

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 27, 2002

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, February 27, 2002, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present:

- Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
- Mr. Igor Batuk (Toronto)
- Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- Ms. Rita Brooks, Toronto, Co-Chair
- Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
- Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
- Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
- Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
- Councillor Jane Pitfield
- Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair
- Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
- Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens's Network

Also Present:

- Ms. Sue Cross, Councillor Pitfield's Assistant
- Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
- Ms. Dania Majid, Osgood Hall Student
- Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
- Mr. Tom Timmins, ARC
- Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
- Superintendent Gary Grant, Toronto Police Service
- Sgt. Ted Holtzheuser, Toronto Police Service
- Ms. Ann Marie Sluga, Corporate Communications

Staff Present:

- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
- Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services

Regrets:

- Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
- Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on January 23, 2002 were confirmed as amended.

2.1 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had a presentation from Superintendent Gary Grant, and Sgt. Ted Holtzheuser, Toronto Police Service, who attended to discuss Pedestrian Safety issues. Superintendent Gary Grant acknowledged that the Toronto Police Service and the Pedestrian Committee have mutually shared concerns and that the Toronto Police Service would like to engage in a partnership role with all parties as he believes that drivers of motor vehicles, pedestrian and cyclists have a shared responsibility to keep everyone safe and prevent needless deaths.

The Toronto Police have been working for two years on a Comprehensive Road Safety Campaign and will continue to work on a campaign of education and enforcement with community groups, and the media to prevent and reduce fatalities. Superintendent Gary Grant looks forward to working with the Toronto Pedestrian Committee in communicating and educating the public with respect to pedestrian safety issues.

The Toronto Police Service will provide copies of the Press Releases to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee in future and continue to dialogue with the Committee and staff in a joint effort to increase safety awareness and to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation and thanked Superintendent Gary Grant and Sgt. Ted Holtzheuser.

**2.2 PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FATALITY # 26:
KEELE STREET AT DOVEHOUSE AVENUE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 22, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting for consideration, report from Rhona Swarbrick, Research Sub-Committee with respect to Pedestrian Traffic Fatality #26: Keele Street at Dovehouse Avenue.

The Committee was also advised by staff that a pedestrian refuge island is to be installed at this location in the near future.

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

2.3 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) report (January 31, 2002) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2002 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to January 31, 2002 showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

- (2) communication (February 12, 2002) from Mr. Steven T. Kodoma, submitting for information, the 2000 Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet, which is a summary of the pedestrian related collisions including pedestrian injuries by severity (fatal, major and minor); and advising that this information will be provided to the Committee on a quarterly basis as requested.

Committee requested that staff include more information on the Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflets such as "Pedestrian Action" example: " Did Pedestrian have right of way".

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

2.4 SUMMARY WITH RESPECT TO ASSESSMENT OF THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH STREETSCAPING (GEOMETRIC DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN ROADS, TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, SEPTEMBER 1999, CHAPTER 3.3, STREETSCAPING).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 22, 2002) from Mr. Paul Collier, providing a summary of Toronto Pedestrian Committee members assessment of the pedestrian environment and assessment of identified priorities for improving the pedestrian environment through streetscaping.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on March 27, 2002.

**2.5 INSTALLATION OF BICYCLE POST AND RING STANDS IN SIDEWALKS.
(43 QUEEN'S PARK CRESCENT EAST (OPPOSITE QUEEN'S PARK,
JUST NORTH OF THE CENTRE FOR MEDIEVAL STUDIES).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) communication (January 17, 2002) from Ms. Janice Etter, Research Sub-Committee, submitting for discussion and requesting an explanation of how these post and ring stands were set in the sidewalk in the first place when this clearly breaches the principle that sidewalks are for pedestrian and should be kept clear of obstructions; and
- (2) communication (February 14, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, advising, for information, that the post-and-ring stands at 43 Queen's Park Crescent East were installed in accordance with guidelines, in an area where there is a strong demand for bicycle parking year-round; and that staff are currently investigating the financial implications of constructing concrete pads to support bicycle parking stands in places where the sidewalk is narrow and a non-paved boulevard space is available.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication and report for information.

2.6 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN CHARTER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and Ms. Janice Etter, Research Sub-Committee, submitting for discussion, copy of draft #3 revised (February 5, 2002), of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter for discussion, before being presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee for its April 29, 2002 meeting.

On motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the February 5, 2002 Toronto Pedestrian Charter, subject to amending the following sections as follows:

“Equity: Walking is the only mode of travel that is universally affordable, and allows children and youth, and people with specific medical conditions, to travel independently.

• promotes laws and regulations that respect pedestrian's particular needs.”

2.7 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 27, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, submitting verbal update with respect to Advertising Standards Canada.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on March 27, 2002.

2.8 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 14, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

(1) Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Pilot Project

The Project Steering Committee has identified the following Pedestrian Safety Initiatives as the top two priorities for pilot projects based on input from the Pedestrian Committee. These will proceed when funding is available in the Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget:

- (i) A leading Pedestrian Phase (pedestrian walk signal in advance of the vehicular green phase); and
- (ii) Broad Pavement Markings for crosswalks.

(2) Pedestrian Fatality Trends

A traffic fatality chart provides a perspective on pedestrian collision trends over the past 40 years. Pedestrian and motorist (driver and passenger) fatalities have significantly decreased since 1962 in the City of Toronto (Metro).

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

2.9 2002 BUDGET DISCUSSIONS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (December 7, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, continuation of 2002 capital/operating budget - Transportation's preliminary budget estimates, including how much is being requested, and where it is included in the budget. (such as: funding for the Pedestrian Safety

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Campaign - workplan). (See also Draft Pedestrian related items – 2002 Capital Program (January 23, 2002) provided by Mr. Daniel Egan (handout at the last meeting).

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure staff provide:

- (1) a list of roads scheduled for reconstruction in 2002 that include the construction of a new sidewalk;
- (2) the length of the new sidewalk for each road reconstruction project; and
- (3) the public transit routes that operates on these roads.

Committee also requested that the Sub-Committee of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee advise the Committee Secretary when they are available and attempts will be made to schedule some meeting dates to begin in May, 2002 to meet with the Infrastructure staff, Councillor appointee, members and any other interested parties in order that pedestrian related items from the Committee can be forwarded earlier in the budget review process.

2.9(a). The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 17, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, advising that street lighting is a critical component of the pedestrian environment, especially at PXO's intersections, and location where there is a pattern of mid-block crossings; and recommending:

- (i) that top priority be given to replacing burnt-out street lights where they illuminate pedestrians waiting to cross at intersections and PXO's;
- (ii) that in the interests of pedestrian safety, the allocation for street lighting spot repairs be maintained at its existing level or increased, and not subject to a reduction; and
- (iii) that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee communicate to Toronto Police Services, the Toronto Transit Commission and the Fire Department that whenever they are involved in investigations of collisions involving pedestrians, they not only assess the pedestrian environment for such factors as street lighting, but report such deficiencies as burnt-out street lights in order that they can be repaired immediately.

Committee was advised that they may telephone Toronto Hydro – Lights Out to report burnt out street lights at (416) 542-3195.

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

2.10 STATUS AT INQUEST.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 27, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting communication addressed to Office of the Chief Coroner of Ontario as to whether the Toronto Pedestrian Committee qualifies for standing status at an inquest scheduled to begin next month.

On motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approves the aforementioned letter be sent on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee appoint Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, member of the Research Sub-Committee to attend the inquest on behalf of the Committee and report back to the Committee with respect to this matter.

2.11 TORONTO SAFE AND SOBER DRIVING COALITION.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 20 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, advising that the Toronto Safe and Sober Driving Coalition is reviewing its mandate and membership at its March 4, 2002 meeting. Since pedestrian safety has been identified as a top priority for Police Traffic Services, the coalition may decide to include pedestrian safety in its mandate. The issue of the Pedestrian Committee being invited to join may come up.

The Committee Secretary will advise the Committee, in the event an invitation is extended, and the Committee should decide at that time, who the representative should be and what position the representative should take.

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

2.12 WINTER SEMINAR, INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 20, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, regarding Winter Seminar, Institute of Transportation Engineers, March 7, 2002, to clarify a process for handling similar invitations in the future.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on March 27, 2002.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Co-Chair.