

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, June 12, 2002

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, June 12, 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. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens's Network

Also Present:

Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Ms. Lois James

Staff Present:

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

Regrets:

Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Igor Batuk (Toronto)
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on May 15, 2002 were confirmed as amended.

Declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act.

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item No. 2 on the agenda dated June 12, 2002 with respect to the Pedestrian Safety Initiative Project as he works for the consulting firm that had a contract regarding the project.

6.1 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING TIME REQUIREMENTS AT SIGNALIZED INTERSECTIONS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) presentation and report (May 31, 2002) from Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Transportation Service, submitting for information, report with respect to Pedestrian crossing time requirements at Signalized intersections.
- (b) communication (May 1, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting request for response to traffic signal timing for older pedestrians and to consider "Guidelines and Recommendations to Accommodate Older Drivers and Pedestrians"- Section P. Design Element: Pedestrian Crossing Design, Operations and Control.

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

- (1) conduct a review of every fatal collision involving a pedestrian;
- (2) establish a program to review every pedestrian injury at all locations; and
- (3) provide update on progress to improve Police reporting on collision data.

6.2 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVE PROJECT.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation and report (May 29, 2002) from Mr. Steven Kodama, Manager, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information:

- (a) Pedestrian Safety Initiative Project report regarding project status for May 2002; and

- (b) draft background report dated May 28, 2002.

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest with respect to this matter in that he works for the consulting firm that had a contract regarding the pedestrian safety initiative project.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports the Pedestrian Safety Initiative Project and requests that this project be considered for funding in the Works and Emergency Services mid-year capital budget variance report and in the Works and Emergency Services 2003 Capital Budget submission.

6.3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) report (May 29, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:
 - (1) City Wide Program for Provision of Essential Sidewalk Links Report;
 - (2) “New” sign at Pedestrian Refuge Island locations; and
 - (3) Sidewalk Design Specifications.
- (b) communication (May 29, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing for information, copy of brief delivered to the May 28, 2002 meeting of the Works Committee on the subject of a City-wide program for the provision of essential sidewalk links.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and communication for information.

6.4 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 30, 2003) 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 April 30, 2002 showing relevant facts and trends.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

6.5 TORONTO HEALTH HEART PARTNERSHIP - WALKING INITIATIVE MEETING, MINUTES OF MAY 3, 2002 AND WALKING COMMERCIAL.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 22, 2002) from Mr. J. Richard Nelson and Ms. Paula Waddell, providing for information:

- (a) Toronto Health Heart Partnership (THHP) Walking Initiative Minutes for May 3, 2002; and
- (b) Toronto Health Heart Partnership (THHP) is filming a walking commercial this spring highlighting testimonials by a variety of people about how great walking is and where to walk in the City.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

6.6 LAUNCH OF THE ‘SIDEWALKS ARE FOR PEDESTRIANS’ POSTER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 24, 2002) from Ms. Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, UDS, advising that the launch of the “Sidewalks are for Pedestrians” Poster will take place on Monday, June 17, 2002 at 12:00 noon on College Street and McCaul Street outside of the Toronto District School Board office.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

6.7 PROPOSAL TO AMEND THE ZONING BY-LAW FOR THE FORMER CITY OF TORONTO REGARDING DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS TO ADDRESS DRIVE-THROUGH RESTAURANTS AND OTHE DRIVE-THROUGH OPERATIONS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 30, 2002) from City Clerk (City Council), providing for information, copy of Clause No. 7 contained in Report No. 6 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed “Proposal to Amend the Zoning by-law for the Former city of Toronto regarding Development Standards to Address Drive-through Restaurants and Other Drive-through Operations”, which was adopted, as amended by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

6.8 BACKGROUND INFORMATION FOR THE PEDESTRIAN MASTER PLAN.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 17, 2002) from Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street, submitting for information:

- (a) copy of communication (March 25, 1995) from Feet on the Street to the (former Metro) Commissioners of Planning and Transportation with respect to Feet on Street's list of recommendations on Pedestrian Issues.
- (b) Appendix (March 6, 1995) regarding Feet on the Street's Minute of February 1, 1995 promoting pedestrian rights and safety to the (former Metro) Commissioners of Planning and Transportation with respect to Feet on Street's list of recommendations on Pedestrian Issues which included:
 - Pedestrian crossing – placement and design;
 - Signals;
 - Speed, traffic regulation and enforcement;
 - Safety on sidewalks; and
- (c) Appendix B – The European charter of pedestrians' rights adopted by the European Parliament in 1988.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on July 10, 2002.

6.9 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN CHARTER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) report (May 30, 2002) from City Clerk, providing for information, copy of Clause No. 5 contained in Report No. 6 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Toronto Pedestrian Charter" which was adopted without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on May 21, 22 and 23, 2002.
- (b) communication (May 29, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, advising that the Toronto Pedestrian Charter was formally adopted by Toronto City Council; and recommending that the Committee Secretary send letters thanking the groups and individuals who wrote letters of support for the Charter, and expressing the hope that it will be useful to them in supporting and advancing their initiatives.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report from the City Clerk and requested that letters be sent thanking the groups and individuals who wrote letters of support for the Toronto Pedestrian Charter.

6.10 CARELESSNESS OF AUTOMOBILE DRIVER DISTRACTED WHILE ON CELL PHONES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 14, 2002) from Mr. David Hanna, requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee take a formal stance and letter writing campaign to ensure that the dangers of cell phone use while operating a motor vehicle are highlighted and petition the various levels of government that could institute a review and possible change to ban such use while driving in Ontario.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the aforementioned communication be referred to staff.

6.11 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 29, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, advising Advertising Standards Canada's long awaited 2001 Ad Complaints Report arrived and to report that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee had one successful advertisement complaint that it was involved in that was anonymously mentioned in the report.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

6.12 CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 27: COUNCIL PROCEDURES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 29, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, requesting to speak to the City's Municipal Code and its applicability to the Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on July 10, 2002.

6.13 ACCOMMODATING PEDESTRIANS AT CONSTRUCTION SITE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 28, 2002) from Ms. Janice Etter, submitting for information and to express concern about the need to clarify policies and practices regarding the accommodation of pedestrians at road and bridge construction sites and particularly at the following sites: Bathurst Street bridge, Queen Street bridge over the Don River; Lake Shore Boulevard West in Etobicoke (located in a main shopping area); and the bridge being reconstructed on Bloor Street that crosses Mimico Creek just west of Royal York Road; and suggesting:

- (1) that staff determine immediately whether any changes can be made at the three specific sites mentioned to ensure that pedestrians are not inconvenience or placed in situations that may be dangerous for them; and
- (2) that staff update the committee at the July 10th, 2002 meeting of the progress made in the staff review of the guidelines for accommodating pedestrians at construction sites, since I understand that the committee received a presentation about the guidelines several months ago.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that this matter be referred to staff.

14. BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 27, 2002) from Ms. Helen Riley, with respect to the Budget Subcommittee meeting notes from May 15, 2002 providing a brief status of items discussed at the meeting.

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Budget Sub-Committee be disbanded and that all future budgetary items will be tabled at the Toronto Pedestrian Committee meetings.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:40 p.m.

Co-Chair.