

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 1

Wednesday, June 13, 2007

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, June 13, 2007, in Meeting Room C, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook	X
J. Richard Nelson (Chair)	X
Rita Brooks	X
Roger Brook (Feet on the Street)	X
Paul Collier	X
Laurel Fortin	X
Dr. Bob Frankford	X
Dylan Reid	X
Peter Tesar	X
Elizabeth Walker (Older Women's Network)	X

Regrets:

Councillor Karen Stintz
Deanne Fisher
Daina Leja
Shawn Micallef
Crawford Murphy
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSC)
Trustee, Toronto District School Board)

Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning
Lisa Ing, Transportation Coordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

Richard Nelson assumed the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on September 21, 2006, were confirmed.

1.1 Appointment of Members of Council to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 30, 2007) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting on April 23, 2007, adopted Striking Committee Item 4.1, Appointments of Members of Council to Advisory Committees. Council adopted Striking Committee Item 4.1, as amended, and added a recommendation that "The membership of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be amended to provide that the composition be comprised of at least one Member of Council, and that Councillor B. Saundercook be appointed to the Committee". The following Members of Council were appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for a term of office ending December 31, 2008 and until successors are appointed:

- Councillor Bill Saundercook; and
- Councillor Karen Stintz.

On motion by Peter Tesar, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.2 Toronto Catholic District Board Appointment to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 17, 2007) from Kevin Kobus, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board, advising the appointment of Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller to the City of Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for the term commencing December 1, 2006 through to November 30, 2010.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.3 Election of Chair – Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Richard Nelson, Chair, asked for nominations for a new Co-Chairs. Dylan Reid and Councillor Bill Saundercook were nominated.

There being no further nominations, the Chair declared nominations closed.

Dylan Reid and Councillor Bill Saundercook were unanimously elected Co-Chairs of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, expiring November 30, 2010, until his or her successor is appointed.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee congratulated the new Co-Chairs.

1.4 Schedule of Meetings

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 22, 2007) from the Committee Secretary, forwarding the Schedule of Meetings, Agenda Closings and Location of Meeting for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for 2007.

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee agreed to accept the next meeting as scheduled, but to discuss further the 2007 Schedule of Meetings.

1.5 Terms of Reference – Toronto Pedestrian

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the Terms of Reference.

1.6 Walk21 Conference and Development of the Toronto Walking Strategy

Daniel Egan, Manager of Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, gave a presentation with slides; copies of his presentation were circulated:

- Walk 21 Toronto 2007 Walking Strategy for Toronto, to be held on October 1-4, 2007;
- Walking Strategy Consultation Series Visions for a Walkable Toronto, held on April 25, 2007; and
- Creating a Walking Strategy City of Toronto Staff Workshop, held on April 26, 2007.

Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth, was present for the presentation.

Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest as his firm is involved with the City of Toronto in respect of the Street Furniture Project.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation.

1.7 Toronto Transit City – Light Rail Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 27, 2007) from Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission forwarding, for information, Report 13 entitled “Toronto Transit City – Light Rail Plan”, which was considered at its meeting of March 21, 2007.

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

1.8 Class Environment Assessment Study for a New North-South Watermain in Downtown West, Toronto

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 11, 2007) from Earth Tech providing for information, a Notice of Public Open House No. 2, for the Class Environmental Assessment Study for a New North-South Watermain in Downtown West, Toronto.

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.9 Class Environment Assessment Study to Review Traffic Issues on Rosewell Avenue, Lawrence Avenue West to Glencairn Avenue

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 17, 2007) from Manager, Infrastructure Planning, City of Toronto, providing, for information, a Notice of Study Commencement of a Class Environmental Assessment; to investigate traffic issues on Rosewell Avenue, Lawrence Avenue West to Glencairn Avenue.

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.10 Class Environment Assessment Study for Watermain Replacement from Spadina Avenue and D'Arcy Street to Gerrard Street and River Street

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication from Matthew Cowley, Public Consultation Coordinator providing, for information, a Notice of Route Study and Class Environmental Assessment for Watermain Replacement from Spadina Avenue and D'Arcy Street to Gerrard Street and River Street.

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.11 Class Environment Assessment Study to Establish a Plan for the Deterioration of Kirkhams Road Bridge over the Rouge River

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 3, 2007) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, City of Toronto, regarding a Public Notice for a Class Environmental Assessment Study to address the deterioration of the Kirkhams Road Bridge over the Rouge River.

Lois James, C.M., Rouge Valley Foundation addressed the Committee.

On motion by Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would like to maintain a recreational crossing on the bridge and to write a letter to Scott Mitchell, Coordinator Transportation Infrastructure Management, informing him that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports a crossing of non-vehicular traffic there.

(Scott Mitchell, Coordinator Transportation Infrastructure Management;
Lois James, Rouge Valley Foundation – June 19, 2007)

1.12 Collision Summary Leaflets

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (March 7, 2007) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing an analysis of:

- Pedestrian Collisions for the period ending September 30, 2006; and
- Fatal Collision Summary Leaflets for the period ending January 31, 2007 and February 28, 2007.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

1.13 Hi-Speed Ramps at Highway 401 Interchange

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 13, 2007) from Helen Hansen, respecting Hi-Speed Ramps at Highway 401 Interchange.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to the Planning and Growth Management Committee to request City Council to request:

1. the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario to expedite the reconfiguration of the ramps between Yonge Street and Highway 401 to make them safer for pedestrians and cyclists; and
2. the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the installation of a sidewalk on the west side of Yonge Street at Highway 401, in conjunction with the reconfiguration of the ramps by the Ministry of Transportation of Ontario.

Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest as his firm does work for the Ministry of Transportation.

(Planning and Growth Management Committee; General Manager, Transportation Services; c. Helen Hansen – June 13, 2007)

1.14 Slopes and Ramps on new Sidewalks

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (May 13, 2007) from Helen Hansen addressed to Councillor Joe Mihevc, Ward 21, St. Paul's, respecting Slopes and Ramps on new Sidewalks.

On motion by Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting, of July 10, 2007.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Chair