

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 1

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, January 26, 2005, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Rita Brooks, Chair
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair
Laurel Fortin
Dr. Bob Frankford
J. Richard Nelson
Helen Riley
Dylan Reid
Peter Tesar
Deanne Fisher
Daina Leja
Councillor Bill Saundercook

Also Present: Joan Doirion (Feet on the Street)
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Janice Etter, Pedestrian Planning Network and U.S.P.A.G.
Rhona Swarbrick, Pedestrian Planning Network

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure
Transportation Services
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning
Jacqueline White, Manager, Traffic Operations, WES
Tim Laspa, UDS, Transportation Planning
Jeff Bateman, UDS, Transportation Planning
Karolina Ivankovic, Legislative Assistant, Councillor Watson

Regrets: Igor Batuk
Peg Lush
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Councillor Sylvia Watson

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

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on November 24, 2004, were confirmed.

Communications/Reports:

1.1 Election of Chair – Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Secretary asked for nominations for chair. Ms. Helen Riley and Mr. J. Richard Nelson were nominated.

There being no further nominations, the Secretary declared nominations closed.

Ms. Helen Riley and Mr. J. Richard Nelson were unanimously elected Co Chairs of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, expiring November 30, 2006, until his or her successor is appointed.

The following communications were received:

- (a) (November 25, 2004) from Helen Riley nominating herself for Chair.
- (b) (November 29, 2004) from J. Richard Nelson nominating himself for Chair.

The Pedestrian Committee congratulated the new Co-Chairs.

1.2 South District Transportation Operations Pedestrian Crossing Safety at Bay Street and Front Street

The Manager, Traffic Operations, Works & Emergency Services, South District Transportation Operations made a presentation regarding Pedestrian Crossing Safety at Bay Street and Front Street in that thousands of pedestrians cross between Union Station and the Go Transit Bus Terminal at grade instead of using the overpass to transfer between facilities to purchase tickets.

- A. On Motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested staff to urge GO Transit to install a ticket dispenser for passengers where the passengers have to board the buses.
- B. On Motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested GO Transit to close Bay Street, south of Front Street, to vehicles in order to provide safe pedestrian passage across Bay Street and a pedestrian walkway linking downtown to the waterfront.

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1.3 Transportation Services – Pedestrian Services and Programs

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, made a presentation regarding Pedestrian Services and Programs.

On motion by Rita Brooks, the Pedestrian Committee received the presentation.

1.4 2005 Transportation Services Pedestrian Projects – Staff Update

The Committee considered a report (January 13, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure regarding some of the major pedestrian-related initiatives underway or planned for 2005 by Transportation Services, such as:

- (1) Missing Sidewalk Program;
- (2) We're All Pedestrians Program; and
- (3) Other Pedestrian and Traffic Safety Initiatives.

On motion by Rita Books, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that this report be received for information.

1.5 Steps in the Right Direction – Report by “Feet on the Street” 10 Year Anniversary

The Committee considered a Draft Report (January 11, 2005) from Helen Riley and Joan Doiron by Feet on the Street, titled “Steps in the Right Direction.

- (a) Copy of letter (March 25, 1995) from Helen Riley, for Feet on the Street to Commissioners of Planning and Transportation, Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto.
- (b) Copy of Appendix /Action (December 14, 2004)

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that these reports be deferred to the meeting on March 2, 2005 to allow time for the members to review same so that a meaningful discussion can take place at that time.

1.6 Toronto Pedestrian Committee – 2005 Schedule of Meetings

The Committee considered a communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk regarding new 2005 Schedule of Meetings for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee adopted the 2005 Schedule of Meetings.

1.7 Toronto Waterfront Revitalization

The Committee considered a communication (January 6, 2005) from the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation inviting the TPC to a special stakeholder forum on January 27th, 2005 to discuss its largest public space initiative, Lake Ontario Park. This park is being planned for the Port Lands south of Unwin Avenue between Eastern Gap and Ashbridges Bay and includes Cherry Beach, the Outer Harbour and Tommy Thompson Park / Leslie Street Spit.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that Rita Brooks be nominated to represent the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at the stakeholder forum on January 27, 2005.

1.8 Union Station Draft Master Plan, 61 – 71 Front Street West (Ward 28 -Toronto Centre-Rosedale)

The Committee considered a Communication (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding a copy of Clause 1, Report 1, Administration Committee and Planning and Transportation Committee titled “Report on the Union Station Draft Master Plan, 61 – 71 Front Street West (Ward 28 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale)” advising that City Council on November 30, December 1, and 2, 2004, considered this clause, and a copy is attached for your information or appropriate action.

- (a) Communication (December 28, 2004) from Helen Riley forwarding copy of report (December 15, 2004) to Planning and Transportation Committee from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services regarding Union Station Precinct Urban Design Study Budget Submission.

- (b) Communication from GO Transit advising of Notice of Study Commencement – Georgetown/Weston Rail Corridor Expansion (Union Station to Bramalea Go Station including the Union Station to Pearson Airport Air Rail Link).

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that this communication be deferred to the meeting on March 2, 2005 and that staff from Urban Development Services be invited to attend at that time and provide an update and status on where they are now with respect to Union Station and how the Pedestrian Committee can be involved.

1.9 Specifications with respect to driving ramps on new sidewalks

The Committee considered a Communication (January 5, 2005) from Councillor Mihevc to the Acting Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services requesting that the matter be reviewed and resolved and if not that a report with input from the Pedestrian Committee, be forwarded to the Works Committee.

On motion by Peter Tesar, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended that this communication be referred to the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure to provide a status report.

1.10 Items for Information:

The Committee received the following for information:

- (a) communication (December 13, 2004) from the Office of the Director of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board advising that Trustee Angela Kennedy has been appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for the term commencing December 1, 2004 through November 30, 2006.
- (b) 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 November 30, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;
- (c) 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 December 31, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;

- (d) report from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau submitting the 2004 Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions to June 30, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends.

1.11 College West Revitalization – Harbord Village Ratepayers Association (HVRA) Urban Design Proposal

Committee received a presentation by Dr. Bob Frankford regarding the College West Revitalization Urban Design Proposal and provided copies of the Sidewalk programming zone proposals (January 2005).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee notes with satisfaction the state of redevelopment of College Street between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, which it is pleased to have supported in 2000. The Pedestrian Committee recognizes the continuing involvement of the Harbord Village Resident's Association and encourage similar local initiatives in planning and developing Toronto neighbourhoods.

On a motion by Dr. Bob Frankford, the Pedestrian Committee supports:

- (1) a pedestrian clearway on both the north and south sides of College Street between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street with a minimum width of 2.1 metres from tree pit to building front, in order to make the College Street development more user friendly and to make a pedestrian priority component; and
- (2) the option of patio uses on the curb side for businesses, as a way of adding to the area as a pedestrian destination.

Deanne Fisher abstained from the vote.

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

Rita Brooks, Chair.