

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 8

Wednesday, November 24, 2004

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, November 24, 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
Paul Collier
Laurel Fortin
Dr. Bob Frankford
J. Richard Nelson
Helen Riley
Dylan Reid
Peter Tesar

Also Present: Roger Brook, Rocket Riders
Joan Doirion (Feet on the Street)
Janice Etter, Pedestrian Planning Network
Alex MacLean, Assistant to Councillor Rae
Stephanie Wall, University of Toronto Student
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
Lisa Ing, Transportation Planner
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning
Angie Antoniou, Transportation Services, WES
Andy Koropeski, Director, Transportation Services WES
Greg Stewart, Program Manager, Transportation Planning- UDS

Regrets: Igor Batuk
Deanne Fisher
Daina Leja
Peg Lush
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Councillor Bill Saundercook
Councillor Sylvia Watson

Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on October 20, 2004, were confirmed.

Declaration of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared an interest re Minute 8.3 “Union Station” in that he works for the firm that is the GO Transit’s project manager for the Union Station redevelopment, and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

Welcome and Introductions

The members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and staff members were welcomed and introduced. The Chair thanked everyone for attending the meeting.

Orientation and brief presentations by staff

An Orientation Binder provided by the City Clerk’s staff was distributed to members and staff provided an overview on the mandate and role of the Pedestrian Committee, the simplified procedures for advisory bodies, the City of Toronto Corporate and City Council structure.

The Project Manager, Transportation Planning – UDS presented an overview on the following Pedestrian Planning issues underway by Urban Development Services:

Toronto Official Plan – Transportation Campaign, Pedestrian Focus;
Waterfront Plan – Waterfront Pedestrian and Cycling Strategy;
Planning Projects - Union Station – Pedestrian Planning,
St. Clair Avenue Pedestrian Planning
Smart Commute Initiative

8.1 Publication Box Strategy – Beautiful City Initiative

A presentation was provided by the Director, Transportation Services, South District, and requesting input on the proposed draft by-law regarding the proposed News Vending Box Policy – Proposed Moratorium issues as requested by City Council (Clause 1a, Report 8 of Works Committee considered by City Council on October 26, 27, 28, 2004 contains the proposed by-law as Appendix A).

The Pedestrian Committee supports the direction of the draft By-law and received the presentation.

8.2 Changes in parking by-law to improve pedestrian safety

The Committee considered a communication (October 11, 2002) from J. Richard Nelson regarding changes in parking by-law to improve pedestrian safety.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Committee deferred this matter to allow Works and Emergency Services staff to consult with the Toronto Police Services and report back.

8.3 Union Station

The Co-chair briefly updated the Committee regarding the Union Station draft master plan consultation workshop.

Helen Riley provided a copy of her deputation to Administration Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee on November 1, 2004 outlining her comments on the Draft Master Plan for Union Station (November 1, 2004).

J. Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest on this matter, and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

8.4 Items for Information:

The Committee received the following:

- (a) 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 October 31, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;
- (b) communication (November 1, 2004) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) – Clause 9 of Report 9, adopted by City Council on October 26, 27, and 28, 2004 – Appointments to Toronto Pedestrian Committee.
- (c) communication (November 14, 2004) from Helen Hansen, addressed to Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation, requesting information on “Signs in Parks” and if there are plans to have direction signs and location signs in parks, at entrances and throughout the park, for public safety and especially important in cases of emergency.
- (d) communication (November 14, 2004) from Helen and Robert Hansen, addressed to Acting General Manager, Traffic Services Division, requesting information on “the safety of Yellow sheet-metal signs for pedestrians at crossings and if there

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are plans to have the pedestrian signs mounted close to the post, by bending back and fastened at four corner points, for public safety reasons.

- (e) communication (November 22, 2004) from the Committee Secretary, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, advising Committee of the proposed 2005 City of Toronto Budget deliberation meeting schedule for the City of Toronto standing committees.

8.5 2005 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Committee requested that Communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk regarding new 2005 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be deferred to the January 2005 meeting.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Rita Brooks, Chair.