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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 13

Monday, September 16, 2008

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, September 16, 2008, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

*Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Greg Crompton	X
Laurel Fortin	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.

Not Present:

Matthew Blackett
Roger Brook
Margaret Hastings-James (Regrets)
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Sean Marshall (Regrets)
Trustee John Matlow, Toronto District School Board

Staff Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services
Lisa Ing, Transportation Coordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling
Infrastructure, Transportation Services
Christina Bouchard, Transportation Services (Cycling Group)
John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services

Councillor Bill Saundercook, assumed the Chair.

Declarations of Interest

None declared.

Confirmation of Minutes – July 14, 2008

On motion by Beth Milroy, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on July 14, 2008, were confirmed.

13.1 Roncesvalles Avenue – Streetscape Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Study – Schedule ‘B’

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard a staff presentation by John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, providing an update on the Roncesvalles Avenue – Streetscape Improvements Class Environmental Assessment.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the following material:

- display boards from the public open house held on July 9, 2008
http://www.toronto.ca/involved/projects/roncesvalles_streetscape/index.htm
- communication (June 18, 2008) from John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, advising that Transportation Services Division of the City of Toronto will be holding a public open house on Wednesday, July 9, 2008 from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

The following persons addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- Paul Collier
- Michael Rosenberg

During consideration of this item, Members referred to the recommendations made by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee arising from the presentation by the Toronto Rehabilitation Institute, which included the issue of a pilot project on raised intersections and pedestrian safety.

Councillor Saundercook and Daniel Egan provided an update of the action taken by the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on September 8, 2008. (See also Minute 13.5 – Update by Committee Members).

In response to a question, John Kelly advised that Roncesvalles Avenue was not a suitable location for a pilot project on raised intersections and pedestrian safety.

On motion by Dylan Reid, as amended by Jennifer Niece, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. endorsed the principle of the Roncesvalles Avenue Streetscape Improvement to convert traffic lanes into lay-by parking and use that additional space to widen the sidewalk/boulevard, but recommended that a further alternative be studied that would also remove the parking lane entirely on the west side in order to provide bicycle lanes and wider sidewalk/boulevards.
2. submitted the Committee's recommendations to the General Manager, Transportation Services, to be considered as part of the consultation process on the Roncesvalles Avenue Streetscape Improvements.

(General Manager, Transportation Services; c: Councillor Gord Perks; John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning; Paul Collier; Michael Rosenberg – September 18, 2008)

13.2 Sidewalk Lay-Bys on Public Roads – Pedestrian Issues

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (August 7, 2008) from Sean Marshall regarding Sidewalk lay-bys built by the City on public roads and designed for short-term parking or drop-off locations for local businesses and their intrusion on sidewalk space.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the communication (August 7, 2008) from Sean Marshall, to the October 21, 2008 meeting of the Committee.

13.3 Pedestrian Access to the Waterfront – Blocked Pedestrian Routes

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 3, 2008) from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee regarding Pedestrian access to the Waterfront and blocked pedestrian routes.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, to report back to a future meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the blocked pedestrian routes to the Waterfront and other plans to improve pedestrian access to the Waterfront.

13.4 Transportation Services - Staff Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 2, 2008) from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure providing an update with respect to the following:

1. Toronto Walking Festival; and
2. Pedestrian Priority Phase, and attaching a copy of the News Release regarding the implementation of the Pedestrian Priority Phase at the intersection of Yonge and Dundas which commenced on August 28, 2008.

Christina Bouchard, Transportation Services (Cycling Group) provided a verbal report on the walking strategy.

Christa Kroboth addressed the Committee.

The Committee received, for information, the communication (September 2, 2008) from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure and the verbal report from Christina Bouchard, Transportation Services (Cycling Group) on the Toronto Walking Festival.

13.5 Update from Committee Members

Re: Toronto Rehabilitation Institute – Pedestrian Safety in Winter

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a letter (September 8, 2008) from the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee forwarding the action taken by that Committee on September 8, 2008 regarding Toronto Rehabilitation Institute - Pedestrian Safety in Winter, submitted by Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee. (See also Minute 13.1)

Dylan Reid gave a verbal report.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the verbal update from Dylan Reid and the letter (September 8, 2008) from the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

13.6 Kirkhams Road Bridge over the Rouge River Class Environmental Assessment Study – Notice of Study Completion.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, a letter (July 22, 2008) from John P. Kelly, Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, advising that the City is issuing a Notice of Study Completion and filing the Environmental Study Report in the public record.

13.7 Pedestrian Safety - U-Drive – Entrance off Beecroft Avenue at North York Civic Centre

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication (September 11, 2008) from Helen Hansen regarding pedestrian safety and the U-drive entrance off Beecroft Avenue at North York Civic Centre.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received, for information, the communication from Helen Hansen.

Motions

Introduce Item No. 13.7 motion moved by Councillor Saundercook, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee (carried).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair