

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, March 27, 2002

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

Members present: Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Rita Brooks, Toronto, Co-Chair
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens's Network

Also Present: Constable Darrin Little, Toronto Police, Traffic Services
Ms. Sue Cross, Councillor Pitfield's Assistant
Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
Ms. Melissa Louie, Humber College Student
Ms. Kristie Kent, Humber College Student
Mr. Franklyn Junn, York University Student
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

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

Regrets: Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Igor Batuk (Toronto)
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Boyd Hipfner, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on February 27, 2002 were confirmed.

3.1 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it report:

(a) (March 13, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) 2002 New Sidewalk Installations - as provided showing a list of the new sidewalks that will be installed in 2002 as part of road reconstruction and resurfacing projects. These are locations where no sidewalk exists now. It should be noted this list is subject to change. Also a list of new sidewalk scheduled for installation in 2002 that are not part of reconstruction or resurfacing projects.
- (2) Sidewalk Report – advising staff are preparing a report presenting a new city wide policy for providing missing sidewalks for consideration by Council this year, in advance of the 2003 budget cycle.

The policy report will recommend an aggressive target date for filling in all of the gaps in the current sidewalk network, particularly on arterial and collector roads.

- (3) Review of Pedestrian Refuge Island and Split Pedestrian Crossover Study: Phase 2 Report – staff provided copy of Executive Summary for information. A copy of the Phase 2 Final Report, Appendix A (Site Inventory) and Appendix B (Collision History) is available from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee Co-Chairs.

(b) a communication (March 24, 2002) from Ms. Helen Hansen, commenting on report (March 13, 2002) of the Manager, Transportation Services with respect to 2002 New Sidewalk Installations and Sidewalk Report.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication from Helen Hansen and requested that staff report back within two months and bring specifications forward with respect to:

- (i) Street Design criteria;
- (ii) unrestricted width; and
- (iii) slope of driveway.

2. 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 28, 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 February 28, 2002 showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that the Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau leaflet be changed to include the number of driver and pedestrian fatalities for each of the following categories:

- (i) Fatalities – Alcohol Related;
- (ii) Fatalities – Impact Type; and
- (iii) Fatalities – Weather Conditions.

This change would make the reporting of fatal collision data consistent throughout the leaflet since fatalities at traffic control type and by age group are already reported this way.

3. 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 report (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 requested that this matter come forward again next month with the material prepared by the Research Sub-Committee from the September 2001 meeting.

4. PROPOSED PARTNERSHIPS, PROJECTS AND OTHER ISSUES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) a report (March 11, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott and Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-Chairs, submitting items for discussion and feedback from Committee members:
 - (1) Discussion about the February 27, 2002 presentation by Superintendent Gary Grant regarding the willingness of the Toronto Police Service's Traffic Services division, to work as partners with the Toronto Pedestrian

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Committee on areas of existing agreement, to reduce the number of pedestrian fatalities, as well as the number and severity of pedestrian injuries, on the streets of Toronto;

- (2) Proposal to initiate an extensive, pro-active pedestrianization campaign for the City of Toronto, that would secure for Toronto, the reputation as North America's most 'pedestrian friendly' City, to coincide with a number of existing private and public sector initiatives;
 - (3) Discussion of Toronto Pedestrian meeting attendance rules and the recruitment of new members, if deemed necessary; and
 - (4) Request for Committee members to think about which areas within their section of the City to be designated for a ticketing blitz by the Parking Authority. The focus is on vehicles parking on the sidewalk.
- (b) a communication (February 27, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, recommending that:
- (i) a Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee be formed immediately for the purpose of reviewing factors that contribute to pedestrian / vehicle personal injury traffic collisions;
 - (ii) the Ad Hoc Committee consist of representatives from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and its Sub-Committee members; Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service; and the Traffic Safety Bureau, Toronto Transportation Services;
 - (iii) the Ad Hoc Committee report back to the Pedestrian Committee no later than September, 2002; and
 - (iv) the meetings be open to the public with the dates and locations posted on the Toronto City and Toronto Police Service web pages.
- (1) On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee acknowledged whereas the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and the Toronto Police Service share a desire to make the City of Toronto streets safer for pedestrians; and in order to enhance our ability to achieve this common goal, it is proposed that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee develop a working relationship with the Toronto Police Service to advance pedestrian safety issues. This co-operative effort would include participating in their pedestrian safety campaigns, initiating pro-active strategies in education, and by working together to create a united front to City Council to effect changes beneficial to the pedestrian environment.

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- (2) On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the committee propose and initiate an extensive, proactive pedestrianization campaign for the City of Toronto, that would secure for Toronto, the reputation as North America's most "pedestrian friendly" City, to coincide with a number of existing private and public sector initiatives; such as but not limited to the following:

an education and poster campaign stating "We are all pedestrians". The Toronto Pedestrian Committee should focus the campaign on pedestrian friendly and getting Pedestrian issues higher on the agenda and for pedestrians to include "Feet on the Street, wheel chairs, scooters, canes, etc.; and work as partners with Pedestrian Safety, Toronto Police Service, Rocket Riders, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Children at primary, and High Schools.

- (3) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee was briefed on the attendance of the members and it was noted that the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board members have not attended any meetings for this term to date. As a result it was requested that the Terms of Reference be amended to include a representative of the Toronto Police Service to be a member and that the next member on the alternate list be requested to become a member.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends that Works Committee:

- (a) approve an amendment to the terms of reference for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, to appoint a representative of the Toronto Police Service to be a member on the Committee for a term to expire on November 30, 2003, or until their successors are appointed; and
- (b) that the next alternate candidate be appointed to fill the vacancy for the remainder of the term to expire on November 30, 2003, or until their successors are appointed.
- (4) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that members provide for the next meeting a list of the areas within their section of the City to be designated for a ticketing blitz by the Parking Authority.

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- (b) The motion resulting from the communication (February 27, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick regarding a Pedestrian Safety Ad Hoc Committee was not carried.

5. DEPUTATION MADE TO TORONTO BUDGET ADVISORY COMMITTEE AND POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 18, 2002) from Ms. Helen Riley (Feet on the Street), submitting, for information, copy of deputation made to the Toronto Budget Advisory Committee and Policy and Finance Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

**5(a). TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE / WORKING GROUP**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the City Clerk to book meeting rooms and schedule dates for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee Budget Sub-Committee / Working Group) to meet with the Infrastructure staff, Councillor appointee, members and any other interested parties to compile a list of pedestrian related items to consider protecting and or pursuing in the budget process and report to the next meeting scheduled to be held on April 24, 2002.

6. DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 20, 2002) from the Toronto Cycling Committee, providing copy of transmittal letter to Planning and Transportation Committee recommending the approval of the motion as approved by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and recommending that the Planning and Transportation Committee direct staff to investigate the need for a specific By-law that addresses issues related to drive-through facilities in all parts of the City.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

7. WINTER SEMINAR, INSTITUTE OF TRANSPORTATION ENGINEERS, MARCH 7, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 20, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, requesting for purpose of clarification, a process for handling similar invitations in the future.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that any future invitations for attendance at seminars and workshops be authorized by the Co-Chairs.

8. ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

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

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a verbal update from Mr. Wayne Scott advising that the year end report from Advertising Standards Canada has not yet been received.

9. KIDNIE INQUEST.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 20, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, advising for information, that the Coroner denied the Toronto Pedestrian Committee standing as an intervener group

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

10. CITY INSTALLS NEW PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE AT ST. LAWRENCE MARKET.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 15, 2002) from Media Relations, providing for information a copy of News Release advising that the City is installing a new pedestrian bridge at St. Lawrence Market on Sunday, March 17, 2002 to link the South St. Lawrence Market to nearby underground parking.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

**11. TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION –
BUDGET SHORTFALL OF \$10. MILLION**

On a motion by Mr. Boyd Hipfner, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the City Clerk communicate to the Chair of the Toronto Transit Commission and City Councillors that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee is not in agreement with City Council's decision with respect to the Toronto Transit Commission's shortfall of \$10. Million as a result of the 2002 Budget process.

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

Co-Chair.