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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 26

Tuesday, February 16, 2010

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 6:15 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
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)	X
Beth Milroy	X
Nicole Schulman	X
Stephanie Tencer	X
Peter Tesar	X

Absent:

Ken Brooks
Laurel Fortin
Sean Marshall
Shawn Micallef
Trustee Josh Matlow (TDSB)
Stephen Young

Staff Present:

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, Transportation Services
Mike Brady, Manager, Traffic Safety Unit, Transportations Services
Stephanie Borun, Police Constable, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Tim Burrows, Sergeant, Toronto Police Service
Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Control and Safety Systems, Transportation Services

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

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on January 19, 2010, were confirmed with the following amendment:

Minute 25.1:

"2. Requested Toronto Pedestrian Committee members to forward any further comments that they may have to Stephanie Tencer, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and Co-Chair of the Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation, in order that the comments may be presented to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on February 2, 2010."

26.1 Pedestrian Collision Summary Report – January 1 to March 31, 2009

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a presentation by Mike Brady, Manager, Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services, regarding the Pedestrian Collision Summary Report – January 1 to March 31, 2009.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered:

- (a) Policy and Research Paper (January 11, 2010) by Dr. Barry Wellar, Policy and Research Advisor, Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods, entitled "Careless Driving and Public Safety: Curtail the Pandemic by Raising the Bar"; and
- (b) Letter (February 8, 2010) from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30

The following persons addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- Sergeant Tim Burrows, Toronto Police Service
- Bill Brown
- Helen Riley
- Andrea Charisse
- Joan Myles
- Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Control and Safety Systems, Transportation Services
- Councillor Paula Fletcher, Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that the General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to take those actions to enhance pedestrian safety as soon as possible that can be implemented within the current budget, which may include accelerating the implementation of the zebra crossings program and re-launching the "We are all pedestrians" public education media campaign. (Moved by Dylan Reid)
2. Adopted the following motion by Stephanie Tencer:

Whereas the Highway Traffic Act (S. 144; clause 27) states that "no pedestrian approaching a solid or flashing sign shall enter the roadway" and because the current use of the flashing 'Don't Walk' signal is synchronized with the onset of the countdown it provides less legal crossing time for pedestrians;

Therefore, be it resolved that:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee request that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee consider a request to the Province of Ontario to amend the Highway Traffic Act (S. 144; clause 27) so that, in the presence of countdown signals, a pedestrian is permitted to cross lawfully once the countdown has begun as long as they complete the crossing by the time the countdown has reached "0".
3. Requested the Co-Chairs to prepare a draft letter to the Toronto Police Services Board with Roger Brook's input regarding pedestrian safety for review by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee at the next meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010. (Moved by Roger Brook)
4. Requested that a letter be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board asking what the schools are doing about pedestrian safety and the implementation of a more complete and on-going program of pedestrian safety education for students. (Moved by Beth Milroy)
5. Invited Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Control and Safety Systems, Transportation Services, to the next meeting of the

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Toronto Pedestrian Committee on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, to discuss traffic control signals. (Moved by Stephanie Tencer)

6. Adopted the following motion by Councillor Stintz:

That the Policy and Research Paper (January 11, 2010) by Dr. Barry Wellar, Policy and Research Advisor, Federation of Urban Neighbourhoods, entitled "Careless Driving and Public Safety: Curtail the Pandemic by Raising the Bar." be referred to Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Control and Safety Systems, Transportation Services for comment.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee noted the following:

1. that Mike Brady, Manager, Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services, offered to analyze and report on the data on pedestrian collisions according to parameters suggested by the committee. Dylan Reid agreed to gather suggested parameters to be sent to the Manager, Traffic Safety Unit; and
2. that Sergeant Tim Burrows, Toronto Police Service, offered to consider locations for pedestrian safety campaigns where pedestrians are at significant risk and where police emphasis on pedestrian safety can focus on the actions of drivers as well as pedestrians. Dylan Reid offered to gather suggested locations to be sent to Sergeant Burrows.

26.2 Community Walkability Studies

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a presentation by Jane Farrow and Paul Hess regarding Community Walkability Studies being conducted.

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received their informative study for information and thanked Jane Farrow and Paul Hess for their presentation.

26.3 Community Walkability Audit Tool for Toronto – Proposed Scope of Work – Stephanie Tencer and Nancy Smith-Lea, Clean Air Partnership

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a presentation by Stephanie Tencer, Clean Air Partnership, regarding the development of a walkability audit tool and forwarding an outline of the Project Scope and Timeline and Deliverables to committee members for additional feedback.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the presentation for information.

26.4 Eglinton Crosstown LRT

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered recommendations for the Eglinton LRT submitted by members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Nicole Schulman, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the recommendations be forwarded to the Toronto Transit Commission for consideration.

26.5 Pedestrian Safety at Street Car Stops

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of Matthew Blackett's proposal regarding the improvement of safety at streetcar stops for pedestrians, until its next meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

26.6 Letter to Deputy City Manager – Funding for Pedestrian Projects

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a letter (January 21, 2010) from Dylan Reid and Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chairs, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, addressed to Deputy City Manager Richard Butts, expressing great concern that the Public Realm Office has not yet been able to use the funds held in reserve under the Street Furniture Contract, for information.

On motion by Stephan Tencer, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the letter for information.

26.7 Development of a City-wide Parks Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a report (January 20, 2010) from Brenda Patterson, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, entitled "Development of a City-wide Parks Plan", which was approved by the Parks and Environment Committee at its meeting on Thursday, February 4, 2010, and forwarded to City Council for consideration at its next meeting on Monday, February 22, 2010.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of the report until its next meeting on Tuesday, March 2, 2010.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 6:15 p.m.

Co-Chair