

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting 27**

**Tuesday, March 2, 2010**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, March 2, 2010, in Committee Room 2, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

3:00 p.m. – 5:45 p.m.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Matthew Blackett	X
Roger Brook	X
Sean Marshall	X
Beth Milroy	X
Nicole Morgan Schulman	X
Stephanie Tencer	X
Peter Tesar	X

**Absent:**

Councillor Karen Stintz  
Ken Brooks  
Laurel Fortin  
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)  
Shawn Micallef  
Trustee Josh Matlow (TDSB)  
Stephen Young

**Staff Present:**

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, Transportation Services  
Stephanie Borun, Police Constable, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service

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

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

### **Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Roger Brook, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on February 16, 2010, were confirmed.

### **27.1 Traffic Control Signals**

The Toronto Pedestrian gave consideration to a presentation by Bruce Zvaniga, Manager, Traffic Control and Safety Systems, Transportation Services, regarding traffic control signal operations.

The following persons addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- Helen Riley, who submitted a letter on filed in the City Clerk's Office
- Wayne Scott

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to:

- (1) Request the General Manager of Transportation Services:
  - (a) to begin studying as many pedestrian countdown intersections as possible to assess for safe crossing and report back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for discussion; (Councillor Bill Saundercook)
  - (b) with regard to actuated traffic signals, to report on the feasibility of implementing a system where pedestrian signals change automatically when the traffic signal changes the default option, and the system where the pedestrian signal does not change automatically with the traffic signal an option that is reserved for situations where there are particular circumstances that need to be considered; (Dylan Reid)
  - (c) to report on what measures can be taken by the City to extend the time as much as possible when pedestrians can legally enter the crosswalk which do not require changes to the Highway Traffic Act; and (Roger Brook)
  - (d) to report on what measures can be taken by the City to extend the time as much as possible when pedestrians can legally enter the crosswalk which may require changes to the Highway Traffic Act. (Roger Brook)
- (2) Recommend to City Council that the Minister of Transportation be requested to grant permission for the City of Toronto to study alternatives to the flashing hand signals and conduct pilot projects which incorporate pedestrian signal alternatives.

### **27.2 Measuring the Risk for Pedestrian Injuries**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee gave consideration to a presentation by Sean Marshall, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, regarding the rate of pedestrian injury and preliminary findings of risk factors.

On motion by Mathew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the informative presentation and thanked Sean Marshall for his work on this matter.

### **27.3 Pedestrian Safety at Street Car Stops**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee gave consideration to a presentation by Matthew Blackett regarding improving safety at streetcar stops for pedestrians.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee noted that the idea of improving the safety of pedestrians at streetcar stops also include tourists visiting from other cities and/or countries who may not necessarily be familiar with the traffic regulations in Toronto.

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee endorsed the proposal and referred the suggestions to Fiona Chapman, to explore and expand upon together with staff, including representatives from Tourism Toronto.

### **27.4 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 Roger Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of this matter.

### **27.5 Draft Letter to Toronto Police Services Board – Recommended Enhancements to Toronto Police Services Pedestrian Safety Campaigns**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a draft letter (March 2, 2010) addressed to the Toronto Police Services Board from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee regarding recommended enhancements to Toronto Police Services Pedestrian Safety Campaigns.

On motion by Sean Marshall, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the letter for submission to the Toronto Police Services Board.

## **27.6 Pedestrian Collisions and Safety Campaigns**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the following suggested parameters and locations submitted by Dylan Reid, Co-Chair:

- (a) Suggested parameters to be forwarded to the Manager, Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services, to be used to analyze and report on the data on pedestrian collisions; and
- (b) Suggested locations to be sent to Sergeant Burrows, Toronto Police Service, 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.

On motion by Mathew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the suggested parameters and locations noted above and requested that they be forwarded to the Manager, Traffic Safety Unit, Transportation Services, and to Sergeant Burrows, Toronto Police Services.

## **27.7 Staff Report**

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information the verbal report by Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, Public Realm Section, Transportation Services.

## **27.8 Members Report**

On motion by Stephanie Tencer, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information the verbal report by Roger Brook regarding the Scarborough Rapid Transit.

## **27.9 Transportation Division – Public Realm Section**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee gave consideration to a memorandum (February 25, 2010) from Richard Butts, Deputy City Manager, regarding staffing of the Public Realm Section and advising that the City Manager has recently approved the hiring of two additional staff to support the implementation of the Toronto Walking Strategy.

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On motion by Peter Tesar, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the letter for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:45 p.m.

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Co-Chair