

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee**

**Meeting No. 10**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2001**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, November 28, 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. Rita Brooks, Co-Chair
- Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
- Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
- Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
- Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
- Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
- Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
- Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair
- Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke

Also Present:

- Ms. Sue Cross, Councillor Pitfield's Assistant
- Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
- Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Feet on the Street,  
(Older Women's Network)
- Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Eileen Smith, St. Lawrence Neighborhood
- Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
- Mr. Frank Yow-Foo, Parking Enforcement East, Toronto Police
- Mr. Frank Sanchez, Parking Enforcement East, Toronto Police

Staff Present:

- Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
- Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator
- Mr. Steven Kodama, Manager, Traffic Data Centre
- Mr. Les Kelman, Director, Transportation Systems
- Mr. Edward Richard, Human Resources Consultant

Regrets:

- Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens's Network
- Councillor Jane Pitfield

**Declaration of Interest.**

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared an interest regarding Minute No. 10.13 – Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Pilot Program with respect to Pedestrian Safety Campaign in that he works for the firm that has the consulting contract, and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on October 31, 2001 were confirmed.

**10.1 KIDESTRIANS – BOOKLET ON CHILDREN’S SAFETY.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 3, 2001) from Mr. William E. Brown, South Riverdale Health Promotion Program, recommending that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee review this guide with the goal of assisting Canadian Tire Child Protection Foundation to:

- (1) incorporate the findings from the most recent literature on children’s ability to assimilate and utilize safety measures on a regular daily basis;
- (2) expand this guide to include a parental focus by placing fundamental responsibility for child safety upon the appropriate adult person(s) operating vehicles; and
- (3) direct resources towards public agencies to develop new policies and programmes designed to make our communities safe for all residents and ensure the responsibility for childhood safety is placed where it is most efficacious.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and was advised that the Booklet is not being produced any longer.

**10.2 TORONTO HEART HEALTH PARTNERSHIP’S WALKING INITIATIVE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal report from Mr. J. Richard Nelson, providing for information, oral report on Toronto Heart Health Partnership’s Walking Initiative.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned verbal report.

### **10.3 SHARING OF MULTI-USE PATHS IN PARKS BY PEDESTRIANS, CYCLISTS AND IN-LINE SKATERS**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 23, 2001) from Mr. J. Richard Nelson, TPC representative on the TCC, recommending that a joint working group be formed with representation from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, the Toronto Cycling Committee and the Walking Initiative of the Toronto Heart Health Partnership, with appropriate staff support.

On motion by Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee approved the aforementioned report recommending that a joint working group be formed with representation from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, the Toronto Cycling Committee and Walking Initiative of the Toronto Heart Health Partnership, with appropriate staff support.

### **10.4 CLOSURE OF SPECIFIC STREETS IN TORONTO**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (October 18, 2001) from City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee, forwarding for information list of communications received by the Planning and Transportation Committee regarding closure of specific streets in Toronto.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

### **10.5 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (November 14, 2001) from Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update.

#### **(1) Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Pilot Project.**

IBI Group and Transportation Services staff presented the Scoping Exercise for the Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Study at an information meeting held on November 13, 2001. The purpose of the meeting was to seek comments from the Committee regarding these and other potential pedestrian safety initiatives projects. Staff provided documents relating to the survey results from the October 31, 2001 Toronto Pedestrian Committee meeting, which summarized rankings for six proposed pilot projects. IBI Group distributed a presentation package.

(2) Design Walk Speed.

At the request of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, staff provided a listing of signalized intersections with a design walk speed of 1.0 metre per second. Staff have prepared and attached a list of 547 intersections, but advised they do not have a complete list of intersections at this time because this information is not recorded in the database, however, this information is now being routinely included in the database and walk times will be readily available in a couple of years. In the meantime, members are to continue to advise staff of any locations where the walking speeds should be investigated.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

## **10.6 ROAD AND SIDEWALK SAFETY- “PEDESTRIAN FIRST” POLICY.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (July 30, 2001) from Mr. William E. Brown, South Riverdale, Health Promotion Program, providing for information copy of response letter from Mr. R. Orpin, Manager, Road Operations, District 1- Area 1, Transportation Services regarding city vehicles parked on sidewalks.

Mr. Frank Yow-Foo and Mr. Frank Sanchez, Parking Enforcement, Toronto Police Service addressed Committee and advised Committee that members may telephone the Parking Enforcement Unit with respect to complaints for the East area (Spadina Avenue to Scarborough City limits) by calling (416) 808-2222 or fax (416) 808-6612 and for the West area (Spadian Avenue to Etobicoke city limits) by calling (416) 808-1600 or fax (416) 808-1602 and leave a message regarding location and nature of complaint (i.e. – obstructing sidewalk or driveway).

Toronto Pedestrian Committee had a presentation by Edward Richard, Human Resources Consultant, Health & Workplace Safety, Transportation Technical Support Services, to discuss his role in training city staff on workplace safety issues (i.e. vehicles parked on sidewalks). Mr. Richards advised the Toronto Pedestrian Committee that staff are working on a draft Traffic Control Manual plan.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication and requested that Edward Richard provide the Toronto Pedestrian Committee with a copy of the draft plan. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee should be kept informed of the progress with respect to this Manual, as the Toronto Pedestrian Committee should be considered a primary stakeholder in order that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee can review the draft Manual and provide comments before its is finalized.

#### **10.7 INFRINGEMENT ON SIDEWALK FOR PEDESTRIANS.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (October 31, 2001) from Mr. Ian Wheal, submitting for information, material regarding infringement on Sidewalk for pedestrians (Yonge Street, East side north of Bloor Street East; and requesting protection barrier.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the aforementioned communication to staff for a follow-up report.

#### **10.8 COMMERCIAL ADVERTISEMENT (HONDA CIVIC)**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (i) a communication (October 24, 2001) from Mr. Wayne Scott, providing for information, copy of letter sent to Honda Canada requesting copy of their astoundingly good commercial advertisement regarding Honda Civic in order to present same to the Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee was shown a copy of the aforementioned television commercial advertisement and after discussion of this matter Mr. Wayne Scott withdrew his report.

- (ii) a communication (November 15, 2001) from Mr. Wayne Scott regarding previous complaint to Advertising Standards Canada with respect to GM Pontiac Grand AM commercial and new commercial for same vehicle being released .

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee advised that individuals under their own signature can respond directly to Advertising Standards without going through the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

#### **10.9 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY IN CONSTRUCTION ZONES – YONGE AND COLLEGE STREETS.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 15, 2001) from Mr. Boyd Hipfner, recommending that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee request a report from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services concerning a number of questions relating to guidelines for contractors performing construction on roads and sidewalks. (see copy of Toronto Star article October 31, 2001 – “Yonge St. Obstacle Course and “Disabled face daily ‘minefield’”).

Mr. Les Kelman addressed Committee on this matter and advised that the City of Toronto guidelines are made known to city workers as well as to contractors.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

#### **10.10 2001 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (October 31, 2001 from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the revised 2001 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to October 31, 2001 showing relevant facts and trends.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

#### **10.11 PEDESTRIAN HAZARDS (NORTH YORK CIVIC CENTRE).**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 15, 2001) from Ms. Helen Hansen, Feet on the Street, submitting for information, copies of correspondence regarding pedestrian hazards at North York Civic Centre drive off Beecroft.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

#### **10.12 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AT ROAD WORK SITES.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 15, 2001) from Ms. Helen Hansen and Mr. Robert Hansen, submitting for information, copy of correspondence (November 10, 2001) addressed to Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services with respect to "Pedestrian safety at road work sites".

Mr. Les Kelman addressed Committee on this matter and advised that the City of Toronto guidelines are made known to city workers as well as to contractors.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

### **10.13 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY INITIATIVES PILOT PROGRAM.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2001) from City Clerk, submitting for information, Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 16 of The Works Committee, headed "Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Pilot Project", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on November 6, 7, and 8, 2001.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also received a presentation from Mr. Steve Kodama and Mr. Les Kelman regarding the proposed Pedestrian Safety Initiatives. A summary of the research results from the November 13, 2001 information session was presented indicating which pedestrian safety initiatives the Committee would like staff to proceed on in 2002.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brook, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee supports in principle the following proposed pilot projects and requests that staff prepare a workplan and budget for 2002 to commence the pilots:

- (1) Broad Pavement Markings
- (2) In-Pavement Level Delineation Lighting
- (3) Flashing Walk; and
- (4) Pedestrian Count Down Timer.

Staff also requested the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to choose two additional pilot projects on or off the candidate list and to forward their choices to Mr. Kodama by December 7, 2001 in order that he may start the preparation work.

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared an interest regarding Pedestrian Safety Initiatives Pilot Program with respect to Pedestrian Safety Campaign in that he works for the firm that has the consulting contract, and took no part in the discussion or vote thereon.

### **10.14 COLLEGE STREET REDEVELOPMENT.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 13, 2001) from City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, submitting for information, copy of communication addressed to Dr. Bob Frankford, Co-Chair College Street Sub-Committee, Harbord Village Residents Association, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee supported the initiative of the Harbord Village Residents Association for a design plan for the redevelopment of College Street.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

#### **10.15 PILOT PROGRAMME – PUBLICATION BOX ENCLOSURES.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (November 14, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting for information, copy of correspondence addressed to the Works Committee suggesting that the implementation of the pilot program not proceed until Urban Development Services and Transportation Services have developed a comprehensive plan / policy to address the dispensing of newspapers and other publications in a manner that respects public space, enhances the pedestrian environment, meets the mobility and safety needs of pedestrians (especially those who use a mobility device or have a visual problem), and contributes to the aesthetic quality of streetscapes.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

#### **10.16 GEOMETRIC DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR CANADIAN ROADS, TRANSPORTATION ASSOCIATION OF CANADA, SEPTEMBER 1999, CHAPTER 3.3, STREETSCAPING.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (July 11, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick on behalf of the Research Sub-Committee, submitting for review, and follow up, Geometric Design Guidelines for Canadian Roads, Transportation Association of Canada, September, 1999, Chapter 3.3, Streetscaping.

On motion by Mr. Paul Collier, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (Research Sub-Committee requests that members complete the questionnaire/form titled “Assessment of the Pedestrian Environment” of a route that they travel regularly by foot in order to familiarize themselves with both the basics concepts involved in evaluating the quality of the pedestrian environment and fax or mail same to Paul Collier by January 10, 2002 in order that he may compile the responses in order to report back to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 23, 2002.

#### **10.17 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee again had before it a report (October 17, 2001) from Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update with respect to: “Traffic Fatality at Victoria Park Avenue / Parma Court”.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.



**10.18 PEDESTRIAN TRAFFIC FATALITY # 26:  
KEELE STREET AT DOVEHOUSE AVENUE**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (November 22, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, submitting for consideration, report from Rhona Swarbrick, Research Sub-Committee with respect to Pedestrian Traffic Fatality #26: Keele Street at Dovehouse Avenue.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 23, 2002.

**10.19 COLLEGE STREET REDEVELOPMENT.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 23, 2001) from Dr. Bob Frankford, College Street Development Committee, Harbord Village Residents Association, submitting correspondence thanking The Pedestrian Committee for its letter of support for its College Street Revitalization proposal and requesting to know if the Pedestrian Committee would support Brown and Storey's design with respect to the proposed removal of TTC Streetcar islands, which are felt to be hazardous to pedestrians.

On motion by Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communication to the next meeting scheduled to be held on January 23, 2002, in order that a site visit could be arranged to get more details about what the Committee is being asked to support.

**10.20 PRELIMINARY PROPOSAL TO EXPAND DON VALLEY PARKWAY.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2001) from the City Clerk advising that City Council, at its meeting held on November 6, 7 and 8, 2001, headed 'Preliminary Proposal to Expand the Don Valley Parkway' amended this clause by adding further recommendations.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:20p.m.

Co-Chair.