

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, September 25, 2002

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, September 25, 2002, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present:

- Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-Chair
- Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair
- Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
- Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
- Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
- Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
- Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
- Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
- Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
- Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
- Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network

Also Present:

- Ms. Heather Cowan
- Ms. Sue Cross, Assistant to Councillor Pitfield
- Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
- Mr. Blair Falkinson, Toronto Police Service, Traffic Safety Programs
- Ms. Dorothy Fletcher
- Mr. Aaron Forma
- Ms. Lois James,
- Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
- Mr. Matt Myers,
- Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Annie Strgar, Student, York University
- Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present:

- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
- Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services
- Mr. Vince Musacchio, Standards, Policies and Quality Assurance Engineering Services

Regrets:

Councillor J. Pitfield
Mr. Igor Batuk
Mr. Crawford Murphy (Toronto Cycling Committee)

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on June 12, 2002 were confirmed as amended.

PRESENTATION:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a presentation from Mr. Vince Musacchio, from Standards, Policies and Quality Assurance, Engineering Services regarding Standards review process and an overview of Standards that relate to the pedestrian environment (ie. Sidewalk design).

Mr. Musacchio advised that the City's mandate is to develop, in support of best practices, Departmental Design and Construction Standards and Policies for municipal public works projects. He advised that the Standards are used as an aid to engineers / planners for the design of new City of Toronto construction projects and as the specifications for the City of Toronto maintenance projects.

He also informed the members of specific pedestrian related standards such as: sidewalks (vehicle entrance), crosswalks, boulevards, driveway, curbs (pedestrian ramps) and intersection designs. He provided sketches of various design standards. He explained the differences between City of Toronto Standards and Provincial standards and when to design for minimum or desirable specifications.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked Mr. Musacchio for his presentation. Staff will conduct site visits to areas of particular concern if there is interest. Members are to advise staff of particular areas of concern.

7.1 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) a report (September 5, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

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- (1) City-Wide Program for Provision of Essential Sidewalk Links report;
(See for reference: "City Wide Program for Provision of Essential Sidewalk Links (All Wards)" embodied in Clause 1 of Report No. 11 of the Policy and Finance Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its Special Meeting held on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2002;
 - (2) TTC Shelter and Benches;
 - (3) Sidewalk Parking Ticketing Blitz;
 - (4) Hoskin Avenue – Pedestrian Fatality; and
 - (5) Eglinton West Path Functional Design Study.
- (b) communication (July 10, 2002) from Ms. Deanne Fisher, providing copy of an e-mail regarding a pedestrian fatality on July 9, 2002 at the University of Toronto Campus, forwarded to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee members and requesting staff to prepare some background information and provide same to the Committee in order that they may comment with respect to this incident.
- (3) On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and requested that in future when Parking Ticketing Blitz are conducted, that the appropriate staff person advise the Toronto Pedestrian Committee of the breakdown of tickets issued at each identified location completed by the Toronto Police Services.
 - (4) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received photographs taken before and after the sidewalk modifications at Hoskin Avenue/ St. George/ Hoskin Avenue/Tower Road at the University of Toronto Campus.
 - (5) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also appointed Ms. Madeleine McDowell and Ms. Rhona Swarbrick to participate in the design charrette with respect to the Eglinton West Path Functional Design Study.

7.2 2003 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET SUBMISSIONS REVISED SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (August 8, 2002) from the City Clerk, providing for information, Clause No. 18 contained in Report No. 12 of The Policy and Finance Committee, headed "2003 Capital and Operating Budget Submissions Revised Schedule of

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Meetings” which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2002.

In adopting this Clause, as amended, Council has approved the following:

- (1) a revised fall portion (September to December) of the 2002 Schedule of Meetings; and
 - (2) a revised 2003 Schedule of Meetings.
- (b) a communication (August 15, 2002) from City Clerk (Toronto Pedestrian Committee), advising that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee 2002 Schedule of Meetings for the Fall portion are as follows: September 25, 2002, October 23, 2002 and December 4, 2002.
- (c) a communication (September 4, 2002) from the City Clerk (Toronto Pedestrian Committee), providing for information, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee 2003 Schedule of Meetings, Agenda Closings and Location of Meetings.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following communications for information.

7.3 REVIEW OF SUB-COMMITTEES, ADVISORY COMMITTEES, SPECIAL COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES ESTABLISHED SINCE DECEMBER 2000.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 6, 2002) from the City Clerk, providing for information, Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 9 of The Works Committee, headed “Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established Since December 2000”, which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its Special Meeting held on July 30, 31, and August 1, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following report for information.

7.4 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it reports dated (May 31, 2002, June 30, 2002, July 30, 2002 and August 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 May 31, 2002, June 30, 2002, July 30, 2002 and August 31, 2002 showing relevant facts and trends.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following reports for information.

7.5 2001 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COLLISION SUMMARY LEAFLET.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 30, 2002) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2001 Third Quarter Report of the Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions from January 1 to September 30, 2001, showing relevant facts and trends. This leaflet includes reportable collisions involving pedestrians (ie. with motorized vehicle) in the City of Toronto.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following report for information.

7.6 WE'RE ALL PEDESTRIANS PROJECT.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) a communication (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; including the following points for discussion:
 - (i) reducing speed limits; and
 - (ii) encroachments on pedestrian space.
- (b) a communication (Spring 2002 edition) from City Routes, providing for information copy of City Routes Spring 2002 edition regarding "Pedestrian Safety is for everyone".

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that a Special meeting be held to conduct an informal group discussion on the "We're all Pedestrians Campaign". The Committee Secretary was requested to schedule the workshop to be held at City Hall in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, for Wednesday, November 20, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

7.7 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (July 2, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, advising letter was sent to Advertising Standards Canada regarding concerns expressed at the last meeting and submitting verbal update, if necessary.
- (b) communication (July 26, 2002) from Ms. Judith Bussey, providing copy of letter (July 20, 2002) sent to Advertising Standards Canada from Judith M. Bussey with respect to her complaint about a car advertisement; and advising she will advise the Committee when she receives a response.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communications for information; and requested that a letter be sent to Ms. Judith Bussey to thank her for the information and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee looks forward to future update.

7.8 PARKING CONCERNS – PAPE AND FULTON AVENUES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (June 20, 2002) from Mr. J. Richard Nelson, providing copy of e-mail regarding chronic parking on sidewalks in front of shops on Fulton Avenue at Pape Avenue.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following report for information.

7.9 ALBION ROAD BRIDGE CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT STUDY.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communications (August 2, 2002 and July 31, 2002) from Mr. John P. Kelly, P. Eng., Manager, Infrastructure Planning, advising that the Transportation Services Division has initiated an Environmental Assessment Study to address the deteriorated condition of the Albion Road pedestrian and cycling bridge. The limits of the Study Area have been set as Weston Road to the east, Arnel Court to the west, and points approximately 200 metres north and south of the existing bridge over the Humber River.

On motion by Mr. Paul Collier, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Committee Secretary respond by fax to Transportation Services Division and advise that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would like to be kept informed and would like to be on the City's mailing list for this Albion Road Class Environmental Assessment Study.

7.10 FRONT STREET EXTENSION CLASS ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT AND PRELIMINARY DESIGN STUDY – STATUS UPDATE AND OPEN HOUSE #1 MEETING MINUTES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (August 20, 2002) from Ms. Tracey Ehl, Senior Public Consultation Co-ordinator, Works and Emergency Services, providing for information, status update and a copy of the minutes from the first public open house.
- (b) communication (June 10, 2002) from Mr. John P. Kelly, P. Eng., Manager, Infrastructure Planning, advising the Transportation Services Division, on behalf of the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation has initiated an Environmental Assessment Study for the Front Street Extension Project and copy of advertisement.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following report for information.

**7.11 ELECTION OF CO-CHAIR
TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (August 30, 2002) from City Clerk, (Toronto Pedestrian Committee), advising that the term of office of Mr. Wayne Scott as Co-Chair, will conclude on November 30, 2002; and requesting nominations for Co-Chair, for the balance of the term of office commencing December 1, 2002 and expiring November 30, 2003 and until his or her successor is appointed.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked Ms. Elizabeth Walker for volunteering to be the next Co-Chair, for the balance of the term of office commencing December 1, 2002 and expiring November 30, 2003 and until her successor is appointed.

7.12 ROCKET RIDERS TRANSIT USERS GROUP.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (September 17, 2002) from Mr. Wayne, providing copy of Transit Coalition Letter from Rocket Riders with respect to its campaign ‘Our Future is Riding on Public Transit’ and invitation to attend their Transit Forum on October 23, 2002; and requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian

Committee support them and take this opportunity to invite them to participate in our “We’re all pedestrians” initiative.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that staff advise the Rocket Riders that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee fully support them with respect to their campaign “Our Future is Riding on Public Transit” and further requested that staff take this opportunity to invite the Rocket Riders c/o Acting Chair, Michael Oliver, Rocket Riders Transit Users Group to participate in our “We’re all pedestrians” initiative to be held at a workshop scheduled to be held at City Hall, Committee Room 2 on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

7.13 WALK ON ALONE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (August 30, 2002) from Mr. Douglas Champion, providing copy of response with respect to Editorial in the Eye Magazine with respect to motor traffic and bicycles don’t mix without considerable hazards.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following report for information.

7.14 UPGRADING 401 AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT TORONTO INTERCHANGES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (September 18, 2002) from Helen and Robert Hansen, providing copy of their letter sent to the Minister of Transportation, Norman Sterling, regarding the planned changes to upgrading Highway 401 and pedestrian safety at Toronto interchanges and the fact that pedestrians and cyclists need to cross hi-speed ramps at these Highway 401 interchanges.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that staff follow up and report back with respect to Ms. Hansen’s concerns.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 3:45 p.m.

Co-Chair.