

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting 7**

**Wednesday, October 20, 2004**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, October 22, 2004, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:35 p.m.

Members present: Rita Brooks, Chair  
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair  
Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre  
Deanne Fisher  
Boyd Hipfner (North York)  
Peg Lush (Feet on the Street)  
J. Richard Nelson (East York)  
Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition  
Rhona Swarbrick (Etobicoke)  
Councillor Sylvia Watson

Also Present: Sergeant Devin Kealey  
Police Constable Lee Bishop  
Mike Brady  
Justin Cox  
Aaron Dileo  
Janice Etter, Pedestrian Planning Network  
Laurel Fortin  
Peter Gugliettia  
Kenneth Leung  
Dylan Reid, *Spacing* Magazine  
Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"  
Michael Rosenberg  
Kimara Sefalsingh  
Peter Tesar  
Andre Vishart  
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services  
Lisa Ing, Transportation Planner  
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning

Regrets: Paul Collier  
Councillor Bill Saundercook  
Madeleine McDowell (York)  
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on September 22, 2004, were confirmed.

### **7.1 Ped Safe Campaign**

Committee received a presentation from Sergeant Devin Kealey, Toronto Police Services, Traffic Services and P.C. Lee Bishop, on the up coming Ped Safe Campaign and in particular "Streetcar Safety".

Committee was advised that on Monday, November 8, 2004, the Toronto Police Service will embark on the third one-week education and enforcement campaigns for 2004 entitled Operation Ped-Safe. The campaign will focus on pedestrians safely using the Toronto Transit System. It will target drivers, and cyclists whose aggressive driving habits endanger the safety of pedestrians, and to pedestrians who fail to obey traffic signs, or who fail to yield to traffic in the vicinity of TTC streetcar.

On a motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, regarding Highway Traffic Act (H.T.A.) Speeding Fines / Demerit points, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested Works and Emergency Services, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure staff to report to the January 26, 2005 Toronto Pedestrian Committee meeting on the pros and cons of increasing the speeding fines and/or demerit points and the process for doing this.

### **7.2 New Mobility Summit – September 21 to 23, 2004 – Outcome of session**

Committee received a presentation from Mr. Wayne Scott, outlining the outcome of the session of the New Mobility Summit held September 21 to 23, 2004 in Toronto.

Committee was advised that the Summit was well attended by health groups, city staff, urban planners, businesses, activists, politicians and concerned citizens and the people who attended had lots of ideas to share and open minds so that real, positive, sustainable change can happen.

The theme was – our city – our future – our decision – Be a part of the movement. The question for the summit was "How can we create a day-to-day, year-to-year process that will see cycling, walking and transit use rise, and use of the private automobile fall?"

Committee was advised that for Car Free Day (September 22, 2005) that everyone should come up with ideas that will be meaningful and create a celebration to battle automobile addiction.

### **7.3 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – Staff Update**

The Committee considered report (October 6, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, for information regarding:

- (1) Measuring Pedestrian Safety and Security at Intersections;
- (2) City of Toronto Accessibility Design Guidelines; and
- (3) Car Free Day Working Group.

On a motion by Councillor Sylvia Watson, Committee further requested staff to include the Walking Security Index (W.S.I.) based on the Ottawa model in their report to Works Committee with other potential pedestrian safety evaluation tools for assessing and measuring pedestrian safety assessment methods and security at intersections.

### **7.4 Keele Street and Wilson Avenue New Road Connection Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Study Commencement**

The Committee received communication (September 29, 2004) from Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services advising of Keele Street and Wilson Avenue New Road Connection Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Study Commencement.

### **7.5 The Committee received the following matters for information:**

- (a) Clause 34, Report 7, Policy and Finance Committee, headed: “Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies”, adopted as amended by City Council at its meeting held on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004;
- (b) report from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau submitting the 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to September 30, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;
- (c) report from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau submitting the 2004 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions to March 31, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;

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- (d) communication (September 30, 2004) from the City Clerk regarding revised meeting date for November 2004 Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and
- (e) communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk regarding new 2005 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

Committee requested that the mandate and time and place of the 2005 schedule of meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be considered when the new members have been appointed along with the appointment of the Chair position.

#### **7.6 Vehicles Parking on Sidewalks**

The Committee received communication (September 22, 2004) to the Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joan Anderton from William E. Brown regarding City vehicles parked on sidewalks obstructing the pedestrian right-of-way.

#### **7.7 Toronto's Walking Couriers**

The Committee received the communication (October 6, 2004) from the Administration Committee advising that the Committee, on October 5, 2004 referred the communication (August 3, 2004) from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to the City Clerk with a request that she report back to the Committee.

Committee requested staff to follow-up with the City Clerk as to when we can expect to have a report back with respect to this matter.

#### **7.8 Thanks and appreciation**

Committee thanked the outgoing Toronto Pedestrian Committee members for their huge contributions and efforts over the last several years and expressed their appreciation for all the successes and achievements the Committee has accomplished with their help.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Rita Brooks, Chair.