

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, October 23, 2002

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, October 23, 2002, in Committee Room No. 3, 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. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Councillor J. Pitfield
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network

Also Present: Ms. Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
Ms. Sarah Chate, Student, Fleming College
Ms. Carley Fortune, Student, Ryerson University
Ms. A. M. Sweeney, Student, Ryerson University

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
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Mr. Crawford Murphy (Toronto Cycling Committee)
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on September 25, 2002 were confirmed as amended by adding Ms. Madeleine McDowell as being in attendance.

8.1 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 11, 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) Eglinton West Path Functional Design Study; and
- (3) Pedestrian Master Plan.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.2 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

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

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.3 2001 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COLLISION SUMMARY LEAFLET.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 30, 2002) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2001 Annual Report of the Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions from January 1 to December 31, 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 aforementioned report for information.

8.4 ITE TORONTO PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLING SEMINAR, OCTOBER 7, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 8, 2002) from J. Richard Nelson, providing for information, a summary of the Pedestrian & Bicycle Seminar held by the Toronto Section of the Canadian Institute of Transportation Engineers that he attended. Part of the seminar was devoted to pedestrian topics such as: Alternative Treatments for At-Grade Pedestrian Crossings; the City's Audible Pedestrian Signal (APS) programme; and alternative pedestrian treatments.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.5 WE'RE ALL PEDESTRIANS PROJECT.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 10, 2002) from City Clerk, advising confirmation of Workshop scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 20, 2002 at City Hall, Committee Room 2 from 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m. with respect to the "We're all Pedestrians Project", 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.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.6 PEDESTRIAN AND CYCLE TRAIL CONNECTION – HUMBER BAY AND HUMBER RIVER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 25, 2002) from Ms. Madeleine McDowell, Chair, Humber Heritage Committee, providing for information, copy of correspondence sent to Chairman Dick O'Brien, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority from the Humber Heritage Committee, requesting a Pedestrian and Cycle Trail connection up the Humber to provide a link to the Lake.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.7 NEW OFFICIAL PLAN – RECOMMENDED MODIFICATIONS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 25, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Pedestrian Planning Network (PPN), providing for information, copy of letter sent to Mr. Paul Bain, Policy and Research, Urban Development Services, advising him that the review of the draft Official Plan was submitted by Ms. Swarbrick, through the newly formed Pedestrian Planning Network (PPN) and requesting the source of the submission is corrected.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.8 LAUNCH OF THE CITY OF TORONTO PEDESTRIAN CHARTER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 9, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, advising for information, that the official launch of the Pedestrian Charter will take place in the Council Chamber at City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at about 12:20 p.m. on Tuesday, October 29, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.9 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it an update (October 10, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, advising Ms. Judith Bussey, past member of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, received reply from Advertising Standards Canada regarding concerns expressed at the last meeting and submitting verbal update.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information; and requested that Ms. Bussey be congratulated and thanked for a job well done and on succeeding to have another bad advertisement taken off the air.

8.10 BILL 171 – AN ACT TO AMEND THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT RESPECTING TURN SAFETY.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 7, 2002) from Ms. Katherine MacDonald, Provincial Government Liaison Director for Non-Profit Group called the Bikers Rights Organization of Ontario, providing correspondence requesting

support with respect to a Private Member's Bill (Mr. Kormos), being Bill 171, An Act to amend the Highway Traffic Act respecting turn safety.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports in principle the effect of Bill 171 and recommends that the Works Committee request City Council to support Bill 171, a Private Members Bill to amend the Highway Traffic Act respecting turn safety, such Bill had 1st reading on June 27, 2002 in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario.

8.11 CYCLISTS ON SIDEWALKS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (September 12, 2002) from Mr. Dwight W. Poole, forwarding copy of letter sent to Mayor Lastman with respect to cyclists on sidewalks.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication. Staff advised that a report will be forwarded shortly to Works Committee with recommendations reflecting Committee's concerns with respect to increasing the fine and continuing to enhance public awareness campaign.

8.12 BY-LAW AMENDMENT TO REGULATE DRIVE-THROUGH FACILITIES IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 10, 2002) from the City Clerk (City Council), providing for information, amendment to Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 10 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "By-law Amendment to Regulate Drive-Through Facilities in the City of Toronto", which was before City Council at its meeting held on October 1, 2 and 3, 2002.

A copy of the aforementioned Clause, in its entirety, can be obtained from the Office of the City Clerk for a photocopying fee. This Clause may also be viewed via the City of Toronto's web site at: <http://www.toronto.ca>.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.13 BAN HAND-HELD CELL PHONE USE WHILE DRIVING.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a copy of a communication (October 18, 2002) to the Hon. Gerard Kennedy, from Mr. Paul Collier requesting his support for the bill before the Ontario Legislature to ban hand-held cell phone use while driving.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

8.14 CAR FREE ZONES (PEDESTRIAN STREETS).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had a discussion on future topics to be undertaken. The Committee suggested that they would like to see the car-free day extended to a car free zone in the future and requested that a pilot project be considered for areas such as Kensington Market, being an example of an area which might meet the criteria.

On motion by Councillor J. Pitfield, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends that the Works Committee request City Council to request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to report back on areas in the City of Toronto where car free zones (pedestrian streets) could be considered for a pilot project for approximately six to eight weeks in the summer months; such areas or streets to be considered should meet certain criteria, such as: narrow roads, missing sidewalks, and well used by pedestrians.

8.15 ARTICLES PROVIDED FOR INTEREST.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following articles from Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-chair, that may be of interest to the members:

- (1) "Something urban in Denmark" – The revitalization of Copenhagen and Aalborg offer hope for American Cities. (September /October 1994 – Utne Reader).
- (2) The Psychology of Jaywalking by Martha Rowen (originally posted to ebikes, the New York cyclists' Internet mailing list.)
- (3) City – William H. Whyte – Rediscovering the Centre – The Social Life of the Street.
- (4) Cities for a small country – Richard Rogers and Anne Power – topics such as: The grain of cities; Popular moderate density; Fitting the homes in; City recycling' City Centre: Historic City Centre; Derelict dock areas; Planning; Impact; Inner neighbourhoods; Remaking city spaces; and City virtues.
- (5) The Death and Life of Great American Cities – Jane Jacobs.
The uses of Sidewalks: Safety; Contact; Assimilating Children.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Co-Chair.