

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 1

Wednesday, January 18, 2006

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, January 18, 2006, in Committee Room 3, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members were present for some or all of the time periods indicated.

	3:00 p.m. to 5:35 p.m.
J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair	X
Helen Riley, Co-Chair	X
Rita Brooks	X
Paul Collier	R
Joan Doiron, Feet on the Street	X
Deanne Fisher	X
Laurel Fortin	R
Dr. Bob Frankfrod	X
Trustee Angela Kennedy, T.C.D.S.B.	X
Daina Leja	X
Shawn Micallef	X
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee	X
Dylan Reid	X
Councillor Saundercook	X
Peter Tesar	X
Trustee, T.D.S.B.	R
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network	R

J. Richard Nelson in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Trustee Angela Kennedy, T.C.D.S.B., the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on December 15, 2005, were confirmed.

Communications/Reports:

1.1 Right of Way Issues

The Toronto Pedestrian received a presentation from Angie Antoniou, Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services on Right of Way (ROW) issues including policies and practice for permits for sidewalk / boulevard use and enforcement, and the different elements installed in the public right-of-way such as transit shelters, waste/recycling bins, newspaper vending boxes and benches.

The Committee was advised that a public consultation process will be held soon to obtain public feedback on the coordination of street furniture. When this feedback is obtained from the public, and other parties it will be incorporated into Design and Policy Guidelines and these guidelines will form the design expectations put forth in a Request for Proposals (RFP).

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that consideration be given to provide that all Right of Way encroachments be managed under the same office; and in order to pay for improved enforcement, consider increasing fees for Right of Way encroachments of all types.

1.2 Toronto Police Pedestrian Safety Campaign

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communications (January 9, 2006) from the Pedestrian, Cycling Infrastructure Unit requesting Constable Lee Bishop to make a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the upcoming Toronto Police Pedestrian Safety Campaign.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee postponed the presentation on the upcoming Toronto Police Pedestrian Safety Campaign from the Toronto Police Services to February 15, 2006.

1.3 Toronto Pedestrian Plan – Working Group (Draft Terms of Reference)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a draft Terms of Reference from the Working Group on the Toronto Pedestrian Plan and the following related items:

- (a) Pedestrian Plan Working Group (Draft Terms of Reference) for discussion;
- (b) Next steps on developing the plan;
- (c) Priorities discussion;
- (d) Summary of comments; and
- (e) Walking with Dignity.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the related items and advised the Co-chairs would consult with staff on the Pedestrian Plan, through the Working Group.

1.4 Staff Updates

No staff update.

1.5 Working Groups

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following updates from the Working Groups:

- (i) Pedestrian Safety
 - Minutes of December 16, 2005 and January 13, 2006 meetings.
- (ii) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping
 - Minutes of January 11, 2006 meeting.
- (iii) Promoting Walking
- (iv) Air Quality
- (v) Web Site

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates from the working groups.

1.6 Working Group Meeting Dates

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

- (i) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:

January 11, 2006 – Committee Room 305, Metro Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.;

and

February 8, 2006 – Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

- (ii) Pedestrian Safety:

January 13, 2006 – Committee Room 316, Metro Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.;

and

February 10, 2006 – Committee Room, 316, Metro Hall, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

- (iii) Promoting Walking

- (iv) Air Quality

- (v) Web Site

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

1.7 Updates – Committee Members (from Works, Planning & Transportation etc.)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following updates:

- (i) Segways (The use and Regulations of Segways)
- (ii) DIPS (Development Infrastructure Policy and Standards)
- (iii) Cycling on sidewalks
- (iv) Eucan trial (Test Results of New Recycling/Litter Bins)
- (v) TTC
- (vi) Traffic Signals
- (vii) Advisory Group Audible Signals

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates.

1.8 Items for Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following for information:

- (a) Communication (January 9, 2006) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary for December 31, 2005; and Fatal Collision Summary (November 30, 2005)
- (b) Communication (January 9, 2006) copy from William E. Brown to Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32, Beaches-East York regarding designated right turn lane Leslie Street/Queen Street East;
- (c) Communication (January 13, 2006) from Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Unit, regarding Closure of a portion of Carroll Street between Thompson Street and Davies Avenue – Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Study Commencement;
- (d)
 - (i) New Release (January 12, 2006) from Councillor Saundercook - “Calls to get Tough on Bad Drivers”;
 - (ii) Communication from John Anga “Crosswalks are not safe”; and copy of Briefing Note (January 11, 2006) from Deputy City Manager, regarding Islington Avenue and Golfdown Drive PXO, Ward 2.
- (e) Communication (January 16, 2006) from Mark Rees regarding “Dangerous Corner for Pedestrians – Oxtown Avenue at Oriole Parkway”.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) postponed to February 15, 2006 consideration of:
 - (d)
 - (i) New Release (January 12, 2006) from Councillor Saundercook - “Calls to get Tough on Bad Drivers”;
 - (ii) Communication from John Anga “Crosswalks are not safe”; and copy of Briefing Note (January 11, 2006) from Deputy City Manager, regarding Islington Avenue and Golfdown Drive PXO, Ward 2; and

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- (2) referred to the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit for further investigation:
 - (b) (January 9, 2006) copy from William E. Brown to Councillor Sandra Bussin, Ward 32, Beaches-East York regarding designated right turn lane Leslie Street / Queen Street East; and
 - (e) Communication (January 16, 2006) from Mark Rees regarding “Dangerous Corner for Pedestrians – Oxtown Avenue at Oriole Parkway”.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:35 p.m.

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair