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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 7

Thursday, September 21, 2006

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Thursday, September 21, 2006, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, 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
Rita Brooks	R
Roger Brook, Feet on the Street	R
Paul Collier	R
Deanne Fisher	X
Laurel Fortin	X
Dr. Bob Frankfrod	X
Trustee Angela Kennedy, T.C.D.S.B.	R
Daina Leja	R
Shawn Micallef	R
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,	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 July 20, 2006, were confirmed.

Communications/Reports:

7.1 Sidewalk Clearance

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a Communication from Helen Riley (August 15, 2006) requesting a Presentation from Municipal Licensing and Standards and or Right of Way staff on interpreting and measuring for enforcement of unobstructed pedestrian sidewalk space, particularly in reference to patios.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee postponed the presentation to be done in 2007.

7.2 Sidewalk Repairs

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following Communications:

- (1) (July 13, 2006) from Helen Riley regarding Sidewalk Repairs, and a copy of her deputation to Works Committee last year in response to the state of sidewalks and the funding to improve them;
- (2) (September 14, 2006) from J. Richard Nelson requesting that the budget for sidewalk repairs be maintained or increased; and
- (3) (September 21, 2006) from J. Richard Nelson a revised motion as follows:

“WHEREAS a thorough study by the U.S. Federal Highway Administration found that 64% of pedestrian admissions to emergency rooms as caused by non-motor-vehicle-related injuries, chiefly falls;

AND WHEREAS the nature of this study is highly applicable to Toronto;

AND WHEREAS maintenance of the fabric and surface of the sidewalk is a major contributor to reducing falls;

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee request Transportation Services to:

- (1) maintain or increase the budget for sidewalk repairs as a highly cost-effective public safety measure; and
- (2) undertake research in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health on emergency-room presentations in Toronto related to sidewalk maintenance and repair.

7.3 General Trail and Pathway Planning

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (September 4, 2006) from Dylan Reid requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee support the request of the Toronto Cycling Committee to the Economic Development and Parks Committee to request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to include in the Parks Forestry and Recreation 2007 Operating budget requests, funds for a new position to address general trail and pathway planning.

On a motion by Dylan Reid the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports the request of the Toronto Cycling Committee to the Economic Development and Parks Committee to request the General Manager, Parks Forestry and Recreation to include in the Parks Forestry and Recreation 2007 Operating budget requests, funds for a new position to address general trail and pathway planning, and to include that this position should include responsibility for ensuring pathways are a safe and effective part of Toronto's pedestrian network.

7.4 Walk 21 / Pedestrian Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it report (September 19, 2006) regarding status and feedback from Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services and presentations from Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Urban Traffic Control Systems, Transportation Services Division and Paul Nause, Manager, Traffic Plant Installation, Transportation Services regarding:

- (1) Pedestrian Improvements at Signalized Intersections;
- (2) Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) Review;
- (3) Walk 21 / Pedestrian Plan; and

- (4) 2007 New sidewalk Installations.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation and thanked staff.

7.5 Administrative Matters

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) Letter of Resignation from Helen Riley;
- (2) Schedule of Proposed working Group Meetings; and
- (3) Process for the next cycle of meetings.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the following communication and status of the Working Group meetings; and accepted Helen Riley's resignation letter with regrets and thanks Helen for her service to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The members were advised that they will be advised of the next meeting to resume in 2007.

7.6 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 Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

7.7 Working Groups

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

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

- (ii) Pedestrian Safety:
- (iii) Web Site – Daniel Egan will check status and advise Dylan Reid.

On motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the updates from the working groups.

7.8 Working Group Meeting Dates

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

- (i) Pedestrian Friendly Environments – Urban Design and Streetscaping:
- (ii) Pedestrian Safety:
- (iii) Web Site

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee advised they would consult with the members and decide on whether to meet in October and November or wait until the New Year.

7.9 Members Report

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Member updates on:

- (1) (September 21, 2006) Elizabeth Walker provided copy of Minutes of Meeting (June 1, 2006) from Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services Community Police Liaison Committee.
- (2) (September 21, 2006) Elizabeth Walker provided copies of Brochures from the TTC and Toronto Police regarding “Streetcar Watch and Take Time to Check.

7.10 Items for Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following for information:

- (a) Communication (September 15, 2006) from Helen Hansen regarding:

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- (i) copy of letter (July 19, 2006) from Regional Director, the Ministry of Transportation regarding pedestrian facilities at the Highway 401 and Yonge Street interchange;
 - (ii) copy of letter (August 1, 2006) from Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, City of Toronto, regarding Sidewalk Installation of the West side of Yonge Street, south of Highway 401; and
 - (iii) copy of letter (August 29, 2006) from Acting Manager, Facilities Operations, North York District, regarding a review of the circular drive from Beecroft Road to the North York Civic Centre, Douglas Snow Aquatic Centre and the Toronto Public Library.
- (b) Communication (August 23, 2006) from Project Manager, Roads, Transportation and Works Department, York Region advising of a Notice of Completion of Environmental Study Report (ESR) Dufferin Street Class Environmental Assessment Steeles Avenue West to Glen Shields Avenue (North) City of Vaughan.
 - (c) Communication (August 24, 2006) from the Toronto Transit Commission advising of a Construction Notice with respect to St. Clair TTC Track reconstruction 2006 – Contract 2 – Avenue Road to Tweedsmuir Avenue – Partial Intersection Closure Spadina Road and St. Clair Avenue West – September 8 to September 11, 2006.
 - (d) Communication (July 9, 2006) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1, 2006 to July 31, 2006.
 - (e) Communication (August 11, 2006) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1, 2006 to August 31, 2006.

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

J. Richard Nelson, Co-Chair