

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, March 31, 2004

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 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. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto

Also Present: Ms. Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"
Mr. Stephen Fisher, Toronto Cycling Committee
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Ms. Janice Etter, Pedestrian Planning Network
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Mr. Matthew Gisini, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Migs Bartula, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Marco Tavernesc, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Hatim Zubair, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Andy Margaritis, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Ms. Danielle Chin, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Ms. Evi Tsangaris, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Ms. Diana Drumanar, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Ms. Morteza Alabaf, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Hadan Egeh, Ryerson University (Urban & Regional Planning)
Mr. Patrick Santoro, Concerned Citizen
Mr. Gonlul Osman, Concerned Citizen
Mr. Dylan Reid, Toronto Public Space Committee

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Ms. Lisa Ing, Transportation Coordinator, PCI
Ms. Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning
Mr. Jeff Bateman, Urban Development Services

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on February 25th, 2004 were confirmed.

Presentations.

Mr. Gary Welsh, Director, Transportation Services attended and provided Committee with a status of the winter maintenance of sidewalks.

Constable Stephen Burns, Toronto Police Services, attended and provided Committee with an update and status with respect to Operation Ped Safe and the Pedestrian Safety Squad.

2.1 Transportation Services Staff Update.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 12, 2004) from the Manager, Transportation Services, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) "We're All Pedestrians" Program – Zebra Striped Pedestrian Crossings and Status of 2004 Budget.
- (2) Kensington Market – Pedestrian Streets Proposal; and
- (3) Cycling on the Sidewalk.

On motion by Ms. Deanne Fisher, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the report for information, subject to requesting that staff consider, when reporting to the Works Committee, that the fine for prohibiting sidewalk cycling be established at \$50.00.

2.2 2004 Priorities of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 28, 2003) from Mr. J. Richard Nelson outlining some ideas/issues for the calendar year of 2004 for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for discussion.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to its next meeting on May 12, 2004.

2.3 College Street Toronto Transit Commission (T.T.C.) Island Removal

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 17, 2004) from Ms. Rita Brooks, regarding College Street Toronto Transit Commission (T.T.C.) island removal.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested staff to invite staff from the Toronto Transit Commission to provide a presentation to the TPC on this matter.

2.4 Bremner Boulevard Extension, Intersection Modification and Bridge Rehabilitation Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Commencement

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 8, 2004) from the A/Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services regarding Bremner Boulevard Extension, Intersection Modification and Bridge Rehabilitation Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Commencement.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee nominated J. Richard Nelson as the representative for the Committee and that any material regarding this matter be forwarded to him.

2.5 Meadowcliffe Drive Area Storm Drainage Study Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Completion

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 8, 2004) from the Manager, Technical Services, Design & Construction, East District, regarding Meadowcliffe Drive Area Storm Drainage Study – Class Environmental Assessment Notice of Study Completion.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

2.6 Mini-Park Benches (Pedestrian Friendly Trademark)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 2004) from Madeleine McDowell suggesting that Mini-park benches be placed in appropriate locations along main streets at the edge of the sidewalk.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee agreed that that this communication be forwarded to staff to be considered with the Pedestrian Master Plan.

2.7 Vehicles parked on sidewalks

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communications (February 28, 2004, March 12, 2004 and March 23, 2004) to Chief Fantino from Mr. William E. Brown regarding Police vehicles parked on sidewalks obstructing pedestrians' right-of-way.

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

communications.

2.8 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 29, 2004) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau submitting the 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to February 29, 2004, showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

2.9 Nominate TPC member to represent pedestrian interests on the Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group (USRAPAG)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 29, 2004) from the Program Manager, Transportation Planning Section, UDS, requesting that the Committee nominate a member to represent pedestrian interests on the Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group (USRAPAG).

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee nominated Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-Chair to represent the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group (USRAPAG) to represent pedestrian interests.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:20 p.m.

Co-Chair.