



**TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
AGENDA
MEETING 4**

Date of Meeting: Wednesday, May 11, 2005

Time: 1:30 p.m.

Location: Committee Room 4
2nd Floor, City Hall

Enquiry: Betty Bushe

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Under the *Municipal Act, 2001*, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, must adopt a motion to meet In-camera (privately) and the reason must be given.

Declarations of Interest under the *Municipal Conflict Of Interest Act*.

Confirmation of Minutes – April 6, 2005

Speakers/Presentations

2:00 p.m.

- Item 1. Joanna Musters, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning and
Scott Duggan, TTC Project Manager
St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project

3:00 p.m.

- Item 2. Kathleen Llewellyn Thomas, Director of Development Engineering
Traffic Services
Development Infrastructure and Policy Standards Project

3:30 p.m.

- Item 4. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Infrastructure Unit
Transportation Services
Pedestrian Assessment Tools

Communications/Reports:

1. St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project

(Presentation)

(60 Minutes)

Presentation by the Joanna Musters, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning and Scott Duggan, TTC Project Manager on the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Project.

Communication (April 20, 2005 from Helen Riley, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, recommending the following motion:

“**WHEREAS** the City's overview summary of the Environmental Assessment study says, ‘Upgrading transit service on St. Clair Avenue West, by giving priority to streetcars, indicates a commitment to reducing auto-dependency and creating a more liveable, people-friendly, attractive and sustainable City improved streetcar service on St. Clair Avenue West supports the land use planning objectives of seeing this corridor develop as a vibrant, mixed-use Avenue where the emphasis is more on the quality of the pedestrian environment than on the accommodation of traffic’; and

WHEREAS contrary to this overview, pedestrians are being squeezed into whatever space is left over after vehicles have been accommodated; and

WHEREAS the current plans for St. Clair Avenue West call for sidewalk cuts of up to 3.6m., leaving reconstructed sidewalks of only 2.0 m. at major intersections; and

WHEREAS a sidewalk width at intersections of 2.0 m. is not sufficient for a major road and a transit route, bad enough in summer, but in winter there is nowhere to put the snow; and

WHEREAS the transit platforms are not all 2.4m wide as recommended for accessibility; and

WHEREAS pedestrians have to cross seven lanes of vehicles in order to cross St. Clair Avenue West without adequate safety islands; and

WHEREAS it is possible to have a dedicated streetcar lane and a people-friendly environment by reducing the space allocated to through vehicular traffic; and

WHEREAS Councillors in approving the study decided on ‘Preserving the current sidewalk width on St. Clair Avenue West as a key guiding principle in the detailed design work’;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests the Works Committee to ensure that sidewalk widths on St. Clair Avenue West remain at least at their current widths at intersections - in order to provide safe areas for pedestrians waiting to cross, to reduce the distance required to cross the street, and to permit the incorporation of trees and benches on the sidewalk.”

2. Development Infrastructure and Policy Standards Project

(Presentation)

(30 Minutes)

Presentation by Kathleen Llewellyn-Thomas, Director of Development Engineering, Technical Services on Development Infrastructure and Policy Standards Project.

Communication (April 20, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on April 12, 13 and 14, 2005, considered report 3, Clause 15 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed, “Development Infrastructure Policy and Standards Review”, and directed that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be consulted as one of the stakeholders and that a copy of the Clause be forwarded to the Committee for information.

3. Guidelines for Drive-Through Establishments

(Deferred from the April 6, 2005 meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.)

(5 Minutes)

No written material.

4. Transportation Services Pedestrian Projects – Staff Update

(Presentation)

(20 Minutes)

Presentation by Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services, on Pedestrian Assessment Tools

Communication (April 27, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation services, providing, for information, a review of pedestrian assessment tools and 2006 new sidewalk installations.

5. Working Groups

(20 Minutes)

- (i) Promoting Walking;
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping; and
- (iii) Pedestrian Safety.

6. Updates – Committee Members

(15 Minutes)

7. Designated Senior Staff Person on Pedestrian Issues

(10 Minutes)

Communication (April 27, 2005) from Joan Doiron, Chair, Feet on the Street, requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommend to the Works Committee that City Council designate a existing senior staff person be put in charge immediately of the pedestrian realm in order to beautify and make the streets of the City of Toronto walkable, as part of the staff changes after April 15, 2005.

8. Item for Information

(5 Minutes)

Communication (April 14, 2005) from William E. Brown concerning pedestrian safety and a vehicle operated by the Toronto Hydro Electric System Limited.