

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting 2**

**Wednesday, March 2, 2005**

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

Members Present:

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair  
Helen Riley, Co-Chair  
Rita Brooks  
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network  
Laurel Fortin  
Dr. Bob Frankford  
Dylan Reid  
Peter Tesar  
Deanne Fisher  
Daina Leja  
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee  
Wayne Scott, Feet on the Street  
Councillor Sylvia Watson

Regrets:

Igor Batuk  
Councillor Bill Saundercook  
Paul Collier

Also Present:

Joan Doirion (Feet on the Street)  
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists  
Janice Etter, Pedestrian Planning Network and U.S.P.A.G.  
Rhona Swarbrick, Pedestrian Planning Network  
Cam Miller, St. Lawrence Neighborhood Association  
Martin Abela  
David J. Scott, T2000 Ont.  
Lee-Ann Bishop, Toronto Police Service

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Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure  
Transportation Services  
Lisa Ing, Transportation Planner  
Tim Laspa, Program Manager, UDS, Transportation Planning  
Angus Cranston, Senior Planner, Community Planning South District  
Jeff Bateman, Senior Planner, Community Planning, Transportation  
Peter De Groot, Transportation Engineer, Works & Emergency Services

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on January 26, 2005, were confirmed.

**Moment of Silence for Peg Lush**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee held a moment of silence in honour of Peg Lush. Helen Riley advised that a tree would be planted in her honour to be co-ordinated by Councillor Sandra Bussin and Bill Brown.

**2.1 Union Station Draft Master Plan, 61-71 Front Street**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a presentation from Tim Laspa and Jeff Bateman, Urban Development Services, on the Union Station Draft Master Plan 61-71 Front Street.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the following communications:

- (a) (December 7, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding a copy of Clause 1 of Report 1 of the Administration Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee, entitled "Report on the Union Station Draft Master Plan, 61 – 71 Front Street West (Ward 28 - Toronto Centre-Rosedale)", which was forwarded to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for information and appropriate action;
- (b) communication (December 28, 2004) from Helen Riley forwarding a copy of report (December 15, 2004) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services addressed to the Planning and Transportation Committee, regarding Union Station Precinct Urban Design Study Budget Submission; and

- (c) communication (November 26, 2004) from the Senior Project Engineer, 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,

Janice Etter (U.S.P.A.G) appeared before the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) recommended that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be considered as a major stakeholder in the coming consultations regarding the Union Station Precinct Design; and
- (2) received the communications.

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

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered:

- (a) a draft report (January 11, 2005) from Helen Riley and Joan Doiron, entitled “Steps in the Right Direction”;
- (b) copy of a letter (March 25, 1995) from Helen Riley, Feet on the Street, to the Commissioners of Planning and Transportation, in the former Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto; and
- (b) copy of an appendix, entitled “Feet on the Street, Promoting Pedestrian Rights and Safety” (December 14, 2004) respecting Pedestrian Safety.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of this matter until its meeting of April 6, 2005, in order to set up Working Groups to deal with this matter.

## **2.3 2005 Transportation Services Pedestrian Projects – Staff Update**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a report (February 22, 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) Pedestrian Assessment Tools; and
- (2) Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

Peter De Groot, Transportation Engineer, Works and Emergency Services gave a presentation on the 2005 Transportation Services Pedestrian Projects.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) identified Helen Riley and Daina Leja as Liaison Members and requested input from Committee Members; and
- (2) received the report (February 22, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure.

## **2.4 Ontario Government Actions on Pedestrian Safety**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered:

- (a) a communication (February 22, 2005) from J. Richard Nelson, IBI Group, regarding Ontario government actions on pedestrian safety;
- (b) Bill 169, (1st Reading, February 21, 2005) an Act to amend the *Highway Traffic Act* and to amend and repeal various other statutes in respect of transportation-related matters; and
- (c) Press Release from Ministry of Transportation (February 21, 2005) regarding “Government Aims to Improve Road Safety and Ease Congestion”; and Statement of the Minister “Ontario Improving Road Safety and Reducing Congestion”.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communications for information.

## **2.5 Proposed City-Wide A-Frame and Mobile Sign By-law**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (February 7, 2005) from Manager, Policy and Business Planning, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division regarding Proposed City-Wide A-Frame and Mobile Sign By-law, forwarding a copy of the report presented to the Planning and Transportation Committee on December 7, 2004, and a summary of the actions taken, and advising that Members can speak at the next Planning and Transportation meeting on March 7, 2005.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication for information.

## **2.6 Toronto Waterfront Revitalization**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a verbal status report from Rita Brooks regarding the Stakeholder Forum held on January 27, 2005, at the National Trade Centre.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the verbal status update.

## **2.7 Items for Information**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following for information:

- (a) communication (February 11, 2005) from A/Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services advising that the City of Toronto has recently completed the Steeles Avenue East/GO Transit Railway Grade Separation Class Environmental Assessment Study Addendum under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment process; City Council adopted the Addendum Report and a Notice of Completion and filing the Addendum Report will now be issued for the public record;
- (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 January 31, 2005, illustrating relevant facts and trends;
- (c) 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 September 30, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends; and
- (d) communication (March 1, 2005) from Helen and Robert Hanson, regarding Walking Signal Timing.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the reports and communication.

## **2.8 (Other Business) Updates**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following updates:

- (a) Elizabeth Walker attended the Safety Co-ordinating Meeting (Minutes of Meeting January 26, 2005), Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services, Community Police Liaison Committee, informing Committee that they are looking for a replacement;

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- (b) Dylan Reid and Rita Brooks advised they would be attending the Toronto Community Council meeting on March 30, 2005, with respect to the narrowest widths in the Regent Park Area;
- (c) Lee Bishop, Toronto Police Services, regarding safety at Burnwood Public School, McCowan and Finch;
- (d) Cam Miller, President, St. Lawrence Neighbourhood Association, who is interested in the Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- (e) Wayne Scott, Walking Couriers, will be attending before the Administration Committee (March 8, 2005);
- (f) Walkabout (College Street), Harbord Village Ratepayers Association, Saturday, April 2, 2005, contact Rita Brooks if interested.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m.

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J. Richard Nelson, Chair