

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 4

Tuesday, October 16, 2007

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, October 16, 2007, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 5:15 p.m.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Rita Brooks	X
Roger Brook (Feet on the Street)	X
Paul Collier	X
Laurel Fortin	X
Peter Tesar	X
Elizabeth Walker (Older Women's Network)	X
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)	X

Regrets:

Councillor Karen Stintz
Deanne Fisher
Dr. Bob Frankford
Daina Leja
Shawn Micallef
Crawford Murphy
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

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair assumed the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on September 12, 2007, were confirmed.

4.1 Queuing on Public Sidewalk

Frank Weinstock, Manager, Policy and Planning Services, Municipal Licensing and Standards Division gave a brief presentation to explore the development of a regulatory strategy to manage queuing on the public sidewalk associated with the entertainment establishments and night clubs.

City Council on July 16, 17, 18 and 19, 2007, approved motions that the appropriate internal and external consultations develop the regulatory strategy to manage queuing on the public sidewalk be undertaken, and requested the Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with Transportation Services and the Toronto Police Service, report to the November 28, 2007 meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on the necessary amendments to Chapter 743, Streets, Chapter 441, Fees, and Chapter 545, Licensing, of the City of Toronto Municipal Code to implement the regulatory regime; the report to also include the number of reported offences related to queuing on sidewalks.

Frank Weinstock requested the Members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to forward their comments and suggestions to him at fweinst@toronto.ca to assist in enabling them in developing this regime and scheme.

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

4.2 Steps Towards a Walkable City

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard presentations by Transportation Services staff on the framework for creating a Toronto Walking Strategy and outlining potential actions that could implement the strategy. The document “Steps Towards a Walkable City” will be used as a discussion paper to engage the public, external organizations and relevant City Divisions and agencies in determining recommended actions, implementation priorities and resources required for a Toronto Walking Strategy.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered a communication (October 5, 2007) from Fred Sztabski, Project Coordinator, Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT).

During the first Toronto Walking Strategy public consultation session on April 25, 2007, the Toronto citizens told staff their top three priorities for the Walking strategy were to:

- involve Toronto citizens at every stage of the Walking Strategy;
- place pedestrian at the top of the transportation hierarchy in Toronto; and
- re-allocate road space by narrowing roads and widening sidewalks.

The Committee was informed that this document reflected these three priorities in setting out a proposed framework and potential actions for a Toronto Walking Strategy. The proposed actions are grouped in six “action areas”:

1. Promoting a Culture of Walking;
2. Leadership and Support for Walking;
3. Integrating Networks for Walking;
4. Making Toronto Streets for Pedestrians;
5. Creating Spaces and Places for People; and
6. Implementation Strategies.

The Members were encouraged to forward their comments to:

by Email to: pedplan@toronto.ca
by Mail to: Walking Strategy, c/o Transportation Services
22 Floor East Tower
City Hall
100 Queen Street West
Toronto, Ontario M5H 2N2

Daniel Egan reported on Walk 21, the 8th Annual International Conference on Walking and Liveable Communities, held on October 1st to 4th, 2007 in Toronto, the host city for the Walk21 Conference. Leading speakers and delegates from around the world and a diversity of sectors including recreation, community development, urban and transport planning, environmental protection, safety, health, education, tourism, design and business areas attended this event to help create healthy, efficient and sustainable walking communities throughout the world. Members who attended also gave their comments and informed us that Walk21 was indeed a big success.

On motion by Roger Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the document for information.

4.3 Regulations about Landscaping Close to Sidewalks, etc.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (August 28, 2007) from Helen Hansen to Richard Bertrand, Senior By-Law Officer, Transportation Services respecting overgrown landscaping close to sidewalks that obstruct pedestrian right-of-way.

The Committee also had before it a communication (October 16, 2007) from Helen Hansen requesting the Committee to ask Mr. Bertrand to respond to her in writing.

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

(Richard Bertrand, Senior By-Law Officer, Transportation Services; c. Helen Hansen – October 16, 2007)

4.4 Toronto Cycling Committee to Appoint a Representative to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 28, 2007) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, forwarding a motion recommending the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (TPC) write to the Chair of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC), requesting that the TCC appoint a representative to sit on the TPC and participate in its work, as provided for in the Terms of Reference.

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

(Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee
- October 16, 2007)

4.5 Toronto District School Board to Appoint a Representative to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 28, 2007) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, forwarding a motion recommending the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (TPC) write to the Chair of the Toronto District School Board (TDSB), requesting that the TDSB appoint a representative to sit on the TPC and participate in its work, as provided for in the Terms of Reference.

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

(Mr. David Tomczak, Senior Manager, Board Services, Toronto District School Board – October 16, 2007)

4.6 Big Papa's at 2982 Bloor Street

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 26, 2009) from Donald Pardoe, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, forwarding a follow up report to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, as requested at the last meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with reference to communication (August 2, 2007) from Agnes Faraci, respecting the increasing lack of sidewalk space for pedestrian at Big Papa's, 2982 Bloor Street.

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

FOR INFORMATION:

4.7 Collision Summary Leaflets

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following:

- communication (September 18, 2007) from Dora Marsh, Traffic Safety Unit, Traffic Management Centre providing an analysis of Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1 to March 31, 2007; and
- communication (September 10, 2007) from Jim Smith, Traffic Safety Unit, Traffic Management Centre providing an analysis of Fatal Collision for the period January 1 to August 31, 2007.

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received these communications for information.

4.8 Kirkhams Road Bridge over the Rouge River

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 12, 2008) from Lois James, requesting the Toronto Pedestrian Committee report on the action taken on the Kirkhams Road Bridge over the Rouge River, by Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on September 6, 2007.

Action taken by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

“deferred consideration of the report of the General Manager, Transportation Services until the meeting of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to be held on October 31, 2007”.

Links to Background Information:

2007-09-06-pw08.3

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2007/pw/bgrd/backgroundfile-6299.pdf>

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

Other Business:

- 4.9** Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, thanked the outgoing Members for their contribution to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and wished them well.

(Letters sent to Daina Leja; Dr. Bob Frankford; Crawford Murphy; Rita Brooks; J. Richard Nelson ; Deanne Fisher; Paul Collier
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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:15 p.m.

Chair