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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 9

Tuesday, April 15, 2008

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, April 15, 2008, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

*Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 5:10 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Greg Crompton	X
Laurel Fortin	X
Margaret Hastings-James	X
Sean Marshall	X
Shawn Micallef	X
Beth Milroy	X
Jennifer Niece	X
Fred Sztabinski	X
Stephanie Tencer	X
Peter Tesar	X
Elizabeth Walker	X

* Members were present for some or all of the time indicated.

Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services
Lisa Ing, Transportation Coordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling
Infrastructure, Transportation Services
Jennifer Hyland, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services
Pauline Craig, Assistant Planner, City Planning - Transportation

Councillor Bill Saundercook, assumed the Chair.

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Confirmation of Minutes – March 18, 2008

On motion by Laurel Fortin, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, held on March 18, 2008, were confirmed.

9.1 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 did not consider this item at this meeting.

9.2 Lack of Sidewalks

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (March 18, 2008) from Kathy Lowinger regarding the lack of sidewalks.

Kathy Lowinger addressed the Committee.

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, advised the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that staff is drafting a report on a sidewalk policy for local streets. The report is expected to be ready in a few months.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, to give a presentation to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, on the contents of the report, prior to the report being finalized.

(Kathy Lowinger; Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services – April 22, 2008)

9.3 Toronto Transit Commission - Transit City Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a power point presentation by Mitch Stambler, Manager – Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, on the Transit City Light Rail Plan, including the schedule of projects and environmental assessments.

Mr. Stambler, responded to questions from members of the Committee.

Councillor Saundercook stated that, as decided at the March 18, 2008 meeting, individual members of the Committee would be attending Transit City Light Rail Plan Environmental Assessment meetings to liaise on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (a) thanked Mitch Stambler, Manager – Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, for his presentation; and
- (b) requested Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, to consult with the Director, Transportation Services, Transportation Infrastructure Management, regarding Street Design Guidelines and report back to the May 13, 2008 meeting of the Committee.

9.4 Transportation Services – Staff Update

(a) Walking Website

Pauline Craig, Assistant Planner, City Planning – Transportation, gave a presentation and demonstrated the City of Toronto’s Walking Website.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Christa Kroboth, A Stroll in the Park; and
- Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalist.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the presentation and demonstration on the City of Toronto’s Walking Website.

9.5 Working Groups

(a) Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a verbal update from Stephanie Tencer, new Chair, Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group.

Ms. Tencer, advised that the first meeting of the group will be held on Tuesday, April 22, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. and she would be sending out an e-mail regarding the location of the meeting.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the verbal update from Stephanie Tencer.

(b) Working Group Draft Vision Statement and Report

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication, containing a revised vision statement, from Laurel Fortin, Working Group Draft Vision Statement and Report, titled “Toronto Walking Strategy: Steps towards a Walkable City”.

Laurel Fortin gave a verbal report.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the revised vision statement to Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, for review, and, if necessary, a dialogue with Laurel Fortin

9.6 Toronto Pedestrian Committee’s Response to City of Toronto Pedestrian Collision Study

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (April 1, 2008) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, submitting, on behalf of the Pedestrian Collision Study Working Group, a response to the report (January 2007) from Mike Brady, Manager, Transportation Services Division, Traffic Safety Unit, titled “City of Toronto Pedestrian Collision Study”.

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee endorsed the report from the Pedestrian Collision Study Working Group, attached to the communication (April 1, 2008) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that:

1. the City investigate the potential for programs that may address specific findings in the study, as proposed in the attached report from the Working Group;
2. the City once again fund targeted pedestrian safety publicity campaigns which will focus on problems identified in the Pedestrian Collisions Study and by deeper analysis of the statistics in the study;
3. the City find ways to pursue further analysis of certain aspects of the statistics that may point to important insights into pedestrian collisions, as detailed in the attached report from the Working Group; and

4. the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's response be linked to the Pedestrian Collision Report for future reference.

The above motion carried unanimously.

(Public Works and Infrastructure Committee – April 17, 2008)

9.7 Collision Summary Leaflets

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following Collision Summary Leaflets from Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit:

- (a) Leaflet providing an analysis of pedestrian collisions from January 1 to September 30, 2007.
- (b) Leaflets providing an analysis of persons injured in collisions and fatal collisions from January 1 to December 31, 2007.
- (c) Leaflets providing an analysis of persons injured in collisions and fatal collisions to February 29, 2008.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the collision summary leaflets and requested Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, to discuss with the Manager, Transportation Services, Traffic Management, Traffic Safety Unit:

1. the possibility of adding fatalities to the location map on the collision summary leaflets; and
2. some way to link collision locations to the Geographic Information System (GIS) map in order to analyse location characteristics

and to report back to the May 13, 2008 meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the outcome of the discussion.

9.8 Scarborough Rapid Transit Extension and Sheppard Light Rail Transit Environmental Assessments

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (April 4, 2008) from the Project Manager, Toronto Transit Commission and the Chief Engineer – Operations Planning, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto have initiated two separate Environmental Assessment studies;

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the Scarborough Rapid Transit (RT) Extension and the Sheppard East Light Rail Transit (LRT), and enclosing a brief summary of each project, and providing information on the first public open houses.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the communication from the Toronto Transit Commission.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:10 p.m.

Chair