



**STAFF REPORT
ACTION REQUIRED
with Confidential Attachment**

**Citizen Appointments to the Toronto Pedestrian
Committee**

Date:	September 18, 2007
To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
From:	General Manager, Transportation Services
Wards:	All Wards
Reason for Confidential Information:	This report deals with personal matters about an identifiable person.
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SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to forward the Toronto Pedestrian Committee – Nominating Sub-Committee’s list of recommended new citizen membership appointments to City Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends that City Council:

1. approve The Toronto Pedestrian Committee’s revised Terms of Reference (Attachment 1);
2. approve the appointment of the eleven candidates listed on the attached Confidential List (Attachment 2) for membership to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for a term of office expiring on November 30, 2010, or until their successors are appointed;
3. approve the appointment of the five alternate candidates listed on the attached Confidential List (Attachment 2), in the sequential order presented, in order to fill a mid-term vacancy, if the need arises; and

4. release the names of the approved citizen appointments and the alternative membership candidates for public information.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts resulting from the adoption of the recommendations in this report.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council, at its meeting on March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007, adopted Executive Committee Item EX4.1, Advisory Bodies and Working Committees, which among other things:

- re-established the Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- directed that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee; and
- requested staff to report, if necessary, to the relevant Standing Committee with any required changes to the terms of reference for the advisory bodies.

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee is currently comprised of eighteen members. The composition of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee is as follows:

- Two (2) members of Toronto City Council (Councillors Bill Saundercook and Karen Stintz are the appointed members for the current term of Council);
- Four (4) citizens – one (1) from each Community Council District;
- Seven (7) citizens-at-large;
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto District School Board;
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board; and
- One (1) representative from each of the following groups:
 - “Feet on the Street” or other pedestrian advocacy group;
 - Older Women’s Network or other seniors’ group; and
 - Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

Four Pedestrian Committee citizen members are returning for a second term. There are seven vacant citizen member positions that need to be filled.

COMMENTS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee at its meeting of July 10, 2007, established the Toronto Pedestrian Committee – Nominating Sub-Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee – Nominating Sub-Committee and Transportation Services staff conducted a search to fill the seven (7) vacant citizen member positions for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and to designate alternate citizen member candidates in order to fill a mid-term vacancy, if the need arises.

The search included the use of the following methods of communication:

- the City of Toronto web site;
- News Release to all media outlets;
- e-mail notices to all Ward Councillors; and
- the Application Form and Toronto Pedestrian Committee Terms of Reference were available through Access Toronto at City Hall, Metro Hall and all Civic Centres.

Transportation Services received 22 candidate applications by the stated deadline of Wednesday August 22, 2007, at 4:00 p.m. The 22 candidate applications received are on file in the Transportation Services Division, 22nd Floor, East Tower, Toronto City Hall.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee – Nominating Sub-Committee held a private session meeting on Wednesday August 22, 2007, to review the candidate applications received and create a short list of qualified candidates to be interviewed. Thirteen candidates were interviewed by the Nominating Sub-Committee on Wednesday September 5, 2007 and Thursday September 6, 2007.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee – Nominating Sub-Committee is recommending seven (7) new citizen members and five (5) alternate citizen members for approval by the Planning and Growth Management Committee and City Council for appointment to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the current term of Council, or until their successors have been appointed. In addition, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends that four (4) returning citizen members be reappointed for a second term.

Citizen members will be appointed for a term of four years, coinciding with Council's term of office. Reappointments will be permitted; however, the maximum length of service is eight consecutive years or two terms;

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee Terms of Reference have been revised to reflect the increase in Council's term of office to four years and the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's new reporting relationship. Citizen members are now appointed for a term of four years, instead of three years. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee will now report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee as directed City Council. In the previous term of Council the Toronto Pedestrian Committee reported to the Works Committee.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: Toronto Pedestrian Committee Terms of Reference
Attachment 2: Confidential Information - Citizen Appointments to the Toronto
Pedestrian Committee

THE TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE

TERMS OF REFERENCE

DEFINITION OF PEDESTRIANS:

Pedestrians are people moving by foot from place to place or at a walking pace (for example, users of assistive mobility devices, children on tricycles).

OBJECTIVES:

1. To work for improved pedestrian safety and better pedestrian access to public transit, schools, workplaces, shops, libraries, community centres, parks, including roads and other public spaces.
2. To provide pedestrian-oriented input to the allocation, design and use of public space.
3. To provide City Council and staff with comments and recommendations relating to standards to street and sidewalk lighting, guidelines, and general design of the public realm, including roads, and the capital and operating budgets with the understanding that Council may, from time to time, request direct input from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on any general or specific issue it so chooses.
4. To provide a forum for public consultation on pedestrian health and safety, convenience and comfort including working with Community Councils on local neighbourhood concerns, and working with the Toronto Transit Commission (T.T.C.) on transit-related issues.
5. To promote walking.
6. To provide educational programs to the general public and special needs groups.
7. To promote the implementation of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter in the City's decision-making process.

MEMBERSHIP: (18)

Eighteen (18) representatives from the following groups:

- Two (2) members of Toronto City Council;
- Four (4) citizens
 - One (1) from each of the following Community Council Districts:
Etobicoke York, North York, Scarborough and Toronto and East York;
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto District School Board;
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto Catholic District School Board;
- One (1) representative from each of the following groups:
 - “Feet on the Street” or other pedestrian advocacy group;
 - “Older Women’s Network” or other seniors’ group;
 - “Toronto Advisory Cycling Committee”; and
- The balance of representatives (up to seven (7)) being “At-Large” members.

The Committee seeks to have a diverse membership representative of Toronto’s diverse communities and all types of pedestrian interests including, and not limited to, the following:

Wheelchair users, physically-handicapped, blind or hearing-handicapped persons;

High school, college /university student; and

Walking/hiking organizations.

It is desirable that committee members and alternates be people who regularly walk and/or use public transit.

Membership on any sub-committee established by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee shall be open to interested members of the public.

Should a member appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be absent for a minimum of three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, without providing the Committee with written or verbal notification and reason for such absence, that member shall be deemed to have resigned from the position.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee will strike a Nominating Sub-Committee, consisting of three (3) to five (5) members, which will recommend new citizen appointments to the Committee. Vacant positions on the Committee will be advertised through a variety of communication tools. The Sub-Committee will: review the submitted applications; short-list the candidates to be interviewed; interview and select the successful candidates; and recommend the nominees to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee. A report will be forwarded to the Planning and Growth Management Committee for subsequent submission to Toronto City Council. Citizen members will be appointed for a term of four years. Reappointments will be permitted; however, the maximum length of service is eight consecutive years or two terms.

QUORUM:

The quorum shall be six (6) members.

STAFF RESOURCES:

Assigned staff from the Transportation Services and City Planning Divisions, T.T.C, Toronto Police Services and Public Health Officials to be invited as required or as interested. Recording secretary to be assigned from the City Clerk's Department. Mailings for meetings to be continued.

MEETINGS:

Meetings to be held monthly, or at the call of the Chair. All meetings to be open to the public and advertised.

From time to time, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee should meet in different locations across the City to deal with local concerns and to promote walking.

Small working groups may be set up as needed. Also, individual members may be designated to liaise with other groups or organizations (e.g. Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee).

REPORTING:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee will report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee as adopted by City Council on March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007 (Item EX4.1, of the Executive Committee) or the appropriate Standing Committee as circumstances indicate.

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