

# **THE CITY OF TORONTO**

## **City Clerk's Division**

### **Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

#### **Meeting No. 5**

**Wednesday, May 15, 2002**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, May 15, 2002, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present:

- Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
- 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
- Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
- Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
- 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. Barbara Carter, Toronto Seniors Council
- Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
- Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
- Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
- Mr. David Hanna
- Mr. James McArthur, Rocket Riders
- Mr. Marty Pilar
- Mr. Rick Davies, T.D.R.C.

Staff Present:

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

Regrets:

- Mr. Igor Batuk (Toronto)
- Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee

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**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on April 24, 2002 were confirmed as amended.

**PRESENTATION:**

Ms. Elizabeth Walker introduced Barbara Carter, from the Toronto Seniors Council. Ms. Carter showed a video presentation to the Committee that featured Don Harron as Charlie Farquharson, who tries to portray how businesses and individuals can help their community to be more Senior Friendly. The Toronto Seniors Council are requesting businesses to take the Senior Friendly Challenge and asking businesses and organizations providing services to seniors, to find out how important they are as customers to their business and its survival; and see how they can improve service and client contact to eliminate barriers that hinder seniors. Make your business more accessible to all.

The Senior Friendly program is sponsored by the Toronto Seniors Council, which works to improve the quality of life and well-being of seniors. Senior Friendly activities can reduce barriers that seniors face.

The program aims to: improve the quality of life for seniors; make communities accessible for seniors and for all; help change attitudes and increase awareness of seniors' issues; encourage volunteer participation and support by bringing together different cultures into the spirit of volunteerism.

The program aims to raise awareness, educate businesses, services and organizations, establish partnerships, address community issues and attract the interest of the public; and recruit other seniors into the Senior Friendly Project.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CO-CHAIRS.**

On a motion by Elizabeth Walker, and as requested by the Co-Chairs, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that:

- (1) all reports or communications being sent to the Committee Secretary for the agendas, also be e-mailed to the Co-Chairs in order that they may organize and prioritize same so that the meetings will be manageable within the time frame allocated for the meeting; and

- (2) Staff were requested to inform the Committee if there are any pedestrian-related items that members may want to depute on. Members who have access to the City of Toronto's web site may browse any agenda, minutes, etc. at <http://www.city.toronto.on.ca/> Accessing City Hall – Quick Links – Go to Agendas, Minutes, etc. Members who do not have access to the City's web site can request copies of the Standing Committee agenda cover sheets from the Standing Committee Secretary.

**5.1. 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) reports (April 8, 2002 and July 11, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting for review:
- (i) reports (September 10, 2001 and July 11, 2001) of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee Research Subcommittee regarding Chapter 3.3 of Design Guidelines for Canadian Roads, Transportation Association of Canada, September, 1999, Streetscaping; (3.3.1 Introduction – Geometric Design Guide for Canadian Roads.)
  - (ii) Assessment of the Pedestrian Environment
  - (iii) Assessment of identified priorities for improving the pedestrian environment through streetscaping;

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that staff report back to Committee with the City's proposed guidelines and criteria; consult with technical staff, urban design and right-of-way staff and provide some feedback with respect to design and construction. Staff will invite Technical staff to the meeting scheduled for July 10, 2002; and bring back some standards that the City is proposing. At the appropriate time, staff will bring back the report (September 10, 2001) of the TPC Research Subcommittee with respect to suggested actions; ie - 2, 3 and 4 at that time.

- (b) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it 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.

On motion by Councillor J. Pitfield, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

## **5.2 WE'RE ALL PEDESTRIANS PROJECT.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 3, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, submitting for information and proposing that the Committee move forward on as many fronts as possible with the "We're all Pedestrians" project and take the first step to design a pedestrian safety/protection campaign.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that this matter be discussed at a brainstorming session to be held at the meeting scheduled to be held on July 10, 2002. Members are encouraged to forward any ideas for the brainstorming session to the Committee Secretary with a copy to the co-chairs in order to co-ordinate same.

## **5.3 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN CHARTER.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 1, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting, for information copies of presentations to the April 29, 2002 meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee from members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's Research Sub-Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

## **5.4 PROPOSED MCDONALD'S DRIVE-THRU AT 710 ST. CLAIR AVENUE WEST (AT CHIRSTIE STREET).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (April 27, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing for information background with respect to the proposed drive-thru at St. Clair Avenue West at Christie Street and advising a verbal update will be provided by a member of the Humewood Neighbourhood Committee.

Committee was advised by Ms. Swarbrick that Ms. Alder from the Humewood Neighbourhood Community was unable to attend the meeting. Ms. Swarbrick also

advised Committee that the Court matter would be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2002; and that Humewood Neighbourhood Community was seeking intervenor status at the hearing. For further updates with respect Court dates regarding this matter, members may e-mail [info@welivehere.ca](mailto:info@welivehere.ca).

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

## **5.5 AMENDMENT TO THE TERMS OF REFERENCE TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (April 30, 2002) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) forwarding for information, copy of letter provided to Works Committee expressing concern about the motion from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that a police officer be added to the committee as a voting member; and
- (b) (May 1, 2002) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) referring back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee the matter with respect to an amendment to its Terms of Reference and advising Committee that it would be more appropriate for a representative of the Police Service to provide support to the Committee as a staff resource than be appointed as a voting member.

On motion by Councillor J. Pitfield, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communications.

## **5.6 POLICE DIVISION 52: PEDESTRIAN “JAYWALKING” BLITZ.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 10, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting for information, advising an Officer from Police Division 52 attended the April 4, 2002 meeting of the Toronto East Downtown Neighbourhood Alliance (TEDNA) and announced at the meeting that 52 Division had completed a jaywalking blitz and that 48 pedestrian were charged. This matter was referred to the Pedestrian Liaison Officer, Traffic Unit, Toronto Police Service on April 15, 2002 for an investigation and report to TEDNA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

## **5.7 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal report (May 1, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, advising letter was sent to Advertising Standards Canada regarding concerns expressed at the last meeting.

The Committee was informed of other advertisements of concern; and it was suggested that individuals could contact Advertising Standards and register a complaint or report any concerns they have. If members have any more concerns they can bring them forward to the Committee for further consideration.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned verbal report for information.

## **5.8 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE – 2003 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE (BUDGET WORKING GROUP)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 30, 2002) from Toronto Pedestrian Committee (Budget Sub-Committee – Working Group), submitting for approval: proposed terms of reference for the budget sub-committee; and a name change.

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the budget working group bring back two or three initiatives for the Committee to consider that may have a budget impact.

## **5.9 SIDEWALK CYCLING AND SAFETY FOR PEDESTRIANS AND CYCLISTS.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 15, 2002) from the Manager of Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure advising the discussion paper has been presented to both the Pedestrian and Cycling Committees and Traffic Operations Managers to focus discussion on the “sidewalk cycling problem” and, hopefully, to reach a consensus on what the City should be doing about it so that this can be reflected in the report to Works Committee. Comments from Toronto Police Service were still needed. Staff provided an update on the Sidewalk Cycling and Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists and advised the following draft recommendations to be reflected in the report to Works Committee:

- (1) Increase fine from \$8.95 to somewhere in the \$90.00 range;
- (2) Continue and enhance public awareness campaign, including:

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- (a) “please walk bicycle on sidewalk” stickers on port-and-ring bike stands;
  - (b) Sidewalks are for pedestrians poster;
  - (c) include sidewalk cycling by-law/etiquette on materials such as bike maps, etc.
  - (d) publish information about the hazards of cycling on the sidewalk; and
  - (e) include as key issue in Toronto Police Service annual “Cycling Right” campaign.
- (3) Increased enforcement:
- (a) enforcement during Toronto Police annual “Cycling Right” campaign; and
  - (b) process for reporting problem area to TPS for spot enforcement.

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information and looked forward to the report going to Works Committee.

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

Co-Chair.