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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 9

Thursday, December 15, 2005

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Thursday, December 15, 2005, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:30 p.m.

Members Present:

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair
Helen Riley, Co-Chair
Rita Brooks
Joan Doiron, Feet on the Street
Deanne Fisher
Dr. Bob Frankford
Daina Leja
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Dylan Reid
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network
Trustee Angela Kennedy, Toronto Catholic District School Board

Regrets:

Paul Collier
Laurel Fortin
Councillor Saundercook
Peter Tesar
Trustee, Toronto District School Board

Also Present:

Lee Bishop, Toronto Police Services
Judith Bussey
Suzanne McCormick, TCDSB
Colin Macdonald, Councillor Saundercook's Assistant
Bridgette Nowak, Toronto Cycling Committee
Michael Rosenberg, Environment & Economy Coalition
Adrienne Sech (Ryerson University Student)
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

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
David Nagler, City of Toronto Communications
Kevin Vibert, Assistant Manager,
Works and Emergency Services, Solid Waste Management
Gary Walsh, Director, Transportation Services
Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, City Planning

Helen Riley in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on November 2, 2005, were confirmed.

Communications/Reports:

9.1 Air Quality Presentation

The Toronto Pedestrian received a presentation from Karen Clark, Project Manager, Air Quality, Technical Services, regarding the Comprehensive Air Quality Strategy.

9.2 Staff Updates

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communications (November 30, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, reporting on:

- (i) 2006 New Sidewalk Installations; and
- (ii) Pedestrian Infrastructure in the Transportation Services Capital budget.

On motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communications (November 30, 2005) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit.

9.3 Toronto Pedestrian Master Plan – Presentation

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a presentation from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, regarding the Toronto Pedestrian Master Plan.

On motion by Angela Kennedy, Trustee, T.C.D.S.B., the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that a Steering Committee / Working Group be set up in order that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee can assist to outline the various phases of the plan and requested that a draft Terms of Reference with respect to the mandate/objectives and membership of the working group be proposed and report back to Committee for its consideration.

9.4 Cycling on Sidewalks Report

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a presentation from Brigitte Nowak, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the Cycling on Sidewalks report (Bicycle Safety Education Plan) to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On a Motion by Angela Kennedy, Trustee, T.C.D.S.B., The Toronto Pedestrian Committee, supports the Toronto Cycling Committee recommendations to Planning and Transportation Committee as outlined in its transmittal letter (December 15, 2005) requesting the Planning and Transportation Committee to:

- (1) approve the Sidewalk Riding Counter Measure: A Bicycle Safety Education Plan program for 2006:
- (2) allocate an additional \$100,000.00 to the Transportation Planning, City Planning budget to carry out the Sidewalk Riding Counter Measure: A Bicycle Safety Education Plan, program in 2006, and
- (3) request the assistance of Toronto Police Service – Traffic Services Division, in developing and implementing the Sidewalk Riding Counter Measure: A Bicycle Safety Education Plan program.

9.5 Web Site Working Group – Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (December 2, 2005) from J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, proposing the Toronto Pedestrian Committee strike a Web Site Working Group co-ordinated by Dylan Reid, to review the content and structure of the City of Toronto's Web site's pages on the Pedestrian Committee and walking, and to recommend and monitor improvements to these pages.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that a Web Site Working Group be set up and that Dylan Reid co-ordinate same to review the content and structure of the City of Toronto's Web site as it pertains to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and to recommend and monitor improvements to the website.

9.6 Working Groups

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Working Group updates:

- (i) Promoting Walking:
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:
 - Minutes (Planning for Pedestrians in the Union Station Precinct and the Union Station Precinct Key Points)
- (iii) Pedestrian Safety:
 - Minutes of November 18, 2005 meeting.
Next Meeting December 16, 2005 – Committee Room 3,
2nd Floor, City Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- (iv) Air Quality
 - Minutes from Joan Doiron (November 10, 2005 meeting)
 - Next Meeting December 15, 2005.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates from the working groups subject to:

- (ii) authorizing the Urban Design Working Group to hold a special meeting to respond to the preferred options for the Union Station Front Street Traffic Study and requested Daina Leja to e-mail comments on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee directly to the Architects.

9.7 Updates – Committee Members

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a Copy of Submission from Dylan Reid, Member Toronto Pedestrian Committee to Toronto City Council regarding Development Infrastructure Policy and Standards (DIPS) report phase 2.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information the communication from Dylan Reid, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and requested the Committee Secretary to forward the submission to Works Committee for consideration when it comes on the agenda.

9.8 Items for Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following:

- (a) Communication (November 18, 2005) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary for October 31, 2005;
- (b) Communication (October 20, 2005) copy from Lois James to Mayor Miller regarding St. Clair Avenue West Rail Line;
- (c) Communication (December 9, 2005) use of Segways on Toronto's busy sidewalks from Bill Brunton, Communications Integrator for Innovative Mobility;

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

9.9 P. S. Kensington Working Group

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee consideration communication from Michael Rosenberg, Treasurer, P.S. Kensington Working Group (December 15, 2005) requesting that the Pedestrian Committee recommend that the City of Toronto budget include an allocation for the City to provide logistical support such as

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barricades, signage, pylons, paid duty police, etc. for pedestrian events to support seven pedestrian events days in Kensington Market in the summer of 2006.

On motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to Works Committee that City Council commit an allocation to provide logistical support such as barricades, signage, pylons, paid duty police, etc. for holding Pedestrian events, for seven days in Kensington Market in the summer of 2006 and to secure funding through the 2006 Operating Budget for Transportation Services.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:40 p.m.

Helen Riley, Co-Chair