capital works program be developed and funded to provide a continuous network of sidewalks on existing street that are routes for public transit (mainly arterial and collector roads).

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that the Works Committee, at its meeting of February 7, 2001 or whatever meeting the budget material is presented, direct staff to:

- (i) establish in the 2001 and future Transportation Services Capital budgets a program for completing the sidewalk network on existing streets that are TTC routes; and
- (ii) determine the dollar figure and time frame to complete the sidewalk network on existing streets that are TTC routes during deliberations of the capital budget for the years 2001 to 2005.

1.14 Staffing Level and Resources Required to Support The Toronto Pedestrian Committee – 2001 Operating Budget.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (January 24, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, propping that staffing levels and resources required to support the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be considered in the 2001 Operating budget.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends that the Works Committee endorse former Councillor John Adams' communication of June 16, 2000 to the Commissioners of Urban Development Services and Works and Emergency Services requesting "...a full-time dedicated staff position and resources from Urban Development Services, in addition to resources from Transportation Services, to support the proper functioning and higher profile activities of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee."; and that this matter be considered at the February 7, 2001 Works Committee meeting or whatever meeting the budget material is presented.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair.