

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 10

Tuesday, May 13, 2008

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, May 13, 2008, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:05 p.m.

*Members Present:

3:05 p.m. – 5:50 p.m.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Matthew Blackett	X
Roger Brook	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.

Regrets:

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair
Greg Crompton
Laurel Fortin
Margaret Hastings-James
Sean Marshall
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Trustee Josh Matlow, Toronto District School Board

Also Present:

Colin MacDonald, Special Assistant to Councillor Saundercook
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

Dylan Reid, assumed the Chair.

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Confirmation of Minutes – April 15, 2008

On motion by Beth Milroy, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on April 15, 2008, were confirmed.

10.1 Street Furniture Placement Guidelines and Vibrant Streets

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a power point presentation from Alka Lukatela, Program Manager, Civic Improvement, City Planning, Urban Design, City of Toronto, titled “Street Furniture Placement Guidelines”.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the following communications:

- (April 16, 2008) from Nicholas Provarit enquiring if there are regulations regarding the placing of items such as pay and display parking machines and garbage cans on City sidewalks; and
- (April 16, 2008) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, addressed to Nicholas Provarit, responding to his enquiry and providing information on “Vibrant Streets” guidelines.

Kyp Perikleous, Manager, Traffic Planning and Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, answered question from Members of the Committee.

Mr. Stephen Otto, Chair, Friends of Fort York, addressed the Committee.

On motion by Councillor Stintz, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information, the presentation from the Program Manager, City Planning, Urban Design, and the Manager, Traffic Planning and Right of Way Management, regarding Street Furniture Placement Guidelines and Vibrant Streets, and the

communications from Nicholas Provart and Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

10.2 Pedestrian Issues arising from Rebuilding the Bathurst Bridge

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (April 29, 2008) from Shawn Micallef and Stephen Otto, Chair, The Friends of Fort York, requesting to update the Pedestrian Committee on the project to rebuild the bridge on Bathurst Street between Front Street and Fort York Boulevard.

Shawn Micallef and Stephen Otto, Chair, The Friends of Fort York gave a presentation, titled “‘Sir Isaac Brock’ Bathurst Street Bridge Reconstruction.”

The following addressed the Committee:

- Lois James, Rouge Valley Foundation
- Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Mike Laidlaw, Senior Engineer, Technical Services, City of Toronto responded to questions from Members of the Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. on motion by Dylan Reid, designated Shawn Micallef to represent the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at meetings related to the Bathurst Street Bridge, and the area around Fort York, and requested him to report back to the Committee; and
2. received, for information, the presentation and communication from Shawn Micallef and Stephen Otto, Chair, The Friends of Fort York.

10.3 Transportation Services - Staff Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a verbal report and communication (May 1, 2008) from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, reporting as requested by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the Pedestrian Collision Research and the Transit City Projects – Draft Streets Cross-Sections.

1. Pedestrian Collision Research

Re: The possibility of adding fatalities to the location map on the collision summary leaflets

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, in his communication, advised that Transportation Services will add the fatality locations to the location map on the pedestrian collision summary leaflet.

Re: some way to link collision locations to the Geographic Information System (GIS) map in order to analyze location characteristics.

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, in his communication, advised that Mike Brady, Manager of the Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services Division, will meet with interested members of the Pedestrian Committee to discuss the potential to analyse pedestrian collision locations and that this discussion would be more productive in a small group, and further requesting the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to identify members who are interested in participating in this meeting.

The Committee designated Stephanie Tencer as the lead person, to meet with Mike Brady, Manager of the Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services Division, to discuss the potential to analyse pedestrian collision locations.

2. Transit City Projects – Draft Street Cross-Sections

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, in his communication, advised that at the April 15, 2008 Toronto Pedestrian Committee meeting, the Committee requested that Transportation Services staff provide information to the Committee on the street cross-sections being developed to guide the design of the Transit City projects. The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure gave a presentation and submitted the Transit City - Draft Generic Cross-Section Element for discussion and input. The presentation included the cross-sections outline, recommended widths for the sidewalk and boulevards (including pedestrian clearway and planting/furnishing zones), bicycle lanes, general traffic lanes and dedicated streetcar right-of-way. The draft cross-sections are subject to further review and change.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the presentation and communication (May 1, 2008) from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure.

3. The National Center for Bicycling and Walking – Request for Proposals – Pro Walk-Pro Bike 2010.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (May 13, 2008) from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee forwarding the action taken by the

Committee on March 12, 2008 regarding The National Centre for Bicycling and Walking – Request for Proposals – Pro Walk/Pro Bike 2010.

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure gave a verbal report.

On motion by Jennifer Niece, the Committee endorsed and supported City staff's submission to the National Center for Bicycling and Walking expressing an interest in hosting the Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference in September 2010. The Manager, Pedestrian Cycling and Infrastructure will draft a letter of support for signature by the Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for inclusion in the submission.

10.4 Working Groups

a Jarvis Street Streetscape Project

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a verbal update from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, regarding the Jarvis Street Streetscape Project.

The Committee agreed it would be of interest to hear a presentation by City Staff on the Jarvis Street Streetscape Project.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the verbal update from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

b Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group

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

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

c Updates from Toronto Pedestrian Committee Members

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following verbal reports from Toronto Pedestrian Committee Members:

- i. verbal report from Stephanie Tencer, on the Huron Willcox Design Competition and Kipling Redesign Working Charette.

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

- ii. Verbal report from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee on Metrolinx
The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the verbal report from Dylan Reid, Co-chair.
- iii. Verbal report from Roger Brook advising that the Jamieson Avenue Crossing will be closed for the summer and that there will be no access from Parkdale to the Waterfront.

On motion by Roger Brook, the Committee recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that the City install a temporary accessible pedestrian crossing from Parkdale to the Waterfront, in close proximity to the Jamieson Avenue Crossing, to provide access during the closure of the Jamieson Avenue crossing.

The above motion carried unanimously.

(Public Works and Infrastructure Committee; c: Executive Director, Technical Services; Manager, Technical Services, Engineering Services, Works Facilities and Structures; Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – May 15, 2008)

10.5 Pedestrian and Bicycle Route Considerations

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (April 14, 2008) from Ian Wheal regarding identifying and promoting major historic paths, trails, and routes into and out of Toronto and to identify barriers created by geology and geography, and human barriers.

The Toronto Pedestrian also considered communication (May 9, 2008) from Helen Hansen, North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee

Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists, addressed the Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the presentation and communication from Ian Wheal and the communication from Helen Hansen.

10.6 Collision Summary Leaflets

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

- a. Injury Collision Summary Leaflet to March 31, 2008; and
- b. Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet to March 31, 2008.

On motion by Fred Sztabinski, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the Injury Collision Summary Leaflet and the Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet, from Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit.

10.7 Toronto Pedestrian Committee - Schedule of Meeting Dates and Agenda Closings for the remainder of 2008.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (April 22, 2008) from the City Clerk forwarding the schedule of meeting dates and agenda closings for the remainder of 2008.

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the following Schedule of Meetings and Agenda Closings for the remainder of 2008.

Meeting Dates 3:00 p.m.	Agenda Closings 12:00 noon
Tuesday, May 13, 2008 Committee Room 2	April 29, 2008
Tuesday, June 17, 2008 Committee Room 1	June 3, 2008
Monday, July 14, 2008 Committee Room 1	June 27, 2008
Tuesday, September 16, 2008 Committee Room 2	September 2, 2008
Tuesday, October 21, 2008 Committee Room 4	October 6, 2008
Tuesday, November 25, 2008 Committee Room 1	November 10, 2008

10.8 Kirkham Road Bridge over the Rouge River Class Environmental Assessment Study

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, a verbal update from Lois James, Rouge Valley Foundation, on the Kirkham Road Bridge over the Rouge River. The Committee noted that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee sent this issue to City Council, without recommendation, for its May 26, 2008 meeting.

Motions

Introduce Item No. 10.8 motion moved by Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee (carried).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:50 p.m.

Chair