

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 8

Wednesday, September 26, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, September 26, 2001, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Older Women's Network
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Ms. Rita Brooks, Toronto Resident and Deputant
Ms. Michelle Buckley, York University Student
Ms. Julie Greenspoon, York University Student
Ms. Lois James, Community Research Centre of Scarborough /
Save the Rouge Scarborough
Ms. Joan Miles, Green Tourism Association
Mr. Martin Pilar, Resident, Etobicoke
Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
Mr. David Schaffer, Toronto Resident and Deputant
Mr. Tom Timmins, ARC/CBN/RMRA
Ms. Elizabeth Walker (Older Women's Network)
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator
Mr. Pascoal D'Souza, Transportation Services, District 3

Regrets: Ms. Judith Bussey, Toronto
Mr. Joel Courchesne, Toronto
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Councillor Jane Pitfield
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Chair, Etobicoke

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Minutes of the meeting held on July 18, 2001 were confirmed.

PRESENTATION.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a presentation from Mr. Pascoal D'Souza, Manager, Transportation Services, Traffic Planning/Right-of-Way Management, District 3 with respect to the "Standards, guidelines and criteria used in the review of development proposals and applications". Mr. D'Souza gave the Committee members an overview of the criteria used and answered queries of the public and members in attendance.

On motion by Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked Mr. D'Souza for his presentation.

8.1 PROPOSED CAR FREE DAY – STATUS REPORT (ALL WARDS)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 1, 2001) from the Acting City Clerk, providing for information copy of Clause No. 7 contained in Report No. 8 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Proposed Car Free Day – Status Report (All Wards)", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 24, 25, and 26, 2001, supporting the 2001 Car Free Day on St. George Street (from Bloor to College Streets) on Saturday, September 22, 2001.

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

8.2 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY ISSUE – VEHICLES ON SIDEWALKS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (July 10, 2001) from Ms. Rita Brooks, forwarding request from Ms. Brooks to address the Toronto Pedestrian Committee regarding a pedestrian safety issue, such as: parked vehicles on sidewalks; and
- (b) (September 19, 2001) from Helen Hansen and Robert Hansen, providing for information, their concerns about vehicles on sidewalks, but not particularly about

non-motorized vehicles, such as bicycles. (Communication also refers to item numbers 4 and 14 on the regular agenda).

Ms. Rita Brooks addressed Committee regarding her concerns about pedestrian safety issues and in particular the chronic habit of people parking their vehicles on the sidewalks.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communications for information; and requested staff to invite the Police and or By-law / Parking Enforcement Officers to a future meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

8.3 PEDESTRIAN CROSSING AT RICHMOND AND JOHN STREETS – CITY-TV VEHICLE

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 6, 2001) from Mr. William Brown, providing for information, copy of letter sent to Mr. Moses Znaimer, President, CITY-TV regarding CITY-TV vehicle and pedestrians crossing the intersections of Richmond and John Streets.

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

8.4 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND PARKING ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 13, 2001) from Mr. William Brown, providing for information, copy of letter sent to Mr. Barry Gutteridge, Commissioner, Works & Emergency Services regarding pedestrian safety and parking on public sidewalks. Mr. Brown advised the Committee that he had received a reply to his letter and would request that it be put on the next agenda.

On motion by Mr. William Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that staff invite Mr. Edward Richard, Corporate Services/Human Resources Consultant to attend the next meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001.

8.5 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (July 23, 2001) from Ms. Janet Feasby, Advertising Standards Canada, Director, Public Affairs and Communication Standards Division, providing for information,

copy of response communication from Advertising Standards regarding complaints with respect to television and print advertisements by various motor vehicle manufacturers.

- (b) (August 28, 2001) from Ms. Janet Feasby, Advertising Standards Canada, Director, Public Affairs and Communication Standards Division, providing for information, further to letter of July 23, 2001, communication to show additional rationale for ASC's decisions regarding advertisements.

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

**8.6 CAR ADVERTISEMENT COMPLAINT
(ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 21, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and Janice Etter, providing for information, copy of correspondence to Janet Feasby, Director, Public Affairs and Communication regarding Car advertisement complaint for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001.

**8.7 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE CHAIR'S REPORT FOR THE
MONTHS OF JUNE TO SEPTEMBER, 2001.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 12, 2001) from Rhona Swarbrick, Chair, submitting for information, the activities of the Chair of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the months of June to September, 2001.

On motion by Mr. Boyd Hipfner, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

**8.8 A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE HIGHWAY TRAFFIC ACT
(TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION STAFF REPORT NO. 24).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 21, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Chair, providing for information, copy of correspondence to the Toronto Transit Commission regarding a proposed amendment to the Highway Traffic Act for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001.

8.9 POLICE PLAN TO TARGET ERRANT WALKERS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 21, 2001) from Mr. Gary Grant, Superintendent Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, providing for information, copy of response with respect to article about pedestrians entitled "Police plan to target errant walkers".

On motion by Ms. Peg Lush, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information and commented to staff that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would prefer to be included in discussion with police before decision made.

8.10 PEDESTRIAN CROSSOVER

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 30, 2001) from Acting City Clerk, providing for information, copy of Clause No. 16 contained in Report No. 12 of the Works Committee which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001.

On motion by Mr. Boyd Hipfner, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.11 2001 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 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 July 1, 2001 showing relevant facts and trends.

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

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**8.13 CHAPTER 3.3 OF DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN ROADS,
(TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, SEPTEMBER 1999)
STREETSCAPING.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 10, 2001) from Research Sub-Committee & TPC Working Group, submitting for review, report of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee Research Subcommittee regarding Chapter 3.3 of Design Guidelines for Canadian Roads, Transportation Association of Canada, September, 1999, Streetscaping.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001.

8.14 ADVOCACY GROUP FOR TORONTO CYCLISTS

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (August 22, 2001) from Mr. Derek Chadbourne, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC), providing for information, communication from Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists regarding cyclists on sidewalks.

Mr. David Schaffer addressed Committee regarding his concerns and experiences with cyclists on sidewalks.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report for information.

8.15 NOTICE OF HIGHWAY OBSTRUCTION, INTERSECTION OF MACDONELL AVENUE AND WRIGHT AVENUE; INTERSECTION OF MACDONELL AVENUE AND SEAFORTH AVENUE; SORAUREN AVENUE AND FERMANAGH AVENUE; AND INTERSECTION OF RONCESVALLES AVENUE AND MARION AVENUE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) (July 26, 2001) from Mr. Thomas Timmins, providing for information, copies of correspondence with respect to Notice to City of Toronto regarding Highway Obstruction, MacDonell Avenue and Wright Avenue; Intersection of MacDonell Avenue and Seaforth Avenue; Sorauren Avenue and Fermanagh Avenue; and Intersection of Roncesvalles Avenue and Marion Avenue.

- (b) (August 2, 2001) from Andy Koropeski, Director Transportation Services, District 1, Works & Emergency Services, providing for information, copy of reply to Mr. Thomas Timmins, advising staff are investigating these concerns.

Mr. Tom Timmins addressed Committee and advised that staff responded to him that the work is proceeding and curb cuts are scheduled to be done by the end of October, 2001.

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

8.16 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (September 10, 2001) from Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, submitting for information, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure staff update.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001.

8.17 TORONTO HEART HEALTH PARTNERSHIP'S WALKING INITIATIVE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report from Mr. Richard Nelson and Paula Waddell, Co-ordinator, Toronto Heart Health Partnership, providing for information, oral report on Toronto Heart Health Partnership's Walking Initiative.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on October 31, 2001

8.18 IMMEDIATE SAFETY OF PEDESTRIANS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) a report (September 10, 2001) from City Clerk (Works Committee), providing for information, copy of transmittal letter to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services with respect to the immediate safety for pedestrians on sidewalks and pedestrian crossing referring the communication dated July 27, 2001 from the Acting City Clerk (Toronto Pedestrian Committee) for a report thereon.

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- (2) verbal report from Mr. J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's representative to the Toronto Cycling Committee advising he had attended the Toronto Cycling Committee

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

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Chair.