

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk=s Division

Minutes of The Midtown Community Council

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, January 17, 2001

The Midtown Community Council met on Wednesday, January 17, 2001 in Committee Room 3, North York Civic Centre, Toronto, commencing at 9:35 a.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Michael Walker, Chair
Councillor Joanne Flint, Vice-Chair
Councillor Joe Mihevc
Councillor Jane Pitfield

Regrets:

Councillor Anne Johnston
Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Minutes of the meeting of the Midtown Community Council held on December 6, 2000, were confirmed.

**2.1 All-Way Stop Control: Abbeywood Trail at Barrydale Crescent.
(Don Valley West, Ward 25)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 21, 2001) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 3, commenting on the feasibility of installing an all way stop control at the intersection of Abbeywood Trail and Barrydale Crescent; and recommending that this report be received for information and that no action be taken with regard to the installation of an all way stop control.

The Midtown Community Council also had before it a communication (December 14, 2001) from Councillor Joanne Flint, forwarding a request, petition and correspondence, regarding an all-way stop for Barrydale Crescent and Abbeywood Trail; and requesting the matter be placed on the agenda as a deputation item.

The following persons appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with this matter:

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- Mr. Steven Karr;
- Mr. Andrew Rothbott; and
- Mr. Robert Palter

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council unanimously recommended to Council:

- (1) the installation of an all-way stop control at the intersection of Barrydale Crescent and Abbeywood trail; and
- (2) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of the necessary Bill in Council.

(Clause No.1, Report No. 1)

2.2 All –Way Stop Control: Avonwick Gate at Ranchdale Crescent (North Leg). (Don Valley East, Ward 34)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 21, 2001) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 3, reporting on the installation of an all way stop control at the intersection of Avonwick Gate at Ranchdale Crescent; advising that all costs associated with the installation of an all way stop control are included within the Transportation Services Division's proposed 2001 Operating Budget; and recommending that Schedules XVIII and XIX of By-law No. 31001, of the former City of North York, be amended to require traffic to stop on all approaches to the intersection of Avonwick Gate and Ranchdale Crescent (north leg).

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, and at the request of Councillor Minnan-Wong, the Midtown Community Council deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting.

(Clause No. 22(a), Report No. 1)

2.3 Request for an Exemption from Chapter 248 of the Former City of Toronto Municipal Code to Permit the Existing Paving to Remain in Connection with Driveway Widening at 112 Lawrence Avenue East. (Don Valley West, Ward 25)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 20, 2001) from the Manager, Right-of-Way Management, Transportation Services, District 1 recommending that:

- (1) City Council deny the request to maintain the existing paving in connection with driveway widening at 112 Lawrence Avenue East and that the applicant be required to remove or modify the existing paving and replace it with a semi-permeable material such as ecostone or approved equivalent permeable paving treatment acceptable to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, in accordance with the former City of Toronto Municipal Code;

or

- (2) City Council approve the request to maintain the existing paving in connection with driveway widening at 112 Lawrence Avenue East, subject to the applicant paying all applicable fees and complying with all other criteria set out in Municipal Code Chapter 248, Parking Licences, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code.

Ms. Susan Armstrong appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of Recommendation No. 2 of the foregoing report; and, further, that the applicant be requested, if possible, in consultation with appropriate City officials, to plant a tree in the front yard, the species of tree to be determined by the applicant in consultation with the City arborist.

(Clause No. 2, Report No. 1)

2.4 Request for an Exemption from Chapter 248 of the Former City of Toronto Municipal Code to Permit Driveway Widening for Two Vehicles at 500 Soudan Avenue. (St. Pauls, Ward 22)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 20, 2000) from the Manager, Right-of-Way Management, Transportation Services, District 1, recommending that:

(1) City Council deny the request to permit driveway widening for two vehicles and maintain the existing pavers at 500 Soudan Avenue;

or

(2) City Council approve the request for driveway widening for two vehicles, parking side by side, at 500 Soudan Avenue, subject to:

(a) the existing paving being removed/modified and the parking area being paved using semi-permeable materials, i.e., ecostone pavers or approved equivalent paving treatment acceptable to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services;

(b) the parking area for each space not exceeding 2.6 metres by 5.9metres;

(c) the excess paving being removed; and

(d) the applicant paying all applicable fees and complying with all other criteria set out in Municipal Code Chapter 248, Parking Licences, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code;

or

(3) City Council approve the request for driveway widening for two vehicles, parking side by side, at 500 Soudan Avenue, notwithstanding the existing paving is excessive and does not meet the City's paving specifications, subject to the applicant paying all applicable fees and complying with all other criteria set out in Municipal Code Chapter 248, Parking Licences, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code.

Dr. Howard Ovens appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Walker moved adoption of recommendation No. 3 of the foregoing report which **carried**.

Councillor Mihevc moved:

- (a) that the current landscaping be continued and that any future major landscaping changes to the front yard be subject to an application process, which **failed**; and
- (b) that it should be noted that applications of this nature will only be dealt with on a site specific basis, which **carried**.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

In summary, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of recommendation No. 3 of the foregoing report (December 20, 2000) from the Manager, Right-of-Way Management, Transportation Services, District 1. However it should be noted that applications of this nature will only be dealt with on a site specific basis.

(Clause No. 3, Report No. 1)

2.5 Reduction of Speed Limit – Heathdale Road. (St. Pauls, Ward 21)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 14, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request to reduce the speed limit on Heathdale Road; advising that funds associated with the adjustment of signage to implement a 40 kilometre per hour speed limit on Heathdale Road, estimated at \$600.00, are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Operating Budget interim appropriations; and recommending that:

- (1) Schedule A of By-law No. 1129-87, be amended to include Heathdale Road from Bathurst Street to Humewood Drive, to reduce the speed limit to forty kilometres per hour; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

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On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the
Midtown Community Council:

- (i) recommended to Council adoption of
the foregoing report and, further,
- (ii) requested the Director,
Transportation Services, District 1,
to re-submit the 1999 report with
respect to speed and volume counts
on Heathdale Road to the Midtown
Community Council.

(Director, Transportation Services, District 1 – January 22,
2001)

(Clause No. 4, Report No. 1)

**2.6 Parking Regulations on Croydon Road.
(St. Pauls, Ward 21)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (November 13, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request to consider changing the parking regulations on Croydon Road, to allow longer duration parking by both resident and visitors; advising that the funds associated with the rescission of the one hour parking regulation on Croydon Road, estimated at \$100.00, are contained in the Transportation Services Division, 2001 Operating Budget interim appropriations; and recommending that:

- (1) the City Clerk undertake a poll of the residents on Croydon Road, to determine majority support for rescinding the one-hour parking regulation;
- (2) subject to the residents' poll revealing the majority of residents are in favour, the Uniform Traffic By-law Nos. 196-84 and 2958-94 be amended to rescind the maximum one hour 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. parking regulation on Croydon Road; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 5, Report No. 1)

**2.7 Hillsdale Avenue West, Lola Road and Imperial Street,
Between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue – Parking on
Bridges Over the TTC Subway Right-of-Way.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, reporting on a request from Councillor Michael Walker to allow parking on one side of the bridge over the TTC Yonge Subway right-of-way on the subject streets to improve parking opportunities of area residents and businesses; advising that funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$1,000.00 are contained in the Transportation services Division 2001 Operating Budget request; and recommending that:

- (1) in order to allow parking on certain bridges between Yonge Street and Duplex Avenue, the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 400-33D (g.1), which exempts certain locations from the statutory stopping prohibition in effect on bridges and elevated structures, be amended to exempt the following locations:
 - (a) Hillsdale Avenue West, south side, from the lane first west of Yonge Street to a point 180 metres west of Yonge Street;
 - (b) Lola Road, north side, from the lane first west of Yonge Street to a point 89 metres west of Yonge Street; and
 - (c) Imperial Street, south side, from a point 74 metres west of Yonge Street to a point 58.5 metres further west;
- (2) the existing one hour maximum parking limit, from 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday to Friday, as well as the permit parking operation, from 12:01 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. daily, on the south side of Hillsdale Avenue West, from Duplex Avenue to the west limit of the bridge, be amended to operate from Duplex Avenue to the lane first west of Yonge Street;
- (3) the existing one hour parking limit, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday, as well as the permit parking operation, from 12:01 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., daily, currently in operation on the north side of Lola Road, from Yonge Street to the east limit of the bridge and from the west limit of the bridge to Duplex Avenue, be amended to operate from Yonge Street to Duplex Avenue;

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- (4) the existing one hour maximum parking limit, from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Saturday, on the south side of Imperial Street, from Yonge Street to the east limit of the bridge, be amended to operate between Yonge Street and the west limit of the bridge; and
- (5) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 6, Report No. 1)

2.8 Poplar Plains Road, West Side, in the Vicinity of Premises No. 94 Poplar Plains Road – Provision of an On-Street Loading Zone for Disabled Persons. (St. Pauls, Ward 22)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 15, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, reporting on a request to provide a disabled persons loading zone in the vicinity of Premises No. 94 Poplar Plains Road; advising that funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$300.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Operating Budget interim appropriations; and recommending that:

- (1) the “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the west side of Poplar Plains Road be rescinded;
- (2) the “No Stopping 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday” regulation on the west side of Poplar Plains Road, from MacPherson Avenue to Balmoral Avenue, be rescinded;
- (3) parking be prohibited at anytime on the west side of Poplar Plains Road, from MacPherson Avenue to a point 30 metres north of Russell Hill Road and from a point 41 metres north of Russell Hill Road to St. Clair Avenue West;
- (4) stopping be prohibited from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m., Monday to Friday on the west side of Poplar Plains Road from MacPherson Avenue to a point 30 metres north of Russell Hill Road and from a point 41 metres north of Russell Hill Road to Balmoral Avenue;

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- (5) a disabled persons loading zone be established on the west side of Poplar Plains Road, from a point 30 metres north of Russell Hill Road to a point 11 metres further north; and
- (6) the appropriate City officials be requested to take whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 7, Report No. 1)

**2.9 Broadway Avenue, From Mount Pleasant Road to Corinth Gardens-
Installation of Speed Humps.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 6, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request from Councillor Michael Walker that Transportation Services report to Midtown Community Council on the feasibility of installing speed humps on Broadway Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Corinth Gardens; advising that should speed hump installation on Broadway Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Corinth Gardens be approved, funds to install four humps in the estimated amount of \$8,000.00 will be included in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Capital Budget request; and recommending that that this report be received for information.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Midtown Community Council recommended to City Council that:

- (1) approval be given to alter sections of the roadway on Broadway Avenue, between Mount Pleasant Road and Corinth Gardens, for traffic calming purposes as described below, with implementation subject to favourable results of the polling of affected residents pursuant to the policy related to speed hump installation as adopted by the former City of Toronto Council:

“The construction of speed humps on Broadway Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Road to Corinth Gardens, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421-5888 dated November 2000”;

- (2) that the speed limit be reduced from 40 kilometres per hour to 30 kilometres per hour on Broadway Avenue, from Mount Pleasant Road to Corinth Gardens, coincident with the implementation of speed humps and as legislation permits; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to implement the foregoing, including the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

(Clause No. 8, Report No. 1)

**2.10 Berwick Avenue, from Duplex Avenue to Yonge Street-
Installation of Speed Humps.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 6, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, responding to a request from Councillor Michael Walker to report to Midtown Community Council on the feasibility of installing speed humps on Berwick Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Yonge Street; advising that should speed hump installation on Berwick Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Yonge Street be approved, funds to install two humps in the estimated amount of \$4,000.00 will be included in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Capital Budget request; and recommending that this report be received for information.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the
Midtown Community Council
recommended to Council:

- (1) that approval be given to alter sections of the roadway on Berwick Avenue, between Duplex Avenue and Yonge Street, for traffic calming purposes as described below, with implementation subject to favourable results of the polling of affected residents pursuant to the policy related to speed hump installation as adopted by the former City of Toronto Council:

“The construction of speed humps on Berwick Avenue, from Duplex Avenue to Yonge Street, generally as shown on the attached print of Drawing No. 421F-5890 dated November 2000”;

- (2) that the speed limit be reduced from 40 kilometres per hour to 30 kilometres per hour on Berwick Avenue, from Duplex Avenue to Yonge Street, coincident with the implementation of speed humps and as legislation permits; and
- (3) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take whatever action is necessary to implement the foregoing, including the introduction of the necessary Bills in Council.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

(Clause No. 9, Report No. 1)

**2.11 Amendments to Parking Regulations–
Laird Drive, East Side, Between Kenrae Road and Commercial Road.
(Don Valley West, Ward 26)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (November 27, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, seeking to amend the parking regulations on

the east side of Laird Drive, between Kenrae Road and Commercial Road, to permit on-street parking, during the off-peak periods; advising that funds to cover the cost of installing appropriate signs are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Operating Budget interim appropriations; the estimated for this work is \$800.00; and recommending that:

- (1) the existing “No Parking Anytime” regulation on the east side of Laird Drive, between Kenrae Road and 100 metres north of Commercial Road, be rescinded;
- (2) a “No Parking, 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m., Monday to Friday” regulation be enacted on the east side of Laird Drive, between Kenrae Road and 100 metres north of Commercial Road; and
- (3) the appropriate City officials be requested to undertake whatever action is necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that are required.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the
Midtown Community Council
recommended to Council adoption of the
foregoing report.

(Clause No. 10, Report No. 1)

**2.12 Installation of On-Street Parking Space for
Person with Disabilities on Glenforest Road.
(Don Valley West, Ward 25)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 22, 2000) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, reporting on a request for the installation of an on-street disabled persons’ parking space; advising that funds to undertake the necessary signage adjustments in the estimated amount of \$300.00 are contained in the Transportation Services Division 2001 Operating Budget interim appropriations; and recommending that:

- (1) the installation of a disabled on-street parking space as noted in Table “A” of this report be approved; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be requested to take any action necessary to give effect to the foregoing, including the introduction in Council of any Bills that may be required.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown
Community Council recommended to
Council:

- (i) the installation of a disabled on-street parking space on Glenforest Road, north side, between a point 11.5 metres west of Bocastle Avenue and a point 5.5 metres further west thereof; and
- (ii) that the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto, including the introduction of the necessary Bill in Council.

(Clause No. 11, Report No. 1)

**2.13 Request for Speed Hump Poll on Castlefield Avenue
Between Avenue Road and Rosewell Avenue.
(Eglinton-Lawrence, Ward 16)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (January 3, 2001) from Councillor Anne Johnston, requesting that the Midtown Community Council recommend that Transportation staff conduct a speed hump poll on Castlefield Avenue between Avenue Road and Rosewell Avenue.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council referred the foregoing communication to the Director of Transportation Services, with the request that he submit a report thereon to the Midtown Community Council.

(Director, Transportation Services, District 1 – January 22, 2001)

(Clause No. 22(b), Report No. 1)

**2.14 319 Merton Street, Dominion Coal Silos.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (October 4, 2000) from the City Clerk, notifying Council of a withdrawal of objection to the designation of 319 Merton Street for architectural and historical reasons under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and recommending that:

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- (1) authority be granted for the introduction of the necessary Bill in Council to designate 319 Merton Street as a property of architectural and historical value or interest under Part IV of the Ontario Heritage Act; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

The Midtown Community Council also had before it the following report and communication:

- (i) (September 3, 2000) from the Managing Director, Toronto Historical Board, addressed to the former Toronto Community Council, recommending that City Council state its intention to designate the property at 319 Merton Street for architectural and historical reasons under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act*, and providing background information; and
- (ii) (January 16, 2001) from Trow Consulting Engineers Ltd., addressed to Urbancorp Toronto Management Inc., regarding the potential options available to remediate the site and advising, in their opinion, the site cannot be remediated to Canadian Mortgage and Housing Corporation and Ministry of the Environment standards without removing all existing structures from the site.

Mr. Andrew Paton, solicitor, appeared before Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Flint moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Community Council for the hearing of depositions and that the Clerk be requested to advise Heritage Toronto and local residents accordingly, which **carried**.

Later in the meeting, on motion by Councillor Mihevc, the matter was re-opened.

Mr. Wayne Morgan, Coordinator, Heritage Preservation Services, Culture Division, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, was present to answer questions.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

Councillor Walker moved that the report (October 4, 2000) from the City Clerk be received, and, further that the notice of intention to designate 319 Merton Street under Part IV of the *Ontario Heritage Act* be withdrawn, which **failed**.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

Councillor Mihevc moved:

- (a) that the matter be forwarded to Council, without recommendation, which **failed**; and
- (b) that appropriate City officials be requested to submit a report, directly to Council for its meeting on January 30, 2001, when this matter is to be considered, with respect to the environmental remediation plan for this site, as submitted by the owner, which **carried**.

Councillor Pitfield moved that the Midtown Community Council recommendation to Council that the report (October 4, 2000) from the City Clerk be adopted, which **failed**.

Accordingly, as the foregoing motions, with the exception of Motion (b) by Councillor Mihevc, **failed** on tie votes, the Midtown Community Council submitted the foregoing report to Council without recommendation.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

(Co-ordinator, Heritage Preservation Services – January 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 12, Report No. 1)

**2.15 271 Forest Hill Road – Removal of Private Tree.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (August 30, 2000) from the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:

- (1) a permit for tree removal be refused; or
- (2) a permit for tree removal be issued conditional on implementation of the landscape plan on file with forestry services.

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The Midtown Community Council also had before it a communication (September 25, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that the Toronto Community Council, at its meeting on September 19, 2000, deferred consideration of the foregoing report until January 2000, and directed that any approval for the removal of the tree be subject to:

- (a) an approval of a building permit for the proposed extension; and
- (b) the submission of a landscape plan satisfactory to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

The Midtown Community Council was advised that the foregoing application had been withdrawn and no action was taken.

(Ms. Karine Krieger, Toronto: c. Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Interested Parties – January 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 22(c), Report No. 1)

**2.16 404 Russell Hill Road – Removal of Two City-Owned Trees.
(St. Pauls, Ward 22)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 1, 2000) from the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, recommending that:

- (1) Midtown Community Council deny the request for the removal of the City-owned 28 cm diameter Green Ash; and
- (2) Midtown Community Council approve the removal of the City-owned 58 cm diameter Norway Maple conditional on the property owner paying for the value of the Norway Maple and for all associated removal and replacements costs, that is \$4,210.72.

Mr. Kevin Adolphe, Toronto, appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the
Midtown Community Council
recommended that Council:

- (1) approve the removal of the
City-owned Norway Maple; and

- (2) approve the removal of the City-owned 28 cm diameter Green Ash conditional on:
- (i) the applicant paying for the value of the Green Ash for all associated removal and replacement costs, that is \$1,390.78;
 - (ii) the subject trees not being removed until permitted construction and/or demolition related activities in accordance with plans commence and warrant the destruction of the trees;
 - (iii) the applicant planting three proposed balled and burlapped (minimum 80 cm in diameter) Red Oak trees to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; and
 - (iv) the applicant furnishing a two-year renewable guarantee for the proposed tree plantings.

(Clause No. 13 , Report No. 1)

2.17 Site Plan Control Approvals.

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (January 2, 2001) from the Director, Community Planning, East District, advising of Site Plan Approvals granted by the Director of Community Planning, East District; and recommending that the report be received for information.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council received the foregoing report for information.

(Clause No. 22(d), Report No. 1)

2.18 Preliminary Report – Application to Amend Zoning for the Bloorview MacMillan Centre – 350 Rumsey Road – UDZ00-20. (Don Valley West, Ward 26)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 1, 2000) from the Director, Community Planning, North District, providing preliminary information on the above-noted application and seeking directions on further processing of this application and on the community consultation process; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that:

- (1) staff be directed to schedule a community consultation meeting together with the Ward Councillor;
- (2) notice for the Public Meeting under the *Planning Act* be given according to the regulations under the *Planning Act*;
- (3) an interdepartmental staff team in consultation with all affected landowners and the local community, undertake a context plan study of all the land uses located east of Bayview Avenue and south of Burke Brook. The study should address the road network and parking, built form, open spaces and pedestrian linkages of all properties within the study area. Any final report on this application should indicate the way in which this context plan will be protected and secured; and
- (4) prior to the preparation of a final report on this application, the Director, Community Planning, report back to Community Council with a recommended context plan.

The Midtown Community Council also had before it the following communications:

- (a) (January 17, 2001) from Councillor Pitfield in support of the recommendations in the aforementioned report;
- (b) (January 16, 2001) from Mr. Gerrard Grace, Vice-President, Marketing, Communications and Foundations, Canadian Institute for the Blind, expressing views of the CNIB regarding the proposed development at Bloorview/MacMillan Hospital;
- (c) (January 16, 2001) from Ms. Agnes Vermes, President, Leaside Property Owners' Association Inc., requesting inclusion in all future correspondence regarding the aforementioned report;

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- (d) (January 17, 2001) from Mr. Robert Duffield, President and Mr. Bryan Smith, Vice-President, North Leaside Residents' Association Inc., in support of the recommendations of the aforementioned report; and
- (e) (January 17, 2001) from Ms. Agnes Vermes, President, Leaside Property Owners' Association Inc., in support of Recommendation No. 3 in the aforementioned report.

The following persons appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Mr. Douglas Moher, Mr. Michael Gressman, and Mr. Bryan Smith, North Leaside Residents' Association Inc, and submitted a written brief;
- Ms. Sheila Jarvis, President and Chief Executive Officer, Bloorview MacMillan Centre, and submitted a written brief;
- Mr. Terry Montgomery, Project Architect with Joint Venture Architects;
- Ms. June Chiu;
- Dr. Golda Mila-Manson, Acting Chief of Medical Staff, Bloorview MacMillan Centre; and
- Ms. Robin Simmons, Client, Bloorview MacMillan Centre.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Midtown Community Council adopted the foregoing report; and, further, requested the Director, Community Planning, North District, to submit a status report with respect to this matter for the meeting of the Midtown Community Council scheduled to be held in April 2001.

(Director, Community Planning, North District: c. City Clerk: Attention Frank Baldassini; Interested Parties – January 22, 2001)

(Clause No. 22(e), Report No. 1)

2.19 Application to Amend Former East York Zoning By-law No. 156-97 to Remove the Holding Symbol (H) as it Relates to a Portion of Land at 147 Laird Drive and 22 Commercial Road. (Don Valley West, Ward 26)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (January 10, 2001) from the Director, Community Planning, East District, advising City Council, subject to confirmation from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, that the environmental remediation has been completed, and that the conditions for amending

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By-law No. 157-97 to remove the “H” provision have been met; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that subject to confirmation that the environmental remediation of the site has been completed to the satisfaction of the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, City Council enact an amendment to former Borough of East York By-law No. 156-97 to remove the “H” (Holding Zone) provision for the lands shown as Part 6 on the attached Registered Plan 66R-18964.

On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the
Midtown Community Council:

- (i) recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report; and
- (ii) requested the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, in consultation with the Director, Community Planning, East District, to submit a report to the next meeting of the Midtown Community Council with respect to the necessity for an entrance/exit to the development from Wicksteed Avenue adjacent to Phase 1B of the development.

(Director, Transportation Services, District 1; Director, Community Planning, East District; c. City Clerk: Attention Y. Davies; Interested Parties – January 22, 2001)

(Clause No. 14, Report No. 1)

**2.20 Preliminary Report – Zoning Regulations Affecting Through Lots
– All Midtown Community Council Wards – UD43THL.**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 19, 2000) from the Director, Community Planning, North District, providing preliminary information on the zoning regulation affecting through lots and on ways in which the City can limit the impact of a change on the local community; and recommending that Midtown Community Council receive this report for information.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown
Community Council recommended to
Planning and Transportation Committee that

the City-wide by-law review process with respect to through lots proceed as quickly as possible and, in the meantime, Section 6(20) of former North York By-law No. 7625 be amended to eliminate the current permissive approach of establishing the front lot line and that the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, be requested to submit a report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee.

(Planning and Transportation Committee – January 18, 2001)

(Clause No. 22(f), Report No. 1)

2.21 Appointments to the Midtown Community Local Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (LACAC) Panel.

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 20, 2000) from the City Clerk, recommending that:

- (1) the Midtown Community Council give consideration to Members' preferences outlined in Schedule 1, and recommend to City Council the appointment of Members of Council to the Midtown Community LACAC Panel for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until their successors are appointed; and
- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council that:

- (1) Councillor Pitfield be appointed to the Midtown Community LACAC Panel for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until her successor is appointed; and

- (2) the appropriate City officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

(Clause No. 15, Report No. 1)

**2.22 Establishing New Community Councils in the City of Toronto.
(All Wards)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (October 23, 2000) from the City Clerk, forwarding, for information, Clause No. 1 of Report No. 18 of The Administration Committee, headed "Establishing New Community Councils in the City of Toronto (All Wards)", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 2000, October 10 and 11, 2000, and October 12, 2000.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Midtown Community Council received the foregoing report for information.

(Clause No. 22(g), Report No. 1)

2.23 Midtown Community Council – Location of Meetings.

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (January 15, 2001) from the City Clerk, responding to a request from the Midtown Community Council to report to the January 2001 meeting regarding possible locations for the community council; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from this information report; and recommending that this report be received for information and that no action be taken with respect to alternate meeting locations until City Council had decided on permanent meeting locations for each community council, consistent with Council's direction.

The members requested the Chair to submit a Notice of Motion to the next meeting of Council recommending that Clause No. 2 of Report No. 1 of the Striking Committee headed "2001 Schedule of Meetings" be re-opened and amended to provide that meetings of the Midtown Community Council be scheduled on the first day provided for Community Council meetings rather than the second day.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Midtown Community Council deferred consideration of the foregoing report to its

next meeting, together with the following motion by Councillor Walker:

“It is recommended that the Toronto Transit Commission be requested to include in the request for tenders with respect to the proposed development of the site at Yonge and Eglinton, appropriate space for meetings of the Midtown Community Council and ancilliary office space for designated staff.”

(Midtown Community Council; c. City Clerk: Attention Peter Fay, Senior Policy and Planning Analyst – January 22, 2001)

(Clause No. 22(h), Report No. 1)

**2.24 63 St. Edmunds Drive – Removal of Two Private Trees.
(Don Valley West, Ward 25)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (January 3, 2001) from the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, reporting on an application for a permit to remove two trees on private property; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report: and recommending that:

(1) Midtown Community Council deny the request for the removal of two privately owned trees;

or

(2) Midtown Community Council deny the request for the removal of the silver maple tree and approve the request for the removal of the private spruce tree conditional on the applicant agreeing to implement a landscape plan acceptable to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;

or

(3) Midtown Community Council approve the request for the removal of the two privately owned trees conditional on the applicant agreeing to implement a landscape plan acceptable to the Commissioner Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism.

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Mr. David Denton appeared before the Midtown Community Council in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of Recommendation No. (3) of the foregoing report, as amended, by deleting all the words after "trees", so that such recommendation shall read as follows:

"It is recommended that Council approve the request for the removal of the two privately-owned trees."

(Clause No 16, Report No. 1)

2.25 Application for Approval of Variances from Chapter 297, Signs, of the Former City of Toronto Municipal Code, to Permit Two Illuminated Fascia Signs at 45 St. Clair Avenue West. (St. Pauls, Ward 22)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (December 31, 2000) from the Director, Community Planning, South District, reporting on an application for minor variances to permit, for identification purposes, two illuminated fascia signs on the front elevation of the building at 45 St. Clair Avenue West; advising that there are no financial implications from the adoption of the report; and recommending that:

- (1) City Council approve Application No. 900078 for minor variances from Chapter 297, Signs, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code to permit, for identification purposes, two illuminated fascia signs on the front elevation of the building at 45 St. Clair Avenue West; and
- (2) the applicant is advised, upon approval of Application No. 900078, of the requirement to obtain the necessary permits from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing report.

(Clause No. 17, Report No. 1)

**2.26 111 Barber Greene Road –
Protest Against the Levying of a Consent Application –
Ontario Municipal Board Hearing.**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a confidential report (January 3, 2001) from the City Solicitor, seeking instructions regarding the settlement proposal.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the foregoing confidential report (January 3, 2001) from the City Solicitor.

(Clause No. 18, Report No. 1)

**2.27 Revised Organizational Structure for the Committee of Adjustment.
(All Wards)**

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (January 10, 2001) from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee, forwarding a report (December 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services regarding a revised organizational structure of the Committee of Adjustment, corresponding with the boundaries of the six Community Councils; advising of action taken by the Planning and Transportation Committee at its meeting on January 8, 2001 in this regard; and requesting the Community Councils to forward any comments directly to City Council for its meeting to be held on January 30, 2001.

Councillor Pitfield moved that the report (December 11, 2000) from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be amended to provide that the Committee of Adjustment hearings be scheduled in the evenings for the Midtown Community Council panel, which **failed** on a tie vote.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of the Recommendations of the Planning and Transportation Committee with the exception of that portion of Recommendation No. (6) insofar as it relates to all Committee of Adjustment Hearings being scheduled to start at 2:00 p.m.

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(Clause No. 22(i), Report No. 1)

2.28 Request for an Exemption from Chapter 248 of the Former City of Toronto Municipal Code to Permit Driveway Widening at 157 Forman Avenue. (St. Pauls, Ward 22)

The Midtown Community Council had before it a report (January 12, 2001) from the Manager, Right-of-Way Management, Transportation Services, District 1, reporting on a request for an exemption from Chapter 248 of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code to Permit Driveway widening at 157 Forman Avenue, which does not meet the requirements of the code; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that :

- (1) City Council deny the application for driveway widening at 157 Forman Avenue;

or

- (2) City Council approve the application for driveway widening at 157 Forman Avenue, notwithstanding that the mutual driveway exceeds 2.6 m in width, subject to the applicant paying all applicable fees and complying with all other criteria set out in Chapter 248, Parking Licences, of the former City of Toronto Municipal Code.

Councillor Walker appointed Councillor Flint, Acting Chair, and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Councillor Walker, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council adoption of Recommendation No. (2) of the foregoing report.

Councillor Walker resumed the Chair.

(Clause No. 19, Report No. 1)

2.29 Appointments to the Agnes Macphail Award Community Selection Committee.

The Midtown Community Council had before it a communication (January 11, 2001) from the Chair, Agnes Macphail Committee, addressed to the Downtown and Midtown Community Councils recommending that the Downtown and Midtown Community Councils endorse the appointment of Helen Kennedy and of John Masterson to the Agnes Macphail Award Community Selection Committee.

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On motion by Councillor Pitfield, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council:

- (1) that membership of the Agnes Macphail Award Community Selection Committee be amended so as to provide that the members previously appointed by the former East York Community Council be now appointed by the Downtown and Midtown Community Councils; and
- (2) that Helen Kennedy and John Masterson be appointed to the Agnes Macphail Award Community Selection Committee.

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(Clause No. 22(j), Report No. 1)

**2.30 OMB Hearing
Minor Variance – 158 Dawlish Avenue.**

The Midtown Community Council had before it the following resolution submitted by Councillor Flint:

"WHEREAS on October 10, 2000 Toronto Committee of Adjustment refused an application for a minor variance for 158 Dawlish Avenue (gross floor area of 556.96 square metres whereas 487.73 square metres is allowed); and

WHEREAS the applicant subsequently appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Board has given notice that this appeal will be heard on Monday, February 5th, 2001; and

WHEREAS local residents and Ratepayer Association representatives who appeared at the Committee of Adjustment have requested City Planning staff to defend the Committee of Adjustment decision;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Planning staff be directed to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing to provide as much assistance as possible to the residents."

The Midtown Community Council also had before it a copy of a communication (January 12, 2001) from the President, Lawrence Park Ratepayers' Association, addressed to Councillor Flint.

Councillor Mihevc moved the introduction of the foregoing motion by Councillor Flint, which **carried**.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council, adoption of the foregoing resolution.

(Clause 20, Report No. 1)

**2.31 OMB Hearing
Height Variance – 1177 Leslie Street.**

The Midtown Community Council had before it the following resolution submitted by Councillor Flint:

"WHEREAS on September 21, 2000, North York Committee of Adjustment refused an application for a height variance at 1177 Leslie Street; and

WHEREAS the applicant subsequently appealed this decision to the Ontario Municipal Board; and

WHEREAS the Ontario Municipal Board has given notice that this appeal will be heard on Thursday, February 15th, 2001; and

WHEREAS the local Ratepayer Association President who appeared at the Committee of Adjustment has requested City Planning staff to defend the Committee of Adjustment decision on behalf of the Don Mills Residents Inc;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Planning staff be directed to attend the Ontario Municipal Board hearing to provide as much assistance as possible to the residents."

The Midtown Community Council also had before it a copy of a communication (January 17, 2001) from the President, Don Mills Residents Inc., addressed to Councillor Flint.

Councillor Mihevc moved the introduction of the foregoing motion by Councillor Flint, which **carried**.

On motion by Councillor Flint, the Midtown Community Council recommended to Council, adoption of the foregoing resolution.

(Clause 21, Report No. 1)

2.32 20 Strathearn Boulevard.

On motion by Councillor Mihevc, the Midtown Community Council recommended that authority be given to the City Solicitor to attend the Ontario Municipal Board Hearing, assisted by appropriate staff, for the purpose of defending the Committee of Adjustment position on redevelopment at 20 Strathearn Boulevard.

Councillor Mihevc advised the Clerk, subsequent to the meeting, that Council has already considered this matter. Therefore no further action was taken.

The Midtown Community Council recessed at the following times:

recessed: 12:22 p.m.;
resumed: 2:06 p.m.;
recessed: 3:30p.m.;
resumed: 3:40 p.m.;

The Midtown Community Council adjourned its meeting at 5:25 p.m.