

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting No. 9**

**Wednesday, December 4, 2002**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, December 4, 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. Martin Abela, Scarborough  
Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre  
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto  
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB  
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street  
Mr. Crawford Murphy (Toronto Cycling Committee)  
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York  
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke  
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair

Also Present: Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Older Women's Network  
Ms. Lois James, Save the Rouge Valley System  
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street  
Mr. Garnett Martin, Past Chair, of former Audible Pedestrian Signals Advisory Group  
Mrs. Shirley Martin, former member of Audible Pedestrian Signals Advisory Group  
Mr. Peter Smith, de Toit Allsopp Hillier Consultants  
Ms. Janet Squair, de Toit Allsopp Hillier Consultants

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit  
Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit  
Mr. Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Signal Control Systems  
Mr. Steve Kemp, Senior Engineer, Traffic Signal Control Systems  
Ms. Jennifer Hyland, Assistant Planner, Transportation Planning, UDS  
Peter de Groot, Engineer, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit  
Mary Rickett, Policy and Research Officer,  
Municipal Licensing and Standards

Regrets: Mr. Igor Batuk, Toronto  
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto  
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York  
Councillor J. Pitfield  
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers

### **Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on October 23, 2002 were confirmed.

### **9.1 EGLINTON WEST PATH FUNCTIONAL DESIGN STUDY.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation (December 4, 2002). Mr. Peter de Groot, Transportation Engineer, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, introduced the Eglinton West Path Functional Design Study project. Various drawings were available for viewing before the meeting. Peter Smith, of de Toit Allsopp Hillier Consultants presented highlights of preliminary designs with respect to this project.

Mr. Smith advised that the goal of the project was to develop a functional design for separated pedestrian and off road cycling facility along Eglinton Avenue West, from Centennial Park to Bicknell Avenue, that best meets the needs for safety, convenient and enjoyment of both pedestrians and cyclists.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned presentation with respect to the Eglinton West Path Functional Design Study and requested that staff request the Consultant to come to a follow up meeting and report to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee when they have the detailed plans/drawings before the project is finalized with respect to signage, no right turns and speed limits; and request a meeting with storm water management staff.

### **9.2 NEW REGULATIONS FOR A-FRAME AND MOBILE SIGNS THROUGHOUT TORONTO.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation (December 4, 2002) from Mary Rickett, Policy and Research Officer, Municipal Licensing and Standards regarding portable signs and the new regulations for A-frame and mobile signs throughout Toronto, similar to the one made on November 20, 2002 at a public consultation meeting.

Ms. Rickett advised that Municipal Licensing and Standards and Urban Development Services are working on a joint project to develop a new City – wide Sign by-law to

harmonize all current regulations from the former cities and Metropolitan Toronto that regulate signage.

The goal for the project was to create a uniformed set of rules for industry, the public and the City and to address the concerns of the residential community and the business community to increase public safety and help beautify the streetscape of the City and that the City wanted to hear the public's view on matters such as:

- placement of signs: on main streets, side streets, sidewalks and private property;
- sufficient sidewalk/boulevard widths to allow for unobstructed pedestrian safety;
- sight line obstruction criteria;
- sign structure criteria;
- permits and liability insurance;
- location, duration and number of signs.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received that aforementioned presentation with respect to the development of a new City-wide sign by-law regarding portable signs and the new regulations for A-frame and mobile signs throughout Toronto.

### **9.3 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (November 25, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) "We're all pedestrians" Workshop;
- (2) Pedestrian Master Plan; and
- (3) E-mail address.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned staff report with respect to (1) "We're all pedestrians" Workshop of the Manager, Transportation Services to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 29, 2003.

### **9.4 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 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 October 31, 2002, showing relevant facts and trends.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

**9.5 THE PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF AN AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNAL AT THE INTERSECTION OF BRENTCLIFFE ROAD AND EGLINTON AVENUE EAST.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) report (November 7, 2002) from City Clerk (Works Committee), referring for consideration, at the request of the Chair of the Works Committee, correspondence dated July 17, 2002, from Mr. Garnett Martin, Past Chair, of the former Audible Pedestrian Signals Advisory Group, respecting the proposed installation of an audible pedestrian signal at the intersection of Brentcliffe Road and Eglinton Avenue East; and
- (2) deputation by Mr. Garnett Martin, Past Chair, of the former Audible Pedestrian Signals Advisory Group.

On a motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee commended the former Audible Pedestrian Signals Advisory Group for its work which has resulted in the installation of audible pedestrian signals at many intersections across the City, making independent mobility safer for residents and visitors who are blind, visually impaired, deaf /blind and elderly; and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee expresses its regret to the Works Committee that the members of the Advisory Group have resigned.

On a motion by Mr. Boyd Hipflner, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that Works Committee recommend to City Council that the channelized right turn (slip lane) located at the south east corner of Eglinton Avenue East and Brentcliffe Avenue be removed immediately.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee further requested that staff provide photographs of the railing (pipe barrier) located at the north east corner of Eglinton Avenue East and Brentcliffe Avenue.

**9.6 OUR FUTURE TOGETHER – A COMMUNITY BASED REVITALIZATION STRATEGY FOR ST. CLAIR WEST (WARD 17 DAVENPORT).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (November 7, 2002) from City Clerk (City Council), providing for information, amendment to Clause No. 5 contained in

Report No. 9 of The Economic Development and Parks Committee, headed “ ‘Our Future Together – A Community Based Revitalization Strategy for St. Clair West” (Ward 17 Davenport)”, which was adopted as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on October 29, 30 and 31, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Cultural and Tourism be advised that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee is very interested in being a partner on the sub-committees for beautifying St. Clair West and improving public spaces in the area and request to be involved by attending any further meetings and consultations with the working group with respect to the community based revitalization strategy for St. Clair West.

**9.7 WAIT FOR GAP - SIGNS AT CUT-THROUGH COXWELL AVENUE AND LAKESHORE BOULEVARD.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 23, 2002) from Mr. Bill Brown, member TPC, requesting that staff review the “Wait for Gap” signs at cut-through Coxwell Avenue and Lakeshore Boulevard urgently with the goal of correcting this intersection design with the safety needs of pedestrians being of paramount importance.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 29, 2003.

**9.8 WIDTH OF NEW SIDEWALK BETWEEN CARLAW AVENUE AND COXWELL AVENUE – NORTH SIDE OF LAKESHORE BOULEVARD.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 23, 2002) from Mr. Bill Brown, member TPC, requesting that staff review the width of new sidewalk between Carlaw Avenue and Coxwell Avenue – north side of Lakeshore Boulevard and strongly consider widening this sidewalk.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 29, 2003.

**9.9 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 requested that this material be referred to staff.

#### **9.10 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a request for a verbal update with respect to Advertising Standards.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee did not receive a verbal update at this meeting.

#### **9.11 WATERFRONT DEVELOPMENT CONSULTATION.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communications (November 22 and 25, 2002) from Ms. Helen Riley, (Feet on the Street) requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee consider being a stakeholder with respect to pedestrian issues on the Waterfront and request in writing to meet with the Waterfront Corporation consultants.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that the Works Committee recommends to City Council that it requests the Waterfront Corporation consultants (Attention: Ms. Kristin Jenkins) to add the Toronto Pedestrian Committee as a stakeholder and to invite the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to its next consultation meeting so that pedestrian issues will be addressed and considered as a priority.

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

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (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 its next meeting scheduled to be held on January 29, 2003.

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

Co-Chair.