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**TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
MEETING 5**

**Date of Meeting:** Wednesday, June 8, 2005  
**Time:** 1:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 4  
2<sup>nd</sup> 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 – May 11, 2005

**Speakers/Presentations**

**2:00 p.m.**

Item 1. Melanie Hare, Principal, Urban Strategies  
Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

**2:30 p.m.**

Item 2. Robyn Reisler, President, Segway Ontario  
Segways on Sidewalks

**3:30 p.m.**

Item 3. Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator and  
Kevin Vibert, Senior Analyst, Solid Waste Management Services  
Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Three-Month Test Project

**Communications/Reports:**

**1. Toronto Waterfront Revitalization**

**(Presentation)**

**(30 Minutes)**

Presentation by Melanie Hare, Principal, Urban Strategies on the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization.

No written material.

**2. Segways on Sidewalks**

**(Presentation)**

**(60 Minutes)**

Presentation by the Robyn Reisler, President, Segway Ontario on Segways on Sidewalks.

Communication (April 27, 2005) advising the Toronto Pedestrian Committee of the following action taken by the Works Committee at its meeting on April 27, 2005:

- (1) referred the communication from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to the City Solicitor for a report to the Works Committee on all aspects with respect to the use and regulation of Segways, and the use of Segways in other jurisdictions; and
  - (2) suggested that Segway Ontario discuss with the Toronto Pedestrian Committee the concerns expressed in that Committee's communication of April 11, 2005.
- 2(a).** Communication (undated) from Margaret Noble requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee sanction the use of segways on sidewalks.
- 2(b).** Communication (May 8, 2005) from Pam Prescott advising that segways do not belong on sidewalks.

**3. Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Three-Month Test Project**

**(Presentation)**

**(30 Minutes)**

Presentation by Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator and Kevin Vibert, Senior Analyst, Solid Waste Management Services on the Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Three-Month Test Project.

Communication (April 29, 2005) from Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator advising that Kevin Vibert, Senior Analyst, Solid Waste Management Services would like to make a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at its June 8, 2005 meeting on the Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Three-Month Test Project

**4. Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – Staff Update**

**(30 Minutes)**

Communication (May 31, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services, providing, for information, a review of the impacts of the railing installation to pedestrian crossing activity on Bay Street, south of Front Street, and the reporting of road problems.

**5. Designated Senior Staff Person on Pedestrian Issues**

**(Deferred from the May 11, 2005 meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.)**

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.

**6. Working Groups**

(i) Promoting Walking:

(a) Meeting Notes – April 20, 2005;

(ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping; and

- (iii) Pedestrian Safety:
  - (a) Update 2 – May 24, 2005.

**7. Toronto Pedestrian Committee Views on Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition**

Communication (May 25, 2005) from J. Richard Nelson, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, requesting that the following points of interest regarding the Nathan Phillips Square design competition be referred for information and review to the Working Groups, with a request to report back to the Committee:

- (1) Nathan Phillips Square invites people to cross Queen Street mid-block:
  - (a) an underground passage is provided between the parking garage and the Sheraton Centre, but it mostly used by those destined to or originating from the PATH network;
  - (b) an overhead crossing was provided but is now closed. Its fate is presumably tied to the fate of the overhead walkway;
  - (c) ways of making Queen Street more crossable - such as a median – should be investigated as part of the square's revitalization. Queen Street does seem to have sufficient width for a median, though it would require the streetcar tracks to be reconfigured; and
  - (d) access to Nathan Phillips Square from the south would be greatly improved if the use of the Queen Street frontage as a parking bay for buses and hot-dog vendors was reduced;
- (2) the slip lane from southbound Bay Street to westbound Queen Street should be removed or, failing that, made safer and more comfortable for pedestrians by, e.g, making it squarer;
- (3) the crossing of Bay Street at Albert Street requires a clumsy grade change on the west side, which should be improved;
- (4) the west side of Bay Street from Queen to Hagerman street is not well provisioned with a sidewalk, and indeed lacks a sidewalk north of Albert Street. The Bay Street entrance to the parking garage poses a challenge, but this side of Bay Street might be made more inviting or convenient to pedestrians;
- (5) the intersection of Bay & Hagerman streets, including access to underground services, is not designed for safe pedestrian crossing. It should be improved;

- (6) the intersection of Armoury & Chestnut streets should be a gateway to Nathan Phillips Square for pedestrians and cyclists, with its peculiar geometry, unclear sightlines, and entrance to the parking garage, should be improved for pedestrians;
- (7) the lane between Nathan Phillips Square and Osgoode Hall north from Queen Street engenders many pedestrian/motor vehicle conflicts, particularly as vehicles try to enter or leave Queen Street. Better approaches for vehicular access should be instituted; and
- (8) the entrance of the parking garage on Queen Street engenders many pedestrian/motor vehicle conflicts. Improved design might mitigate this.

#### **8. Toronto Seniors' Forum – Community Consultations**

Communication (May 6, 2005) from the Community Resources Unit, inviting the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to participate in the Toronto Seniors' Forum, Community Consultation meeting on May 16, 2005 and October 19, 2005, and complete the Survey.

#### **9. Accept Resignation and Appoint a Nominations Sub-Committee**

No written material.

#### **10. Updates – Committee Members**

#### **11. Items for Information**

- (a) Communication (May 2, 2005) from Toronto Transit Commission inviting Members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to participate in the Toronto Transit Commission Equity and Human Rights Sub-Committee on Tuesday June 28, 2005 in Committee Room 2, City Hall at 9:30 a.m.;
- (b) April 2005 Fatal Collision Summary, Transportation Services Traffic Management Centre Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau; and
- (c) January 1 to December 31, 2004 Pedestrian Collision Summary, Transportation Services Traffic Management Centre Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau.



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**7. Toronto Pedestrian Committee Views on Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition**

**7(a).** City of Toronto Website Material on Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition.

**12. Wheelchair User Safety on Toronto Sidewalks and Streets**

Communication (undated) from Jean McLeod informing the Toronto Pedestrian Committee of safety concerns for wheelchair users on Toronto's sidewalks and streets.