



**ROUNDTABLE ON A BEAUTIFUL CITY
MINUTES
MEETING 5**

Date of Meeting: Monday, November 1, 2005 **Enquiry:** Maria Kolominsky
Time: 6:00 p.m. **Committee Secretary**
Location: Committee Room 2 **416-392-1147**
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Toronto M5H 2N2

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Members

Present: Deputy Mayor Sandra Bussin, Chair Anthony C. Coombes Philip Goodfellow Ian Leventhal Alun Lloyd IanJoe Lobko Katrina Miller Palwashe Mohammed Janet Rosenberg Anne Swarbrick Councillor Peter Milczyn Councillor Howard Moscoe Councillor Jane Pitfield	Absent: Joe Abbinante Jeanne Beker Joe Berridge Matthew Blackett Jack Diamond Marjorie HARRIS Roberto Martella Karen Mills David Mirvish Matthew Teitelbaum Mike Yorke Councillor Peter Li Preti
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The meeting convened at 6:00 p.m. with a tour of Nathan Phillips Square.

There were no declarations of interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

Confirmation of Minutes – May 30, 2005 - *Confirmed*

1. Wrap up from September 12, 2005 Goal-setting Discussion

Mr. John Schafter, gave a presentation in regard to the Roundtable's Goal-setting Discussion on September 12, 2005.

The Roundtable referred each of the priorities to the appropriate Sub-Committee and amended the piece to make it more far reaching and have a wider scope than just simply downtown.

The Roundtable referred this to the Sub-Committees with a request that they provide the Roundtable with their comments for an action plan at the December meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

2. Renewal of Mandate of the Clean Streets Working Group

Communication (June 29, 2005) from the Works Committee recommending that the attached report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services on the Renewal of Mandate for the Clean Streets Working Group to the Roundtable on a Beautiful city, with a request that the Roundtable submit its comments to the Works Committee on the implications of the Working Group becoming a sub-group of the Roundtable, including the mandate, composition and reporting relationship of the Clean Streets Working Group.

The Roundtable requested the Chair to forward the following recommendations to the Works Committee for consideration at its meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005:

That:

- 1. formal authority for the Clean Streets Working Group be re-established until the end of the current term of Council;*
- 2. a Member of Council who sits on the Roundtable on a Beautiful City be appointed to the Clean Streets Working Group to act as Chair;*
- 3. a Member of the Works Committee be appointed to the Clean Streets Working Group;*
- 4. the existing Members of the Clean Streets Working Group, as set out in the report (June 27, 2005) from the General Manager, Solid Waste Management Services, from the public and private sector and City staff be re-appointed; and*
- 5. the reporting relationship of the Clean Streets Working Group be amended so that it reports to the Roundtable on a Beautiful City, and that matters be reported to the Works Committee for information.*

3. Third Party Advertising and the Proliferation of Signs

Communication (September 9, 2005) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West, regarding the issue of third party advertising and suggesting that the Roundtable on a Beautiful City engage in advocacy and education.

The Roundtable:

- (a) *referred Item 3 and the existing system of sign approvals and authorities to the Policy, Procedures and Practices Sub-Committee of the Roundtable for consideration;*
- (b) *requested that the Don Mills Residents' Association, and Mathew Blackett, be invited to participate at the meeting; and*
- (c) *that Councillor Joe Mihevc be invited to the meeting to provide additional details.*

4. St. Clair Right of Way Urban Design Project

Communication (August 25, 2005) from Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's West, addressed to Mr. Jim Teeple, Superintendent, Streetcar Way, Toronto Transit Commission, proposing that no newspaper boxes be allowed throughout the entire length of St. Clair, except at the entrance to the subway station at St. Clair Avenue West, and requesting the Roundtable on a Beautiful City to endorse this proposal.

The Roundtable received this matter.

5. Proposed Graffiti Abatement Strategy

Communication (October 3, 2005) from the City Clerk forwarding Planning and Transportation Committee Report 7, Clause 6, titled "Proposed Graffiti Abatement Strategy 'Clean Team' Operations – Anti Graffiti Coatings", which was adopted by City Council on September 28, 29, and 30, 2005.

The Roundtable received this matter for information.

6. Co-ordinated Street Furniture Program

Communication (August 2, 2005) from the City Clerk forwarding Works Committee Report 7, Clause 6, titled "Co-ordinated Street Furniture Program (All Wards)" which was considered by City Council on July 19, 20, 21 and 26, 2005.

The Roundtable received this matter for information.

REPORTS

Sub-Committees of the Roundtable

7. Parks, Renaissance and Urban Streets

- Street Trees and Ravines

The Roundtable requested the Chair to forward the following recommendation to the Works Committee for consideration at its meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005, and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration at its meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005:

That the recommendations contained in communication from Ms. Janet Rosenberg, Chair, Parks Renaissance and Urban Streets Sub-Committee, be referred to the Works Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration with the 2006 budget process.

Ms. Janet Rosenberg, Chair, Parks Renaissance and Urban Streets Sub-Committee, gave a presentation on this matter.

8. City Processes, Policies and Standards

- Nathan Phillips Square
- City Procurement Policies

A. The Roundtable on a Beautiful City on November 1, 2005, requested the Chair to forward the following recommendations to the Joint Meeting of the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Administration Committee for consideration on Monday, November 7, 2005:

- 1. That, subject to the balance of the recommendations listed below, that City Council support the renewal of Nathan Phillips Square in general accordance with the principles for restoration and enhancement outlined in the report (October 26, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, and allocate an appropriate budget to ensure the effective implementation of the adopted plan and design for the renewal.*

2. *That a Management Board or Committee of Stewards be established immediately, chaired by a Member of City Council, and in advance of efforts to renew Nathan Phillips Square, to review and provide advice on the ongoing maintenance and activities on Nathan Phillips Square, with a view to restoring its dignity, and providing ongoing stewardship. Such a Management Board would represent a broad range of community interest, including individuals with a strong sense of the history of the Square, its design origins, as well as its future potential.*

This Management Board would also act as a resource for reviewing the Terms of Reference for the renewal of the Square, to provide a forum in which interested parties can keep abreast of developments related to the renewal of the Square, for providing support to the jury established for selection of the winning design, and for ensuring that the selected design is effectively implemented.

3. *That the Terms of Reference for the renewal be developed further to expand upon those elements of the Square that are to be ‘restored or renewed’, rather than ‘transformed’, so that it is clear to all competitors what the limits of change are, and so that the competitors are aware of the expanded activities envisaged by the City through renewal. In general terms, the area with the elevated walkways is to be restored and renewed, while the area outside of the elevated walkways may be subject to a more significant transformation and that this territory include the roof podium, the zone along Bay Street, Queen Street, the entire west side of the Square, as well as the rear section of City Hall, along Hagerman Street. The existing elevated walkways would generally form the transition between the areas of restoration and renewal and transformation.*
4. *That particular attention be paid to the history of “The Ward”, i.e. the precinct in and around City Hall, and elements be incorporated into the project to illustrate and reflect the history of The Ward and its environs.*
5. *That the two stage design competition process outlined in the report (October 26, 2005) from the Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer, be supported based on the following comments and possible adjustments:*
 - (a) *That while this project will combine both areas of renewal and transformation, and includes significant technical challenges, that it is in the public interest to support a limited design competition process rather than a conventional RFP process. That while we would expect that*

design solutions within the area of the elevated walkways would be similar amongst all of the competitors (based on preliminary Terms of Reference and Heritage Report), that the programmatic renewal of the elevated walkways, the potential re-positioning of the Peace Garden, the placement and design of the proposed stage, the enhancement of the PATH system, the transformation of the substantial areas of existing soft landscape and the relationship of the Square to all adjacent streetscapes and Osgoode Hall, provides sufficient programmatic scope as to warrant the range of design consideration which is the intended outcome of a design competition.

- (b) That the first stage proponents include both an architect and a landscape architect on each team. That while design teams should be encouraged to include a broad multi-disciplinary approach in the first stage, this will be subject to the realities of the number of available specialist consultants, in areas such as heritage and transportation. Therefore, team composition could be subject to jury review and adjustment prior to confirmation of second stage team selection.*
- (c) That requirements for the first stage submission be limited in nature, but sufficient to allow the competition jury (and not a committee comprised of City staff), in consultation with the Management Board, to select from 3 to 5 teams to proceed to the second stage.*
- (d) That the jury be of the highest caliber and include strong local representation.*
- (e) That second stage proponents be required to attend a briefing session at the beginning of this stage, organized by the professional advisor and City staff, intended to provide competitors with a detailed review of program requirements, existing site conditions and constraints (including approaches to the first parking level), a presentation by the City's Heritage Consultant, and other matters critical and relevant to the renewal of the Square.*
- (f) That an exhibition of the second stage finalists be organized and that all second stage competitors be asked to present their work in a public forum, prior to the final jury selection.*
- (g) That the design competition potentially include consideration of additional building programs (e.g. meeting*

space, childcare) on the third floor of City Hall, as well as the possible re-opening of the rooftop observatory.

- (h) That competitors be directed to consider the staging and phasing possibilities of the work with regard to the practicalities of implementation and capital costs required.*
- (i) That the project demonstrate best practices with regard to sustainable design.*

Mr. Joe Lobko, Chair, City Processes, Policies and Standards Sub-Committee, gave a presentation to the Roundtable on the Renewal of Nathan Phillips Square.

B. The Roundtable requested the Chair to forward the following recommendations to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration at its meeting on Monday, November 7, 2005, and the Works Committee for consideration at its meeting on Tuesday, November 8, 2005:

- 1. That a Design Review Panel composed of design professionals be established by the City to review all major City and TTC infrastructure projects, including Environmental Assessment programs;*
- 2. That this panel be consulted at the inception of projects to ensure that adequate design consideration and budget is given with respect to urban design considerations within the development and design of the plan or terms of reference;*
- 3. That projects be reviewed through their development and the Design Review Panel make recommendations to City Council on the urban design and landscaping aspects of a project including budgetary needs for implementation;*
- 4. That the development of designs or terms of reference for major projects be led by a multi-disciplinary staff steering group;*
- 5. That the Chief Planner be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on the appropriate percentage of the budget to be assigned to each re-construction project for landscaping; and*
- 5. That the Deputy City Manager report to the Policy and Finance Committee on the implementation of these processes at its meeting on November 22, 2005.*

Mr. Alun Lloyd gave a presentation on behalf of the Parks Renaissance and Urban Streets Sub-Committee and the City Processes, Standards and Practices Sub-Committee, regarding Infrastructure Projects – Design Review.

9. Neighbourhood Beautification

Ian Leventhal and Elyse Parker provided an update on the Neighbourhood Beautification project.

10. Next Meeting -

*Tuesday, December 13, 2005,
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.,
Committee Room No. 2, 2nd Floor,
City Hall.*

The Roundtable confirmed the date of its next meeting as noted above.

11. Proposed Schedule of Meetings for 2006

The Roundtable approved the following proposed 2006 Schedule of Meetings:

*Monday, January 16, 2006
6:00 p.m.,
Committee Room No. 2,
2nd Floor, City Hall*

*Monday, April 3, 2006,
6:00 p.m.,
Committee Room No. 1,
2nd Floor, City Hall*

*Monday, June 19, 2006,
6:00 p.m.,
Committee Room No. 2,
2nd Floor, City Hall*

*Wednesday, September 6, 2006,
6:00 p.m.,
Committee Room No 1,
2nd Floor. City Hall*

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Chair.