

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 8

Wednesday, November 2, 2005

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, November 2, 2005, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:37 p.m.

Members Present:

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair
Helen Riley, Co-Chair
Rita Brooks
Joan Doiron, Feet on the Street
Deanne Fisher
Laurel Fortin
Daina Leja
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network
Peter Tesar

Regrets:

Councillor Saundercook
Paul Collier
Dr. Bob Frankford
Shawn Micallef
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Dylan Reid
Trustee, Toronto District School Board
Angela Kennedy, Trustee, Toronto Catholic District School Board

Also Present:

Lois James, Feet on the Street
Rhona Swarbrick, Pedestrian Planning Network
Michael Rosenberg, Environment & Economy Coalition
Adrienne Sech (Ryerson University Student)
Suzanne McCormick, obo. Angela Kennedy, Trustee,
Toronto Catholic District School Board

Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit
Lisa Ing, Coordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit
Michelle Carruthers, Works and Emergency Services,
Public Consultation Co-ordinator
Kevin Vibert, Works and Emergency Services,
Assistant Manager, Solid Waste Management
Lee Bishop, Toronto Police Services
Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary

J. Richard Nelson in the Chair.

Helen Riley announced that a Tree Planting in the name of Peg Lush occurred on October 29, 2005 and Joan Doiron made a presentation on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

No declarations of interest pursuant to the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act were made.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Helen Riley, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on September 22, 2005, were confirmed, subject to adding the following:

“Helen Riley advised the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that September 22, 2005 was Car Free Day in the City of Toronto.”

Communication/Reports:

8.1 Pedestrian Issues

Gary Welsh, General Manager of Transportation Services spoke to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on pedestrian issues, including sidewalk snow clearing, maintenance and repairs, and the 2006 pedestrian related Budget.

8.2 Staff Updates

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Staff Updates:

(a) Transportation Services:

- (i) Communication (October 24, 2005) from Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, regarding Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS) Advisory Group; and Winter Services Operations – Toronto and East York District;
- (b) City Planning; and
- (c) Toronto Police Service:
 - (i) Media Advisory: Smart Ped – Be Bright at Night, November 7, 2005.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication (October 24, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services.

8.3 Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Three-Month Test Project

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered:

- (1) selected materials from the City of Toronto solid waste management website provided for the information of members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and
- (2) Extract of June 8, 2005 minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee provided for the information of the Committee.

On motion by Daina Leja, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Co-Chairs to send a letter, on behalf of the Committee, to Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator, outlining the opinions and concerns of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the Eucan litter/recycling bin three-month test project.

(Sent To: Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator; c. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services – November 14, 2005)

8.4 NOT USED

8.5 Working Groups

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Working Group updates

- (i) Promoting Walking;
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:
 - Minutes of August 8, 2005 and October 12, 2005;
- (iii) Pedestrian Safety:
 - Minutes of October 14, 2005 meeting; and
- (iv) Air Quality and Health Working Group.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates from the Working Groups.

8.6 Working Group and 2006 Toronto Pedestrian Committee Meeting Dates

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Working Group Meeting Dates:

- (i) Promoting Walking;
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:
 - November 9, 2005 – Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
 - and
 - December 4, 2005 – Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.;
- (iii) Pedestrian Safety:
 - November 18, 2005 – Committee Room E, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.;
 - and
 - December 9, 2005 – Committee Room E, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.;
- (iv) Air Quality and Health Working Group:
 - November 10, 2005, Café on the Square, City Hall, 3:00 p.m.; and
- (v) 2006 Toronto Pedestrian Committee Meeting Dates

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the Working Group and 2006 Toronto Pedestrian Committee Meeting Dates.

8.7 Updates – Committee Members

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following updates from Committee Members:

- (a) Communication (October 11, 2005) from Helen Riley, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, regarding pedestrian issues and the Toronto Transit Commission;
- (b) Report (October 13, 2005) from Feet on the Street regarding promoting pedestrian rights and safety;
- (c) Communication (September 29, 2005) from Paul Collier, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- (d) J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee will provide an update as representative to Toronto Cycling Committee on the attached communication (October 21, 2005) from City Clerk on sidewalk cycling; and
- (e) Communication (November 2, 2005) from Councillor Saundercook advising that City Council at their last meeting referred the matter of Segways in the City of Toronto back to the Works Committee, for further review and consideration with the report from the City Solicitor.

On motion by Joan Doiron, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) referred the following items to the Pedestrian Safety Working Group:
 - (a) communication (October 11, 2005) from Helen Riley, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, regarding pedestrian issues and the Toronto Transit Commission;
 - (b) report (October 13, 2005) from Feet on the Street regarding promoting pedestrian rights and safety; and
 - (c) communication (September 29, 2005) from Paul Collier, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee;

- (2) received the communication (November 2, 2005) from Councillor Saundercook advising that City Council at their last meeting referred the matter of Segways in the City of Toronto back to the Works Committee, for further review and consideration with the report from the City Solicitor; and
- (3) requested the Co-Chairs, to invite Brigitte Nowack, Co-Chair, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee, Toronto Cycling Committee, to the December 15, 2005 meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, to discuss sidewalk cycling.

(Sent To: Toronto Cycling Committee; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services – November 14, 2005)

8.8 Toronto Pedestrian Plan – Preliminary Discussion

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following:

- (1) Draft Table of Contents for a Toronto Pedestrian Plan (for Discussion); and
- (2) Minutes of Pedestrian Master Plan, PCIU/TPC Brainstorming Session, July 5, 2001.

On motion by Daina Leja, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the Toronto Pedestrian Plan – Preliminary Discussion to the Working Groups for further discussion, subject to amending the Street Design Section, so that it includes the following:

- Pedestrian zones, footpaths in parks, and;
- Effective Quality of Buildings on the Street.

8.9 Items for Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following:

- (a) Communication (September 20, 2005) from Helen Hanson, regarding a missing sidewalk on Yonge Street, south of Highway 401;

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- (b) Communication (September 16, 2005) from Pat Thorsley, regarding the improvement of pedestrian safety for people with disabilities and senior citizens;
- (c) Communication (September 14, 2005) from the City Clerk to Lois James; and
- (d) Communication (September 14, 2005) from the City Clerk to Joan Doiron;

A. Helen Riley moved that the following communications be received:

- (1) (September 14, 2005) from the City Clerk to Lois James; and
- (2) (September 14, 2005) from the City Clerk to Joan Doiron;

(Carried)

B. Joan Doiron moved that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee request the Co-Chairs send a letter to Helen Hanson, on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, supporting her efforts for requesting improvements to the intersection of Highway 401 and Yonge Street, through the Ministry of Transportation.

(Carried)

(Sent To: Helen Hanson, c: Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services – November 14, 2005)

C. Joan Doiron moved that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee request the Committee Secretary to write a letter to Pat Thorsley, on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, advising her that the Committee, in the next year, will be working on the matters raised in her communication (September 16, 2005) regarding the improvement of pedestrian safety for people with disabilities and senior citizens.

(Carried)

(Sent To: Pat Thorsley, c: Helen Riley, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee; J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair, Toronto

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:26 p.m.

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair