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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 3

Wednesday, May 12, 2004

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, March 12, 2004, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Rita Brooks, 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
Mr. Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition

Also Present: Ms. Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"
Ms. Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Mr. Dylan Reid, Toronto Public Space Committee
Ms. Daina Leja, Resident

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Ms. Lisa Ing, Transportation Co-ordinator, PCI
Ms. Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on March 31, 2004 were confirmed.

3.1 Transportation Services Staff Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (May 6, 2004) from the Manager, Transportation Services, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) We're All Pedestrians Program

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- (a) Zebra Striped Pedestrian Crossings;
 - (b) Leading Pedestrian Interval;
 - (c) Passive Pedestrian Detection; and
 - (d) Pedestrian Safety Campaign.
- (2) Min-Park benches.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the report for information.

3.2 2004 Priorities of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

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

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that this report be discussed when the new members are appointed later in the year.

3.3 Sidewalk Standards

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (April 25, 2004) from Ms. Helen Riley regarding Sidewalk Standards for discussion.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that:

- (1) staff and be requested to provide information on current practices and standards in Toronto;
- (2) the Pedestrian Committee review minimum widths, safe and environmentally sound surfaces, placement of street furniture (bike racks, garbage bins, benches, advertising, etc.) and trees, to make recommendations to appropriate staff and Standing Committees; and
- (3) members of the Pedestrian Committee be requested to provide information on both good and bad examples of city sidewalks, etc. to assist with its recommendations.

3.4 Union Station

Ms. Rita Brooks and Ms. Helen Riley provided a verbal update with respect to Union Station.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the verbal update regarding Union Station.

3.5 Pedestrian Master Plan Strategy

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (May 3, 2004) from Rita Brooks regarding the Pedestrian Master plan Strategy.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that this report be discussed when the new members are appointed later in the year.

3.6 Vehicles parked on sidewalks and bollards located on street corners and intersections

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it Communications from William Brown:

- (1) (April 5, 2004) to Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services regarding Works and Emergency vehicle parked on sidewalk;
- (2) (March 31, 2004) regarding steel bollards that have been placed at the corners of area intersection such as Logan / Carlaw / Queen Street East – visibility problem.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that these communications be referred to staff for report.

3.7 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) Reports (September 24, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau submitting the 2003 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions to September 30, 2003, showing relevant facts and trends; and

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- (2) Reports (March 31, 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 March 31, 2004, showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Mr. William Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that these reports be received for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Co-Chair.