

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting No. 4**

**Wednesday, May 14, 2003**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, May 14, 2003, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-Chair  
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair  
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto  
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto  
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street  
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York  
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee  
Mr. Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition  
Councillor J. Pitfield

Also Present: Ms. Sharon Manchee, Toronto Public Health  
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists  
Ms. Sue Cross, Councillor Pitfield's Assistant  
Ms. Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough  
Mr. Jeff Gillan, Corso Italia, B.I.A.  
Mr. Roger Brook, Rocket Rider  
Mr. Ken Brooks, HOK/Urbana  
Ms. Kim Storey, Brown & Storey Architects  
Mr. James Brown, Brown & Storey Architects

Staff Present: Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Transportation Services

Regrets: Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough  
Mr. Igor Batuk, Toronto  
Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre  
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB  
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York  
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke

### **Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on April 9th, 2003 were confirmed.

#### **4.1. St. Clair West TTC right-of-way – Presentation from Brown & Storey Architects**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 28, 2003) from Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-chair, advising that James Brown and Kim Storey, from Brown & Storey, Architects, will be making a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with respect to the St. Clair West Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) right-of-way.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked James Brown and Kim Storey, Brown & Storey Architects for their presentation on what is being proposed and what the alternatives may be and received the aforementioned communication.

Mr. Jeff Gillian, Corsai Italia, a member of the Business Improvement Association advised Committee that the merchants on St. Clair Avenue West are studying this area.

#### **4.2 Transportation Services Staff Update**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 30, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) We're All Pedestrians Program, advising Transportation Services staff will be posting the Request for Proposals (RFP) for the We're All Pedestrians Program in May 2003, and are anticipating selecting a consultant in June and beginning the project in July. Also the three intersection related pedestrian safety initiatives pilot projects are: Broad Pavement Markings, Passive Pedestrian Detection, Leading Pedestrian Interval.
- (2) Pedestrian Master Plan (staff provided a brief presentation on a proposed outline); and
- (3) Walk 21 – IV – Conference Portland, Oregon, May 1 – 3, 2003.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Collier, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and received a presentation and summary of a Conference attended by Mr. Daniel Egan, held in Portland, Oregon called "Walk 21", which is an annual conference whose aim is to

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bring together professionals (engineers, planners, designers, researchers, health experts), politicians and activists to share their experience in supporting and encouraging walking in the 21st Century. The underlying principle of this year's conference is the "need for a broad cultural change to move the design and operation of cities in the direction of a more human scale that is not only more liveable but safer and healthier".

A binder of materials gathered at the conference, including all the papers presented by the conference participants are available to view by contacting Daniel Egan.

#### **4.3 Bill 171, a Private Members' Public Bill to Amend the Highway Traffic Act**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 26, 2003) from the City Clerk (Works Committee), forwarding copy of a report (March 6, 2003) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services in response to a request from Works Committee with respect to a recommendation from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that City Council support Bill 171, a Private Members' Public Bill to Amend the Highway Traffic Act; advising the purpose of Bill 171 is to increase the responsibility of the driver or operator of a motor vehicle to ensure that he or she does not interfere with pedestrians, motorcycles, bicycles, motor assisted bicycles and wheelchairs when making a turn; noting that Bill 171 received First Reading in the Ontario Legislature on June 27, 2002; and recommending that the aforementioned report be received for information.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

#### **4.4 Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of ESR Addendum – Legion Road**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report communication (April 9, 2003) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, advising that the City of Toronto is initiating an Addendum to the Environmental Study Report (ESR) for the extension of Legion Road, under the Municipal Class EA process. At this time, the City will be seeking to update the approval for the addition of a westbound lane alongside the existing Park Lawn Road off-ramp from the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, between Park Lawn Road and Legion Road, and for a new bicycle and pedestrian bridge adjacent to the Park Lawn Road off-ramp across Mimico Creek. The extension of Legion Road itself will be the subject of a future Class EA Study.

Once the study is completed a Notice of filing of Addendum will be issued for the required 30-day review period. A copy of the notice and procedure for providing written comments will be mailed for your information.

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On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

**4.5 Traffic Assessment – La Rose Avenue between Royal York Road and Scarlett Road (Ward 2 – Etobicoke North and Ward 4 – Etobicoke Centre)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 28, 2003) from the City Clerk (Etobicoke Community Council) providing copy of Clause 5 of Report No. 3 of the Etobicoke Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on April 14, 15 and 16, 2003; and advising that the issue of “Pedestrian Sensitive Area” be referred to the Transportation Infrastructure Management Section, to bring forward to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for discussion.

On a motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell the aforementioned communication was deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held on June 18, 2003.

**4.5(a) Pedestrian Sensitive Areas**

Communication (April 9, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, attaching copy of deputation, for reference which includes information going back to December, 1999, a statement of the issues, and reasons why change is definitely in order; made to the Etobicoke Community Council with respect to Traffic Assessment – La Rose Avenue between Royal York Road and Scarlett Road (Ward 2 – Etobicoke North and Ward 4 – Etobicoke Centre) and proposing that this item be held for discussion.

On a motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell the aforementioned communication was deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held on June 18, 2003.

**4.6 Parking on sidewalk: City vehicle**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report communication (April 7, 2003) from Mr. William Brown, (Toronto Pedestrian Committee Member) providing copy of letter forwarded to the Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services with respect to Parking on sidewalk: City vehicle, for information.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

**4.7 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a leaflet (March 31, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics presenting an analysis of fatal collisions from January 1, 2003 to March 31, 2003.

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On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

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

Co-Chair.