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**TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE  
AGENDA  
MEETING 6**

**Date of Meeting:** Thursday, July 14, 2005

**Time:** 9:30 a.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 – June 8, 2005

Speakers/Presentations

9:45 a.m.

Item 1. Rita Brooks, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee and  
Gord Brown, Harbord Village Residents Association  
College Street Lessons Learned

**Communications/Reports:**

**1. College Street Lessons Learned**

**(Presentation)**

**(45 Minutes)**

Presentation by Rita Brooks, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee and Gord Brown, Harbord Village Residents Association on College Street Lessons Learned.

Communication (May 6, 2005) advising that Gord Brown, Harbord Village Residents Association would like to make a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at its June 8, 2005 meeting on College Street Lessons Learned.

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

**(30 Minutes)**

**(Deferred from the May 11, 2005 and June 8, 2005 meetings 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.

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

**(10 Minutes)**

**(Referred from the June 8, 2005 meetings of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with a request for reports from the Working Groups.)**

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 and 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.

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

**4. 2006 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**(15 Minutes)**

Communication (June 15, 2005) from J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee requesting a discussion of suitable dates, times and meeting locations for the 2006 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto pedestrian Committee.

**5. Appointments to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

(a) Communication (June 17, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council appointed Councillor Bill Saundercook to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for a term of Office ending November 30, 2006, at its meeting on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005.

(b) Communication (June 20, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council appointed Joan Doiron to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for a term of Office ending November 30, 2006, at its meeting on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005.

**6. Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy**

**(10 Minutes)**

Communication (June 16, 2005) requesting the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, approve the following motion concerning a comprehensive air quality strategy for the City of Toronto:

“WHEREAS pedestrians are all affected by the quality of air in the City of Toronto; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports the comprehensive air quality strategy, and in particular Recommendations 11 to 16 which directly affect pedestrians;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that it be included in the planned public consultation in October/November 2005;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Executive Director, Technical Services, be requested to report on the status of the implementation of Recommendation 14;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be involved in the feasibility study noted in Recommendation 14, through its Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping Working Group.”

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

**(10 Minutes)**

Communication (July 5, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services, providing, for information, a review of zebra markings/gridlock box and the pedestrian safety campaign.

**8. Working Groups**

**(15 Minutes)**

- (i) Promoting Walking:
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:
  - Response to DIPS Review of Local Road Standards; and
- (iii) Pedestrian Safety:

**9. Segways on Sidewalks**

**(15 Minutes)**

- (a) Communication (June 23, 2005) from Councillor Saundercook, regarding Briefing on his Segway Experience for Pedestrian Committee Members and Invitation to Ride a Segway; and
- (b) Communication (June 23, 2005) from Pam Prescott, regarding Segways on Sidewalks.

**10. Updates – Committee Members**

**(15 Minutes)**

**11. Items for Information**

- (a) Communication (June 25, 2005) from Lela Gary, regarding “Municipal Planning and Anticipating the Future”;
- (b) May 2005 Fatal Collision Summary, Transportation Services Traffic Management Centre Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau;
- (c) January 1 to December 31, 2004 Cyclist Collision Summary, Transportation Services Traffic Management Centre Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau; and
- (d) News release (July 4, 2005) from the Toronto Police Services on Project Wheelie.



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ADDED STARTERS  
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**Communications/Reports:**

**1. College Street Lessons Learned**

**1(a).** College Street Revitalization Initiative – Presentation Materials to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

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

**2(a).** Planning for People - Policy Framework for Implementation of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter – Draft 2 (July 11, 2005) from Feet on the Street.

**9. Segways on Sidewalks**

**9(c).** Communication (July 5, 2005) from Nathan Loeppky, in opposition to Segways on Sidewalks.

**9(d).** Communication (July 11, 2005) from William E. Brown, in opposition to Segways on Sidewalks.