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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 29

Monday, May 10, 2010

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Monday, May 10, 2010, in Committee Room 2, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:00 p.m.

Members Present:

3:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair
Dylan Reid, Co-Chair
Matthew Blackett
Roger Brook
Trustee Josh Matlow (TDSB)
Beth Milroy
Nicole Morgan-Schulman
Dylan Passmore
Councillor Karen Stintz
Stephanie Tencer
Peter Tesar

Absent:

Ken Brooks
Laurel Fortin
Sean Marshall
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)
Shawn Micallef
Stephen Young

Staff Present:

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, Transportation Services
Janet Lo, 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 Dylan Passmore, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on April 8, 2010, were confirmed.

29.1 York's Big Plans - Pedestrian Aspect

On motion by Roger Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of the proposed presentation by Nicole Arsenault, Manager, Transportation Services, York University, in regard to the development of York University lands and the potential for vibrant pedestrian space until its next meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010.

29.2 Street Hockey

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a proposal by Matthew Blackett regarding the use of City streets for playing hockey.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered a report by Graham Bailey, Transportation Services, Pedestrian Projects, regarding Street Hockey and Other Sports or Games on City Streets.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that it request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report on options for accommodating the playing of ball sports on residential streets in Toronto.

29.3 Governance Discussion

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered possible recommendations for 2011 forward in regard to the work of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

Meg Shields, Senior Corporate Management Policy Consultant, City Manager's Office, was present for the discussion on this matter.

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, provided a synopsis of the committee's mandate, membership, and terms of reference and meeting schedule.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter until its next meeting on Monday, June 21, 2010, and requested Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, to prepare a set of revised Terms of Reference incorporating the suggestions discussed for consideration.

29.4 11 Year Old Struck By TTC Bus

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered an article (April 18, 2010) from The Toronto Star regarding an 11-year-old girl who was rushed to hospital with life-threatening injuries after she was struck by a TTC bus at Bathurst Street at Danby Avenue.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered the following:

- New York City DOT - Pedestrians & Sidewalks – Safe Routes to Transit
- Pedestrian Collision Summary Report – January 1 to December 31, 2009

Vince Di Pasquale, Safety Liaison Officer, Toronto Transit Committee, addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

Councillor Karen Stintz advised of the Safe Kids Event on Nathan Phillips Square on Monday, May 31, 2010, promoting pedestrian safety and distributing reflectors for children.

On motion by Councillor Bill Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Toronto Transit Commission to assign a staff representative to attend meetings of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee in future.

29.5 Eglinton Crosstown LRT

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered an e-communication (April 1, 2010) from David Veights, AICP, Toronto Transit Commission, Transit City Program, responding to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's comments on the Eglinton Crosstown LRT Environmental Project Report.

Michael Rosenberg addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Peter Tesar, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested Roger Brook and Dylan Reid to collaborate on further safety measures to be communicated to the Toronto Transit Commission.

29.6 Stakeholder Advisory Group – Dundas Street West Streetscape Improvement

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a letter (April 26, 2010) from Kristina Reinders, City of Toronto, Urban Designer, on behalf of the Dundas Street West Streetscape Improvement Project Team inviting a member of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to participate in the project's Stakeholder Advisory Group (SAG).

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee appointed Stephanie Tencer to the Stakeholder Advisory Group as its representative.

29.7 Decisions of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on April 20, 2010.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered an extract of the Decision Document of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting held on April 20, 2010, regarding the following Items:

- (a) Prohibition of Stopping at all Times Within 15 Metres on the Approach to a Pedestrian Crossover (PXO);
- (b) Pedestrian Collision Summary Report; and
- (c) Traffic Control Signals.

On motion by Nicole Morgan-Schulman, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter for information.

29.8 2010 Get Active Toronto Report on Physical Activity

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a report published by The Ontario Trillium Foundation entitled "Get Active Toronto", for information.

On motion by Councillor Bill Saundercook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter for information.

29.9 Kings Travel Survey Bulletin

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a report (January 2010) prepared by the City Planning Division regarding travel characteristics of residents in the Kings neighbourhoods, comprising the sub-areas of King-Parliament and King-Spadina, for information.

On motion by Dylan Passmore, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter for information.

29.10 Staff Report

On motion by Stephanie Tencer, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the verbal staff report by Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects.

29.11 Members Report

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the verbal reports provided by various members on recent activities and issues of interest to pedestrians.

29.12 Traffic Light at Marjory Avenue and Gerrard Street East

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a letter (May 10, 2010) from Councillor Paula Fletcher, Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth, regarding complaints received from residents regarding the pedestrian crossing signal at the traffic light at Marjory Avenue and Gerrard Street East, and recommending that the walk signal operate automatically with the green light.

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, advised that appropriate action has been taken and addressed by staff.

On motion by Dylan Passmore, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter.

29.13 Crosswalk Ground Signs Can Improve Pedestrian Safety

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a letter (May 7, 2010) from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, Ward 34, Don Valley East, regarding the use of highly visible, large, ground signs painted in a bright florescent yellow with a stop sign requiring vehicles to stop and yield to pedestrians, and requesting the General Manager of

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Transportation Services to report on the merits of this system, its effectiveness in other jurisdictions, as well as on any existing provincial regulations to be amended for its implementation.

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong addressed the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Dylan Reid, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that it:

1. request the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report on the proposal for crosswalk ground signs as set out in the letter (May 7, 2010) from Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong; and
2. recommend to City Council that it request the Minister of Transportation for permission to conduct a pilot project in the City of Toronto at a location in Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong's constituency – Ward 34 - Don Valley East.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Co-Chair