

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 7

Wednesday, September 17, 2003

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, September 17, 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
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Councillor Jane Pitfield

Also Present: Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough
Ms. Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"
Ms. Joan Doiron, "Feet on the Street"
Mr. James Brown, Brown & Storey Architects
Ms. Kim Storey, Brown & Storey Architects
Mr. Derek Ma, Ryerson University
Mr. Willy Kung, Ryerson University
Mr. Joseph DiMaria, Ryerson University
Mr. Matthew Hogg, Ryerson University
Ms. Alyson Mann, Ryerson University
Mr. Josh Tzuentarry, Ryerson University
Ms. Elizabeth Lister, Ryerson University
Mr. Brian Webb, Ryerson University
Mr. Ian Spula, University of Toronto

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Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Ms. Lisa Ing, Transportation Coordinator, PCI
Mr. Ted Holtzheur, Toronto Police Service
Ms. Ida Hersi, Toronto Public Health
Ms. Jennifer Hyland, Urban Development Services

Regrets: Mr. Igor Batuk

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on July 16th, 2003 were confirmed.

7.1 Proposed Pedestrian Safety/Awareness Campaign

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation (September 17, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, and Mr. Steve Johnston, Communications Coordinator with respect to the Proposed Pedestrian Safety/Awareness Campaign.

The Committee was advised that this campaign is just the first step in a multi-year awareness campaign to get all road users to be more careful and courteous and to encourage drivers to be more aware of pedestrians. The slogan is "Please Drive Carefully – We're All Pedestrians. The Committee was shown copies of the proposed posters to be used as the main thrust of the campaign, such posters/ advertising, will be on transit shelters and on the back of buses.

The Committee was also advised that staff would provide a proposal to the February 2004 meeting for a Spring campaign/press conference to include and reiterate "Sidewalk Safety" with the focus on cyclists, skateboarders, roller bladers on the sidewalks.

The Committee also received a briefing from Constable Ted Holtzheur, who advised that Toronto Police Service considers traffic safety as a priority and considers pedestrian safety as part of every safety campaign. The Toronto Police Service have been working with staff from the City and the schools to make everyone know safety awareness is a on-going commitment.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the briefings with respect to the proposed Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

7.2 Nominating Process

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation (September 17, 2003) from Helen Smith, Administrator, outlining the Nominating process and re-establishment of the Committee for the 2003 – 2006 term of Council. Committee was advised that early in 2004 Standing Committees would be reviewing (ABC's) advisory bodies and recommending to Council which to continue and which to disband and any needed changes to composition, mandate, etc. Staff advised that the Terms of Reference of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would require an amendment as to its composition of membership to reflect that Community Council districts as approved by Council have changed from six (6) to four (4) effective December, 2003.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned presentation and was advised that staff would prepare a proposed Terms of Reference to amend the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's membership composition to reflect four (4) citizens representatives – one from each of the new Community Council Districts (Toronto North, Toronto South, Toronto East and Toronto West) and the balance of two (2) would be added to the members at-large representatives and any other minor changes to clarify membership and help to focus and optimize the efficiency of the Committee.

7.3 Reconstruction of College Street and Croft Street

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a presentation (September 17, 2003) from James Brown and Kim Storey, of Brown + Storey, Architects with respect to the proposal by Brown + Storey Architects regarding their approach for the reconstruction of Croft Street.

Committee was advised that with the limited space of Croft Street, the intention is not to reduce and/or overly formalize the street, but to rather create a more robust and comprehensive surface and signature for all the users. The intention is also to foster a clear organization in which issues of safety, access, lighting and future infrastructure and cultural interests can be properly included. Committee was shown slides of various options in order to explore a range of themes suggesting alternatives and potential combinations which are meant as a starting point for the reconstruction of Croft Street.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned presentation.

7.4 Articles regarding the Waterfront

- (1) A glimpse of the waterfront's future; and
- (2) A pathway to rejuvenation

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned articles regarding the Waterfront.

7.5 Queen's Quay Sidewalks

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (August 25, 2003) from J. Richard Nelson, Toronto Pedestrian Committee member, thanking staff for arranging to have improvements made to the sidewalk on the north side of Queen's Quay between Bonnycastle Street and Lake Shore Boulevard.

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

7.6 Policy on Remuneration and Expense Reimbursement for City of Toronto Agencies, Boards, Commissions and Corporations

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (July 18, 2003) from City Clerk advising that the ABC Ad Hoc Committee on July 15, 2003, recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee and Council, the adoption of the report dated June 10, 2003, from the Chief Administrative Officer, recommending that:

- (1) the Remuneration Policy included as Appendix 1 to this report be approved, with an effective date coincident with the date of new board appointments in 2004;
- (2) the Expense Reimbursement Policy included as Appendix 2 to this report be approved, with an effective date coincident with the date of the new board appointment in 2004;
- (3) this report be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee and to Council for consideration; and
- (4) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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

7.7 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) Leaflet (June 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 June 30, 2003.
- (2) Leaflet (July 31, 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 July 31, 2003.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

7.8. 2002 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it, leaflets (2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2002 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions for 2002 showing relevant facts and trends from January 1, 2002 to December 31, 2002. This leaflet includes reportable collisions involving pedestrians (ie. with motorized vehicle) in the City of Toronto.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

7.9 Feet on the Street – Questions for the 2003 Toronto Election Candidates

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (September 17, 2003) from Ms. Helen Riley and Ms. Peg Lush, for Feet on the Street advising Feet on the Street has prepared a questionnaire for candidates in the upcoming municipal election. In addition, Feet on the Street hope to prepare a flyer for distribution at candidate meetings suggesting some questions that people may want to ask about pedestrian concerns in their own areas.

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

**7.10 International Messenger Appreciation Day – October 9, 2003
Toronto’s Walking Couriers and Biking Couriers (“10-9”)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a request from Mr. Wayne Scott, that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee send a letter of support to Toronto’s Walking Couriers and Biking Couriers for their Messenger Appreciation Celebration Day to be held at Dundas Square on October 9, 2003.

On a motion by Ms. Rita Brooks the Toronto Pedestrian Committee directed staff to forward a letter of support advising the Toronto Pedestrian Committee hereby gives its support to Toronto’s Walking and Biking Couriers, and especially to acknowledge Toronto’s Walking Couriers, the City’s most overworked and underpaid professional pedestrians, our unsung veteran foot-soldiers in the two decade old battle for a sustainable urban delivery system.

On Messenger Appreciation Day, Thursday, October 9, 2003, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would like to thank and acknowledge the unique and tireless contribution to a better quality of life for each and every breathing Torontonians.

7.11 Feasibility of Reserved Streetcar Right of Way

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communications:

- (a) (February 19, 2003) from the City Clerk (Works Committee), forwarding Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 1 of the Works Committee, headed “Feasibility of Reserved Streetcar Right-of-Way on St. Clair Avenue (Wards 11, 17, 21 and 22)”, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on February 4, 5, and 6, 2003 and advising that Council directed that a copy of this clause be forwarded to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for comment.
- (b) (September 10, 2003) from the Program Manager, City Planning Division, Transportation Planning regarding Notice of Study Commencement to advise area residents and other stakeholders such as the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that the Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) and City of Toronto have initiated a Class Environmental Assessment to identify and evaluate options for improved streetcar operations on St. Clair Avenue West between Gunns Road to just east of Yonge Street. The study is being undertaken according to Schedule C of the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA).

The first round of public meetings for this study will present a summary of the existing transportation problems and opportunities, future transportation demands, broad transportation solutions, screening criteria, and the proposed next steps.

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Comments received at this first round of meetings will be incorporated into the evaluation of potential transportation solutions.

The next public meetings will be held at the following locations:

Thursday, October 16, 2003

Joseph J. Piccininni Community Recreation Centre, Gymnasium
1369 St. Clair Avenue West (west of Lansdowne Avenue)

Open House Displays: drop by 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Presentation: 7:00 p.m. (followed by a facilitated discussion period)

Tuesday, October 21, 2003

Brown Community Centre, Gymnasium
454 Avenue Road (south of St. Clair Avenue West)

Open House Displays: drop by 5:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Presentation: 7:00 PM (followed by a facilitated discussion period)

On a motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the aforementioned communications and proposed recommendations for staff to consider when going through the Environmental Assessment Study from the Co-Chair were again deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held in January, 2004.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4.30 p.m.

Co-Chair.