

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting 2**

**Tuesday, July 10, 2007**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, July 10, 2007, in Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Rita Brooks	X
Roger Brook (Feet on the Street)	X
Paul Collier	X
Peter Tesar	X
Elizabeth Walker (Older Women's Network)	X
Shawn Micallef	X
Crawford Murphy	X
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSC)	X

Regrets:

Deanne Fisher  
Laurel Fortin  
Dr. Bob Frankford  
Daina Leja  
J. Richard Nelson  
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  
Paula Craig, UDS, City Planning

Dylan Reid assumed the Chair.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on June 13, 2007, were confirmed.

## **2.1 Schedule of Meeting for 2007 Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

Meeting of July 10, 2007 was confirmed – the balance to be discussed.

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 Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

## **2.2 Nominating Sub-Committee Process**

Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian Cycling Infrastructure briefly informed members that the Nominating Sub-Committee consisted of 5 members of which 3 members must be present for a meeting to take place, who will recommend new citizen appointments to the Committee. He discussed the nomination process and task lists for selecting new members.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the appointment of the following persons to the Nominating Sub-Committee:

- Councillor Saundercook, Co-Chair;
- Dylan Reid, Co-Chair;
- Laurel Fortin;
- Rita Brooks; and
- Roger Brook.

## **2.3 Working Groups**

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

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

(ii) Pedestrian Safety; and

(iii) Web Site

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee discussed the Working Groups and the need to keep them working.

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

Rita Brooks proposed that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee have a workshop inviting designers from several firms in town to help us facilitate some ideas to improve the cities urban spaces.

Councillor Saundercook supported the idea; and Lois James, C.M., Rouge Valley Foundation, expressed how extensive these pedestrian friendly workshops were and the need for them. It was also stated that any member of the public could sit on these workshops and did not have to be a member of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved Rita Brooks's idea of a workshop.

(ii) Pedestrian Safety:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this subject to its meeting of November 13, 2007.

(iii) Web Site:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee discussed this site and suggested that Dylan Reid and Roger Brook take care of the Web Site.

(iv) Air Quality:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this subject to its meeting of November 13, 2007.

## **2.4 Transportation Services – Staff Update**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee gave consideration to the report (June 26, 2007) from the Manager, Pedestrian Cycling Infrastructure, regarding some of the major pedestrian-related initiatives underway or planned for 2007 by Transportation Services, such as:

1. Pedestrian Crossover (PXO) Review.
2. 2008 New Sidewalk Installation Program.
3. Walk 21 Conference Update [www.toronto.ca/walk21](http://www.toronto.ca/walk21)
4. Toronto Walking Strategy Update

On motion by Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the update.

## **2.5 Slopes and Ramps on new Sidewalks**

**(Deferred from June 13, 2007 meeting)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee gave consideration to 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 Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

## **2.6 Collision Summary Leaflets**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (June 21, 2007) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau, Traffic Management Centre providing an analysis of:

- Pedestrian Collisions for the period ending December 31, 2006; and
- Fatal Collision Summary Leaflets for the period ending January 1, 2007 to May 31, 2007.

On motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication.

## **2.7 Road Alterations, Traffic and Parking Regulations - Lansdowne Avenue between College Street and Bloor Street West**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered for information, the Toronto and East York Community Council - TE4.80, which was adopted by City Council at its meetings on March 27, 2007 and on April 23 and 24, 2007.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/te/decisions/2007-03-27-te04-dd.pdf>  
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/cc/decisions/2007-04-23-cc07-dd.pdf>

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information and asked staff for further information about the protocol regarding how the Committee can comment on this issue.

## **2.8 Dufferin Street/St. Clair Avenue Intersection Changes – Etobicoke York Community Council - EY7.38**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication from the Dylan Reid, Co-Chair (July 5, 2007) forwarding a request from Anton H. Turrittin that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommend against any further reduction in the width of the sidewalks at St. Clair Avenue and Dufferin Street.

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee expressed its support for the preferred design concept identified through the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Class Environmental Assessment study process for the Dufferin Street/St. Clair Avenue intersection to minimize sidewalk cuts.

(City Council; c. Anton H. Turrittin – June 11, 2007)

## **2.9 Vehicles Driving Illegally on the Martin Goodman Trail and Parking in Parks**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (July 6, 2007) from Paul Collier regarding vehicles driving illegally on Martin Goodman Trail and parking in parks.

On motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. recommended to the Planning and Growth Management Committee that City Council enforce without exception the exclusion of private vehicles from Toronto's pedestrian trails and parks; and

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2. requested Councillor Saundercook and Councillor Stintz to submit a Notice of Motion to City Council at its meeting on July 16, 2007, requesting that City Council write a letter to the Chief of Police expressing the need for immediate enforcement.

(Planning and Growth Management Committee; Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee; Councillor Karen Stintz, Toronto Pedestrian Committee; c. Paul Collier, Toronto Pedestrian Committee – June 11, 2007)

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

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Chair