

March 2, 2010

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee
From: Toronto Pedestrian Committee
Subject: **Traffic Control Signals**

Recommendations:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that:

- 1. The General Manager of Transportation Services be requested:**
 - 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;**
 - b. with regard to actuated traffic signals, to report on the feasibility of 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;**
 - 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**
 - 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.**
- 2. City Council request that the Minister of Transportation grant permission for the City of Toronto to study alternatives to the flashing hand signals and conduct pilot projects which incorporate pedestrian signal alternatives.**

Background:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee on March 2, 2010, 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 (submission filed)
- Wayne Scott

City Clerk

Maria Kolominsky
Item 1

Attachment