



**THE TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE
DECISION DOCUMENT
MEETING 11**

Date of Meeting:	Tuesday, June 17, 2008	Enquiry:	Belinda Bains
Time:	3:00 p.m.		Committee Secretary
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(Add to Attendance: Colin MacDonald, Special Assistant to Councillor Saundercook)

Communications/Reports:

1. Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvement Environmental Assessment Study

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee unanimously adopted the following motions and referred them to the General Manager, Transportation Services, as part of the City's consultation process on the Jarvis Street Streetscape Environmental Study:

- 1. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee strongly endorses the principle of removing one lane of traffic from Jarvis Street and reallocating the majority of the space to substantially expand the sidewalks and improve the streetscape.**

2. **The Toronto Pedestrian Committee suggests that the Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvement co-ordinate with historical and site interpretation studies, and cultural institutions on Jarvis Street, to make sure there is a seamless urban design and pedestrian experience.**

Penelope Palmer, Senior Engineer, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services Division, gave a presentation titled “Jarvis Street Streetscape Environmental Assessment.”

2. **Response to Design Guidelines for ‘Greening’ Surface Parking Lots**

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the recommendations in the communication (June 1, 2008) from Stephanie Tencer, Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, to Toronto City Planning, Urban Design, for incorporation in the final Design Guidelines for Greening Surface Parking Lots.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the following motion by Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, to the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, for a report back to the Committee on the best way to proceed.

“The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Planning and Growth Management Committee that in order to encourage the retrofitting of existing surface parking lots to the new “Green” standards, which would greatly enhance pedestrian safety and the walking environment, that the City of Toronto investigate the feasibility of using fiscal mechanisms, such as property tax rebates, to encourage property owners to retrofit existing surface parking lots to the standards specified in the “Design Guidelines for ‘Greening’ Surface Parking Lots.”

Communication (June 1, 2008) from Stephanie Tencer, submitting on behalf of the Urban Design and Pedestrian Environment Working Group a response to Design Guidelines for ‘Greening’ Surface Parking Lots.

Summary of Recommendations from the Working Group:

That City Council be requested to:

- a. adopt the recommended changes to the Design Guidelines for Greening Surface Parking Lots document, as outlined in this report;
- b. endorse the Design Guidelines for Greening Surface Parking Lots document.
- c. seek out ways to actively encourage the implementation of the Design Guidelines for Greening Surface Parking Lots document.

2a Motion for consideration by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Communication (June 1, 2008) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee submitting the following motion for consideration by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

In order to encourage the retrofitting of existing surface parking lots to the new “Green” standards, which would greatly enhance pedestrian safety and the walking environment, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Planning and Growth Management Committee that the City of Toronto investigate the feasibility of using fiscal mechanisms, such as property tax rebates, to encourage property owners to retrofit existing surface parking lots to the standards specified in the “Design Guidelines for ‘Greening’ Surface Parking Lots.”

Note: A draft copy (November 2007) of the Design Guidelines for ‘Greening’ Surface Parking Lots was provided to Members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at the January 22, 2008 meeting.

3. Roncesvalles Avenue – Streetscape Improvements – Class Environmental Assessment Study – Schedule ‘B’ Notice of Study Commencement.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Committee received, for information, the communication (May 16, 2008) from John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, and indicated that it is interested in providing input regarding this study.

Communication (May 16, 2008) from John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, advising that the City of Toronto has initiated a Class Environmental Assessment Study to examine potential streetscape improvements on Roncesvalles Avenue between Queen Street West and Dundas Street West, and providing information on how to provide comments and remain informed on the progress of the study.

4. Don Valley Parkway Stormwater Management Project – Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Commencement and Public Open House.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Committee received, for information, the Leaflet regarding the Don Valley Parkway Stormwater Management Project, Municipal Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Commencement and Public Open House.

Leaflet advising that the City has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study for proposed stormwater management measures along the Don Valley Parkway, and advising that an opportunity exists for input at key stages of the study, and an open house will be held on Thursday, June 17, 2008.

FOR INFORMATION:

5. Public Works and Infrastructure Committee Item 14.9 – Increased Penalties for Red-Light Running Offences.

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Committee received, for information, the communication (May 2, 2008) from the City Clerk.

Communication (May 2, 2008) from the City Clerk, forwarding, for information, the action taken by City Council on April 28 and 29, 2008.

6. Collision Summary Leaflets

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Committee received, for information, the Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet from Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit.

6a Fatal Collision Summary Leaflet January 1 to December 31, 2007, from Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit.

New Business

7. Update by Committee Members - Metrolinx

Decision Advice and Other Information

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter for information.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, handed out, to interested members, copies of the report (February 2008) titled “Active Transportation - Development of a Regional Transportation Plan for the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area, for consultation – Green Paper No. 3”. Matthew Blackett advised that he is attending a meeting on Monday and will report back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with an update.