

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 4

Wednesday, April 24, 2002

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, April 24, 2002, 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, Toronto, Co-Chair
- Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
- Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
- Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
- Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
- Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
- Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
- Councillor Jane Pitfield
- Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers, Co-Chair
- Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke
- Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens's Network

Also Present:

- Ms. Sue Cross, Councillor Pitfield's Assistant
- Ms. Janice Etter, Etobicoke
- Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
- Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
- Mr. David Schaffer
- Mr. James McArthur, Feet on the Street
- Ms. Sue-Ann Levy, Toronto Sun
- Mr. Marty Pilar

Staff Present:

- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
- Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services

Regrets:

- Mr. Igor Batuk (Toronto)

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on March 27, 2002 were confirmed as amended.

PRESENTATION:

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received a slide presentation from Mr. Dave Meslin, regarding his attendance at “Bogota’s Car Free Day” in February 2002.

4.1 SUMMARY WITH RESPECT TO ASSESSMENT OF THE PEDESTRIAN ENVIRONMENT THROUGH STREETSCAPING (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 (April 8, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick submitting for review:
 - (i) report (September 10, 2001) of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee Research Subcommittee regarding Chapter 3.3 of Design Guidelines for Canadian Roads, Transportation Association of Canada, September, 1999, Streetscaping;
 - (ii) Assessment of the Pedestrian Environment
 - (iii) Assessment of identified priorities for improving the pedestrian environment through streetscaping; and
- (b) report (January 22, 2002) from Mr. Paul Collier, providing a summary of Toronto Pedestrian Committee members assessment of the pedestrian environment and assessment of identified priorities for improving the pedestrian environment through streetscaping.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred these reports until its next meeting scheduled to be held on May 15, 2002.

4.2 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 17, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:

- (1) Sidewalk Installations - Missing sidewalk table (Arterial and Collectors) advising New Sidewalks can be installed when a road is being reconstructed or resurfaced (overlay) as part of the Five Year Capital Program. It may be more economical to defer a new sidewalk installation for a few years to take advantage of planned work on a given road section. This would enable funds to be more cost

effectively focussed on locations where there is no future planned work for several years; and

- (2) Discussion Paper with respect to Sidewalk Cycling and Safety for Pedestrians and Cyclists for review advising this discussion paper is presented with the goal to focus discussion on the “sidewalk cycling problem” and hopefully, to reach a consensus among the Pedestrian Committee, the Cycling Committee and staff (Transportation Services, City Planning and Toronto Police Service) on a consistent city-wide strategy for reducing conflicts arising from sidewalk cycling. Following consultations with the Pedestrian Committee, the Cycling Committee and staff, a report will be prepared for consideration by the Works Committee and City Council.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report and nominated two members of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (Wayne Scott and J. Richard Nelson) to meet with two members of the Toronto Cycling Committee and staff for a short period of time to focus on this matter and report back.

4.3 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN CHARTER.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal report (April 10, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing an update with respect to the Toronto Pedestrian Charter, and advising that the report of the Commissioner of Urban Development Services (April 8, 2002) regarding the Toronto Pedestrian Charter was on the agenda for Planning and Transportation Committee recommending that Council adopt the proposed Toronto Pedestrian Charter as prepared by the City’s Pedestrian Committee and authorize the appropriate City staff to lay out and design a final copy of the Charter for production and distribution.

The Committee was also advised that many letters expressing support for the Toronto Pedestrian Charter were received by Planning and Transportation Committee.

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

4.4 NEW SIGN AT STOP SIGN AND TRAFFIC SIGNAL LOCATIONS TO INCLUDE REFUGE ISLANDS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 10, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, requesting that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services extend the existing practice of installing the “NEW” sign at newly installed stop sign and traffic signal locations to include newly installed refuge islands.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that staff report back with respect to this matter.

**4.5 PEDESTRIAN COLLISION SUMMARY LEAFLET
2001 HALF YEAR REPORT.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 16, 2002) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2001 Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions from January 1 to June 30, 2001 showing relevant facts and trends. This leaflet includes reportable collisions involving pedestrians (ie. with motorized vehicle) in the City of Toronto.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

4.6 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 21, 2002) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2002 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to March 31, 2002 showing relevant facts and trends.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

4.7 PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AND PARKING ON PUBLIC SIDEWALKS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 21, 2002) from Mr. Bill Brown, submitting, for information, copy of letter sent to Commissioner of Works and Emergency services with respect to pedestrian safety and parking on public sidewalks.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

**4.8 WALKERS LOSE OUT AGAIN – RESPONSE FROM NEW RELEASE OF
ARTICLE IN THE TORONTO STAR, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 2002
REGARDING TTC STRIKE PLAN AND HOW STRIKE PLAN MAY EASE
DRIVE.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 8, 2002) from Ms Janice Etter, submitting communication regarding article in The Toronto Star, Thursday, April 4, 2002 entitled “Strike plan may ease drive” and a letter to the editor in response entitled “Walkers lose out again”.

On motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Commissioner of Works report back with respect to the policy for developing traffic contingency plans for events such as the just-averted Toronto Transit Commission strike taking into consideration pedestrians' needs, and that motorists be reminded to drive with extra caution.

4.9 ADVERTISING STANDARDS CANADA.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (March 27, 2002) from Mr. Wayne Scott, submitting verbal update with respect to Advertising Standards Canada.

On motion by Mr. Martin Abela, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the City Clerk advise Advertising Standards Canada with respect to the questionable automobile advertisement discussed and express the Committee concerns.

4.10 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE – 2003 BUDGET SUB-COMMITTEE (WORKING GROUP)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (April 9, 2002) from City Clerk (Toronto Pedestrian Committee), advising confirmation of the following dates, locations and times for the Toronto Pedestrian Sub-Committee to brain storm on proposals that can be put forward for the 2003 Budget Cycle by indicating what priorities the Toronto Pedestrian Committee would like to recommend to the various committees and City Council for its consideration:

Wednesday, April 24, 2002 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Committee Room 4 – to follow TPC regular meeting;

Wednesday, May 15, 2002 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Committee Room 3 – to follow TPC regular meeting;

Wednesday, June 12, 2002 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Committee Room 4 – to follow TPC regular meeting;

Wednesday, July 10, 2002 – 4:30 p.m. – 6:30 p.m. – Committee Room 4 – to follow TPC regular meeting;

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee Minutes
Wednesday, April 24, 2002.

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

Co-Chair.