

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting 3**

**Thursday, April 20, 2006**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Thursday, April 20, 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 6:00 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	R
Trustee Angela Kennedy, T.C.D.S.B.	R
Daina Leja	R
Shawn Micallef	R
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee	R
Dylan Reid	X
Councillor Saundercook	X
Peter Tesar	R
Trustee, T.D.S.B.	R
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network	X

J. Richard Nelson in the Chair.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on February 15, 2006, were confirmed.

### **Communications/Reports:**

#### **3.1 Pedestrian Crossover Review**

The Toronto Pedestrian received a presentation from Jacqueline White, Manager, Transportation Services Traffic Operations on the Pedestrian Crossover Review.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation and directed the following comments be forwarded to the Works Committee for its May 3, 2006 meeting to be considered with the staff report regarding Pedestrian Crossover Review:

WHEREAS the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recognizes that there is a place for Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) in appropriate locations, as they reduce waiting time for both pedestrians and vehicles while providing safe crossing:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) supports the staff criteria for replacement of 22 Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) on major arterials, in particular, vehicle speed, width of crossing and traffic volume, but recognizes also, the importance of visibility of pedestrians, location of bus stops (preferably far-side), and turning traffic. Parking restrictions should be subject to individual site review;
- (2) supports the enhancement of the remaining 55 Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) on major arterials as proposed by staff, to improve safety and comfort;
- (3) requests staff develop a public awareness campaign, noting the increased fine and demerit points in Bill 169;

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- (4) requests the Toronto Police Services to increase the monitoring of Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) specifically on major arterials, for failure to stop for pedestrians, and for passing infractions;
- (5) requests that the newly enhanced Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs) be monitored to ensure that increased safety and comfort for pedestrians is realized; and
- (6) requests that staff be directed to work with the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to continuously explore various improvements including:
  - (a) Fines – increase amount;
  - (b) Zebra striping;
  - (c) Widening of the crosswalk;
  - (d) Using strob lights;
  - (e) Pinchpoints other than major arterial;
  - (f) Reviewing the minimum distance of 200 metres from signals to a shorter distance where lower traffic speeds permit and where pedestrians wish to cross;
  - (g) Lights embedded in pavement;
  - (h) Pole placement (so as not to obscure the pedestrian from motorists); and
  - (i) Visibility of the early warning light to the Pedestrian.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the following communications in conjunction with this matter:

- (a) Communication (April 7, 2006) from Helen Riley regarding the Pedestrian Crossover Review for discussion and consideration.
- (b) New Release (January 12, 2006) from Councillor Saundercook, Ward 13 regarding bad drivers with copy of communication from John Anga “Crosswalks are not safe”;
- (c) Communication (March 3, 2006) from Mr. William Brown to Councillor Suzan Hall, Ward 1, Etobicoke North, regarding “Pedestrian Crosswalk safety”.
- (d) Communication (April 15, 2006) from Dylan Reid – Image of Pedestrian Crossover in Vancouver, B.C.

William Brown and John Anga addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

### **3.2 Pedestrian Count Down Signals (PCS)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a Presentation from Les Kelman, Manager, on the Pedestrian Count Down Signals (PCS).

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation.

### **3.3 Transportation Services - Staff Update**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 5, 2006) from Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services regarding:

- (1) Traffic signals – Pedestrian Perspective;
- (2) Pedestrian Countdown Signals (PCS);
- (3) Pedestrian Plan;
- (4) Pedestrian Content on the City's Web-site; and
- (5) We're All Pedestrians Program.

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the staff update.

### **3.4 Impacts of Traffic on Health**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a Communication (April 10, 2006) from Helen Riley regarding Impacts of Traffic on Health for discussion.

(See report (March 27, 2006) from Dr. David McKeown, Medical Board of Health regarding "The Impacts of Traffic on Health" for consideration of the Board of Health on April 10, 2006) at:

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/committees/hl/hl060410/it011.pdf>

On motion by Helen Riley, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee postponed the communication until its meeting of May 18, 2006.

### **3.5 Working Groups**

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

- (i) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping and DIPS:
  - Minutes of March 2, 2006 and April 12, 2006 meetings.
- (ii) Pedestrian Safety:
  - Minutes of February 10 and 28, 2006 meetings.
- (iii) Air Quality – Information regarding Smog Summit – June 7 and 8, 2006
- (iv) Web Site

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates from the working groups.

### **3.6 Working Group Meeting Dates**

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

- (i) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:  
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May 10, 2006 – Committee Room 1, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.
- (ii) Pedestrian Safety:  
  
April 28, 2006 – to be determined (Revised date) 1:00 p.m. to 3:00 p.m. (Collision Study) ; and May 12, 2006 – Metro Hall, Room 316, 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.
- (iv) Air Quality
- (v) Web Site

On motion by Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received these dates for information.

### **3.7 Items for Information**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following for information:

- (a) Communication (March 22, 2006) from J. Richard Nelson regarding Fall 2006 Launch of Nathan Phillips Square Design Competition.
- (b) Communication (February 10, 2006) from J. Richard Nelson advising that the Canada and the USA will hold the International Walk to School Week on October 2 – 6, 2006 and the International Walk to School Day on Wednesday, October 4, 2006.
- (c) Communication (February 9, 2006) from Toronto Catholic District School Board advising that at its' Inaugural meeting of November 24, 2005, the Toronto Catholic District School Board appointed Trustee Angela Kennedy to the City of Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for the term commencing December 1, 2005 through November 30, 2006.
- (d) Communication (March 6, 2006) from Helen Hansen to Steve Johnston, Transportation Services, Communications regarding hazards of overhanging and overgrowing vegetation on the right of way.
- (e) Communication of Notice of Study Commencement for Class Environmental Assessment for Closure of the portion of Basin Street, west of Bouchette Street and Saulter Street, extending north from Basin Street to Commissioners Street. Comments for this phase of the project will be received until April 21, 2006.
- (f) Communication from Craig Nicol regarding The Safari Walking Group.
- (g) Communication (February 16, 2006) from Ms. Mary Lemyre, President, Toronto and Area Council of Women regarding copy of communication sent to Works Committee with respect to Eucan Litter/Recycling Bin Test Project.
- (h) Communication (February 13, 2006) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1, 2006 to January 31, 2006.
- (i) Communication (March 13, 2006) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1, 2006 to February 28, 2006.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communications for information.

### **3.8 College Street Revitalization Project**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a request from the Harbord Village Residents Association for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's support with respect to a report (April 3, 2006) from the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District to the Toronto and East York Community Council to be considered at its meeting on May 4, 2006 for the College Street Revitalization Project – Pedestrian Clearway Pilot (Trinity-Spadina – Ward 20).

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian supports in principle the report (April 3, 2006) of the Director, Transportation Services Toronto and East York District regarding College Street Revitalization Project – Pedestrian Clearway Pilot (Trinity-Spadina – Ward 20) to Toronto and East York Community Council and delegates Rita Brooks to express on behalf of Toronto Pedestrian Committee support for the College Street Revitalization Project - Pedestrian Clearway Pilot.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:00 p.m.

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J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair