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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 7

Tuesday, February 19, 2008

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, February 19, 2008, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

***Members Present:**

3:00 p.m. – 5:20 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Matthew Blackett	X
Roger Brook (Feet on the Street)	X
Laurel Fortin	X
Greg Crompton	X
Sean Marshall	X
Beth Milroy	X
Jennifer Niece	X
Fred Sztabinski	X
Stephanie Tencer	X
Peter Tesar	X
Elizabeth Walker (Older Women's Network)	X

***Also Present:**

Councillor Michael Walker
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong
Helen Riley, former Toronto Pedestrian Committee member
Paul Collier, former Toronto Pedestrian Committee member
Crawford Murphy, former Toronto Pedestrian Committee member

* Attendees were present for part or all of the meeting.

Regrets:

Margaret Hastings-James
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)
Trustee Josh Matlow (TDSB)
Shawn Micallef

Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services
Jeff Bateman, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning
Pauline Craig, City Planning, Transportation Services
Mike Brady, Manager, Transportation Services
Jennifer Hyland, Transportation Services
Ann Khan, Transportation Services
PC Samantha Rozich, Toronto Police Service

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair assumed the Chair.

There were no declarations of interest.

Confirmation of Minutes – January 22, 2008

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Committee amended Minute 6.8 – Working Groups, by adding Stephanie Tencer, to the membership of the Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group. The Minutes, as amended, were confirmed.

7.1 Recognition of the contribution made by past Members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee who served during the 2003-2007 term of Council.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recognized the contribution made by past Members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee who served during the 2003-2007 term of Council.

The Co-Chairs presented scrolls of appreciation to:

- Crawford Murphy; and
- Paul Collier

and thanked them for their valuable contribution to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

7.2 Union Station - Pedestrian Planning Initiatives

Jeff Bateman, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, gave a presentation respecting Union Station – Pedestrian Planning Initiatives, and responded to questions from Committee members.

The Committee thanked Jeff Bateman for his presentation.

On motion by Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee decided to invite GO Transit to a future meeting of the Committee to discuss Union Station – Pedestrian Planning Initiatives and to answer any questions members may have.

7.3 Pedestrian Collision Study and Collision Summary Leaflet

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a report (January, 2007) from Mike Brady, Manager, Transportation Services Division, Traffic Safety Unit, titled “City of Toronto Pedestrian Collision Study” prepared by Transportation Services Division, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1–June 30, 2007, prepared by Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit.

Mike Brady, Manager, Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit, gave a power point presentation and responded to questions from Committee members.

Police Constable Samantha Rozich, Traffic Services, Safety Programs Office, Toronto Police, addressed the Committee, and responded to questions from Committee members.

Mr. Brady agreed to provide the Committee Secretary with a copy of the full Pedestrian Collision Study for distribution to Members.

The Committee thanked Mike Brady, Manager, Transportation Services, and Police Constable Samantha Rozich, for attending the meeting.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this item to a future meeting to enable interested members to receive the full Pedestrian Collision Study and to communicate with each other to generate ideas and prepare a brief report for consideration at the future meeting.

7.4 Transportation Services – Staff Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (February 7, 2008) from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that staff will provide verbal updates on:

1. Toronto Walking Strategy;
2. Toronto Walking Survey; and
3. Walking Website.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also had before it a copy of a power point presentation on the Toronto Walking Survey, from Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure.

1. City of Toronto's Walking Strategy

Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, gave a verbal report. Detailed timelines will be provided at the March 18, 2008 meeting.

The working group created to informally draft a vision statement for the City of Toronto's Walking Strategy, comprised of Laurel Fortin, Margaret Hasting-James, Jennifer Niece, Dylan Reid, and Beth Milroy (Minute 6.6), will be holding a brainstorming session. The group will report back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on March 18, 2008.

2. Toronto Walking Survey

The verbal report by Jennifer Hyland, Transportation Services Division, on the results of the Toronto Walking Survey, will be given at the March 18, 2008 meeting.

3. City of Toronto Walking Website:

Pauline Craig, City Planning, Transportation Services, gave a verbal update on the City of Toronto Walking Website. The website should be ready by the end of March. Members expressed an interest in previewing the website at its March 18, 2008 meeting.

7.5 Working Groups

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (February 19, 2008) from Fred Sztabinski, Chair, Budget Working Group, Toronto Pedestrian Committee providing an update on the 2008 Operating Budget.

Mr. Sztabinski requested that the City of Toronto Budget Committee be asked to fund a full time trails and pathways planner for the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested Mr. Sztabinski to draft the letter.

7.6 Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration - Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study - Notice of Filing of Environmental Study Report.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (January 16, 2008) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services Division, advising:

- (1) that the City of Toronto has recently completed the Six Points Interchange Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment Study under the Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (Class EA) process;
- (2) the Environmental Study Report (ESR), which documents the evaluation and decision making process, was approved by Toronto City Council on December 11, 12, and 13, 2007; and
- (3) the Environmental Study Report is available for review and an opportunity exists for submitting comments.

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication (January 16, 2008) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services Division, for information.

7.7 Bonar Creek Stormwater Management Facility and Extension of Legion Road – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study – Notice of Study Commencement

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (December 14, 2007) from the City of Toronto, regarding Bonar Creek Stormwater Management Facility and Extension of Legion Road, and explaining what the study is about, the process, and how to get involved during public consultations.

On motion by Stephanie Tencer, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication (December 14, 2007) from the City of Toronto, for information.

7.8. Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for a New North-South Watermain in Downtown West, Toronto: Notice of File Availability.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (November 28, 2007) from Karl Grueneis, EA and Approvals Planner, EarthTech, respecting Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for a New North-South Watermain in Downtown West, Toronto: Notice of File Availability.

On motion by Fred Sztabinski, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication (November 28, 2007) from Karl Grueneis, EA and Approvals Planner, EarthTech, for information.

7.9 Notice of Walk 21: Toronto Community Conference, Saturday, March 1, 2008

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication regarding the Walk21: Toronto Community Conference to be held on March 1, 2008, at Metro Hall, 55 John Street, Toronto, in Room 308/309, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., submitted by Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication, for information.

7.10 Snow Clearing

Elizabeth Walker commended Transportation Services staff for the excellent job the City has done in clearing snow from City streets.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Chair