

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 5

Wednesday, June 18, 2003

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, June 18, 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. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition

Also Present: Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Ms. Jacky Kennedy, Manager, Active & Safe Route to School Program

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Ms. Lisa Stern, Transportation Coordinator, PCI

Regrets: Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Mr. Igor Batuk, Toronto
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on May 14th, 2003 were confirmed.

5.1 Active & Safe Routes to School – Presentation by Jacky Kennedy.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (June 4, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan confirming that Jacky Kennedy will be making a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with respect to Active and Safe Routes to School.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked Ms. Jacky Kennedy for her presentation and received it along with the material she handed out to members with respect to the program ASRTS which encourages safe routes for children, increased physical activity, vibrant communities and cleaner air. The program is designed to assist school communities in encouraging safe and active travel to and from school throughout the year. Ms. Kennedy advised that International Walk to School Day is scheduled for October 8, 2003 and advised the members of other events they hold throughout the year such as:

September – October - Participate in International Walk to School Day (Register your school today by email at wsd@greencity.org)

Encourage a weekly or monthly Walking Wednesday. Designate the first Wednesday of every month as a Walk to School Day;

Organize a Neighbourhood Walkout. Meet with parents, principal, police, school board reps., local councillors and traffic engineers to examine and address the school safety issues;

March - Launch a No Idling Campaign. Ask parents who drive to school to turn off their engines while waiting;

Earth Day Celebrations. This is an opportunity to explore transportation choices and the environment;

May - Begin planning a Walking School Bus program for next year. Families who live on the same block/apartment building can walk in groups for safety;

June - Kick off Summer Active on Sneaker Day;

Introduce Blazing Trails classroom mapping to teachers in the Spring so that it can be worded into the curriculum for next year.

5.2 Transportation Services Staff Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (June 4, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) City Routes Newsletter (lead story Toronto Pedestrian Charter);
- (2) 2004 Transportation Capital Works Program (Preliminary list of new sidewalk installations);
- (3) Pedestrian Master Plan Strategy (Presentation outline included Current Pedestrian Policies, Programs and Services, Why a Pedestrian Strategy, What the Pedestrian Committee wants, Different Cities – Different Plans, Proposed Pedestrian Strategy Outline, Design Guidelines, 3 Key Products of the Pedestrian Strategy and Next Steps); and
- (4) We're All Pedestrians Program (Draft Campaign strategy).

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

5.3 Committee Vision Statement and Work Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick regarding Committee vision statement and work plan for discussion and proposing that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) consider developing a provisional work plan for 2004 – 2007;
- (2) suggest that the Committee work with support staff to establish next year's priorities, and that these priorities be manageable from the perspective of both Committee members and staff; and
- (3) suggest that if Committee decides to move in this direction, that persons interested in applying for appointment to the Committee be made aware in advance of the work plan and priorities for the coming year in order to ensure continuity of purpose and clarity around the goals and objectives of the Committee.

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On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on July 16, 2003.

5.4 Walking Meeting Minutes

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 15, 2003) from Mr. J. Richard Nelson forwarding copy of Walking Meeting Minutes (May 5, 2003) from Paula Waddell, Coordinator, Toronto Heart Health Partnership.

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

5.5 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 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 motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on July 16, 2003.

5.5(a). Pedestrian Sensitive Areas

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a 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 motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on July 16, 2003.

5.6. 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a Leaflet (April 30, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions from January 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned leaflet for information.

5.7. Sheppard West – Senlac T-intersection – Update and Push Button Signs

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (June 16, 2003) from Ms. Helen Hansen regarding planned changes to Senlac-Sheppard and about hazards of unframed sheet metal pedestrian signs at push buttons.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the aforementioned communication to Transportation Services staff who will respond directly to Ms. Hansen.

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

Co-Chair.