

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, April 18, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, March 21, 2001, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Older Women's Network
Mr. Dave Meslin, North York
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Chair (Etobicoke)

Also Present: Ms. Jan Murphy, Toronto Catholic District School Board
Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Lewis Pearsall, Toronto
Mr. Martin Pilar, Toronto
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure
Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services

Regrets: Ms. Madeleine McDowell (York)
Ms. Peg Lush (Feet on the Street)

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting held on February 21, 2001 and March 21, 2001 were confirmed.

4.1 PROPOSED HARMONIZED WARRANTS FOR THE INSTALLATION OF 40 KM/H SPEED LIMITS AND ALL-WAY STOP SIGN CONTROL (ALL WARDS)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 6, 2001) from Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, providing for information, copy of report to Works Committee, proposing a set of criteria and principles which can be applied uniformly across the City of Toronto when streets are being considered for 40 km/h speed limit or intersections are being considered for All Way Stop Sign Control.

Mr. Peter Hillier, Manager, Operational Planning and Policy, Transportation Programming and Policy Section, delivered a presentation on the proposed Harmonized Warrants for the Installation of 40 km/h Speed Limits and All-Way Stop Sign Control, to an informal meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on March 21, 2001.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and presentation for information.

4.2 PEDESTRIAN USE OF ONE-WAY STREETS WHERE A SIDEWALK HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED – ALL WARDS

(Deferred from previous meeting)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 12, 2001) from the City Solicitor providing for information, a legal opinion respecting Section 179(1) of the Highway Traffic Act (Duties of pedestrians when walking along highway) and other relevant provisions as they relate to pedestrian use of a one-way street where a sidewalk has not been provided.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Works Committee that a policy be enacted that every one-way street have a standard sidewalk on at least one side.

4.3 2001 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS – MARCH, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 1, 2001) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2001 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to March 1, 2001 showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

4.4 2001 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS – APRIL, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 1, 2001) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2001 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to April 1, 2001 showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

4.5 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE WEB PAGE

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 1, 2001) from Ms. Lisa Ing, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, providing verbal update for information, advising that Corporate Communications has provided information on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee web page on the City of Toronto web site, including: Terms of Reference, Meeting information and Agendas.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.6 PEDESTRIAN USE OF WELLINGTON STREET RAMP.

(Deferred from previous meeting)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 4, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing for consideration:

- (i) communication regarding Pedestrian Use of Wellington Street ramp, Metro Hall; and
- (ii) verbal update from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.7 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 7, 2001) from Rhona Swarbrick, Member, submitting for information, the activities of the Chair of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the month of February, 2001.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.8 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE MONTH OF MARCH.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 4, 2001) from Rhona Swarbrick, Member, submitting for information, the activities of the Chair of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the month of March, 2001.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.9 CITY PRESENTATIONS RELATED TO "SHAPING TORONTO'S URBAN LANDSCAPE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 7, 2001) from Rhona Swarbrick, Member, providing for discussion, proposed outline with respect to request for City staff to make presentations on their department's role in the review of development proposals and applications that come to the City as they relate to pedestrian issues.

On motion by Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee adopted the report and requested that staff members be invited to make a presentation at the next three Toronto Pedestrian Committee Meetings as follows:

May 23, 2001 – Leo DeSorcy, Program Co-ordinator, Urban Development Services, Urban Design, North District, North York Civic Centre, 1st Floor – "The Avenues", part of the new Official Plan process titled "A Lens for Re-urbanizing our Arterial Road".

June 20, 2001 – Eric Pedersen, Program Coordinator, Urban Development Services, Urban Design, South District, Toronto City Hall, 19th Floor, East Tower – "Application for Preliminary Urban Design Review for Site Plan Approval used in the former City of Toronto".

July 18, 2001 – Pascoal D’Sousa, Manager, Transportation Services, Traffic Planning/Right-of-Way Management, District 2, North York Civic Centre, 5100 Yonge Street, 4th Floor – “Standards, guidelines and criteria used in the review of development proposals and applications”.

4.10 CYCLISTS ON THE SIDEWALK.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 21, 2001) from Mr. John M. Thompson, providing for discussion, correspondence from a victim of a sidewalk cyclist, who believes “Bicycles belong in the Street ... **NOT** on the Side**WALK**”.

On a motion by J. Richard Nelson, The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Clerk to thank Mr. Thompson for his letter; and provide him with a copy of the latest Fatality and Pedestrian Leaflet to show the number of pedestrian casualties in Toronto; and advise him that this matter has been referred to the Right-Of-Way Sub-Committee for a report back to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

4.11 QUEEN STREET WEST RECONSTRUCTION (PARKDALE).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a copy of a letter (April 3, 2001) from Thomas Timmins addressed and forwarded to Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski, regarding “Rebuilding a Nightmare – The Queen Street West Rebuild in Parkdale”.

On a motion by J. Richard Nelson, The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested the Clerk to thank Mr. Timmins for copying the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with his letter to his local Councillor; and directed that Councillor Chris Korwin-Kuczynski be requested to keep the Toronto Pedestrian Committee up to date on the status of this matter.

4.12 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a copy of a reply letter (March 23, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to Mr. William E. Brown regarding pedestrian safety.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested Mr. Bill Brown to :

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- (i) review the Ontario Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices for the adequacy of its provision with respect to pedestrian safety in work zones; and
- (ii) to report to the Committee his recommendation for further consideration.

4.13 CITY OF TORONTO CAR FREE DAY

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal status report from Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Infrastructure Unit, Transportation Services, with respect to the City's Car Free Day. He advised that, as yet, no date had been set for the Car Free Day. He also advised that the Working Group request that a representative from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be appointed to assist them with respect to this matter.

On motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received for information a verbal status report on the City's Car Free Day and requested that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee appoint a representative to assist on the Working Group.

4.14 OUTSTANDING ITEMS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 9, 2001) City Clerk, providing for information, a listing of outstanding items for the Toronto Pedestrian Committee as at December 31, 2000.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the up-date on the status of the outstanding items and made note of same.

- (a) The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 23, 2001) from Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street, requesting:
 - (i) status of all Pedestrian Committee recommendations originating in 1999 and 2000; and
 - (ii) microphones to be used at committee meetings or other arrangements.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting in order that staff may investigate the status and report.

4.15 2001 – 2004 CAPITAL BUDGET

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 28, 2001) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) regarding the 2001 – 2005 Capital Budget for Works and Emergency Services Department as presented at Works Committee.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.16 2001 OPERATING BUDGET

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 28, 2001) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) regarding the 2001 – 2005 Operating Budget for Works and Emergency Services Department as presented at Works Committee.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

4.17 TRAFFIC FATALITY # 9/2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2001) from the Research Sub-Committee (Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and Janice Etter) regarding March 19, 2001, Toronto Police Service News Release regarding Traffic Fatality #9/01, Victoria Park Avenue North of Parma Court.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned report to the next meeting scheduled for May 23, 2001, to allow members to comment.

4.18 TRAFFIC CALMING POLICY

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk (Works Committee) regarding Traffic Calming Policy as presented at Works Committee, and requesting that the Pedestrian Committee forward its comments to the Works Committee for consideration at its June 6, 2001 meeting.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned report to the next meeting scheduled for May 23, 2001, to allow members to comment.

4.19 DEDICATED STREETCAR LANES ON THE 504 KING ROUTE

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 12, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick with respect to a copy of a report from the Toronto Transit Committee Agenda of April 11, 2001 with respect to “504 King Streetcar Route: Results of Police Enforcement Blitz, and next steps” in which she attended as a delegate; and recommending that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee strongly endorse:

- (1) dedicated streetcar lanes on King Street, while fully respecting the needs of the adjacent businesses;
- (2) a permanent solution, with physical modifications to the street, whereby through traffic would be banned at all times, but vehicles would still be able to access each block as shown in Exhibit 3, “King Street with Dedicated Street car Lanes”; and
- (3) that this endorsement be forwarded to the May 7, 2001 meeting of the Urban Development and Transportation Committee and the May 9, 2001 meeting of the Works Committee.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the comments of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee contained in correspondence dated April 18, 2001, be taken into consideration in the development of this proposal; that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be kept informed of its progress; and that this matter be considered at the May 7, 2001 Planning and Transportation Committee meeting or whatever meeting this matter is being presented and discussed and copied to Councillor Betty Disero, Chair of the Works Committee, Councillor Brian Ashton, Chair, Toronto Transit Commission and Mr. Ed Drass, Rocket Riders.

4.20 VOICE AND CONCERNS OF PEDESTRIANS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it correspondence (March 28, 2001) from Mr. Lewis Pearsall expressing concerns with respect to issue of pedestrian safety; and an initiative to promote the values, virtues and concerns of pedestrians in our City.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

4.21 RESIGNATION OF MEMBER – LOIS JAMES

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it correspondence letter (April 16, 2001), from Ms. Delores Anderson, (daughter of Mrs. Lois James) advising of the resignation of Lois James.

On motion by Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, requested that the Clerk write to Mrs. James thanking her for her years of service to the Committee, and her invaluable advice; and welcome Ms. James to attend future meetings at her leisure.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the vacancy be filled by Mr. Paul Collier for the remainder of the term to expire on November 30, 2003, or until his successor is appointed.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:45 p.m.

Chair.