

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 19, 2003

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, February 19, 2003, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Ms. Rita Brooks, Co-Chair
Ms. Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair
Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Mr. Igor Batuk, Toronto
Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
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, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke

Also Present: Ms. Helen Riley, Feet on the Street
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Ida Hersi, Toronto Public Health
Mr. Peter Remedius, Student

Staff Present: Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit
Mr. S. Kodoma, Manager, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau

Regrets: Mr. Paul Collier
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Councillor J. Pitfield

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on January 29, 2003 were confirmed as amended by adding the following:

1.7 Toronto's Walking Couriers.

"Mr. Wayne Scott, declared a conflict of interest, did not vote on this matter and left the room until the discussion was completed with respect to this matter, as he makes his living in the Courier business".

2.1 TRANSPORTATION SERVICES STAFF UPDATE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) report (February 5, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, submitting for information, Transportation Services staff update regarding:
 - (1) Pedestrian Protection Pilot Project; and
 - (2) Sidewalk Snow Clearance; and
- (2) presentation from Mr. Steve Kodama, Manager, Traffic Data Centre, regarding the Pedestrian Protection Pilot Project.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended to the Works Committee that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services requests staff to commence the proposed Pedestrian Safety Initiatives for pilot projects/installations in the following preference order:

- (1) Broad Pavement Markings for crosswalks;
- (2) We're All Pedestrians" Campaign;
- (3) Leading Pedestrian Phase (pedestrian walk signal in advance of the vehicular green phase);
- (4) Passive Pedestrian Detection (microwave detection is used to detect the presence of pedestrians in a crosswalk during the "flashing don't walk phase – pedestrian crossing time will be extended);
- (5) Flashing "Walk" Display (flashing white "walking man" to indicate the pedestrian clearance interval in place of the flashing "don't walk");
- (6) Far Side Pedestrian Count Down Timer (countdown timer indicates the time left until the Don't Walk display); and

- (7) Pavement Level Delineation Lighting (pedestrian-activated pulsing lights in the pavement).

Mr. J. Richard Nelson declared a conflict of interest with respect to the Pedestrian Protection Pilot Project, left the room and did not vote

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee was further advised that staff would be providing an update with respect to Sidewalk Snow Clearance at the next meeting scheduled to be held on April 9, 2003.

Ms. Rhona Swarbrick did not take part in the voting with respect to this matter.

2.2 2002 TORONTO FATAL COLLISION STATISTICS.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (January 31, 2003) 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 December 31, 2002.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the report for information.

2.3 2002 TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COLLISION SUMMARY.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (January 31, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2002 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to September 30, 2002, showing relevant facts and trends.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the report for information.

2.4 SUPPORT STAFF FROM URBAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES BE ASSIGNED TO ASSIST THE TORONTO PEDESTRIAN COMMITTEE.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (December 9, 2002) from Ms. Helen Riley, requesting that a staff member from Urban Development Services be assigned to the Pedestrian Committee as staff support in order to assist the Committee in providing timely input and advice on plans involving pedestrians

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- (2) (February 9, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing copy of correspondence (June 12, 2000) where the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested staffing resources from Urban Development Services.

(Background information on file in the Office of the City Clerk, Scarborough Civic Centre.)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the meeting scheduled to be held on May 14, 2003 and that staff to provide more information at that time with respect to staffing from Urban Development Services.

2.5 CITY OF TORONTO MUNICIPAL CODE, CHAPTER 27: COUNCIL PROCEDURES.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (December 4, 2002) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and Ms. Madeleine McDowell, requesting review of procedures in order to prepare over the next few months an outline to be followed so the new Committee will function smoothly (regular item for discussion until the objective of having a simple and comprehension section describing Committee procedures included in the orientation package for new members for the next term has been finalized).

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee struck an Ad Hoc Committee consisting of Ms. Madeleine McDowell and Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and any other interested members to review this matter and report back to the Committee at its meeting scheduled for June 18, 2003.

2.6 ROCKET RIDERS – SUPPORT RE SUSTAINABLE TRANSIT FUNDING.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 5, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, member TPC, recommending that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee consider passing a motion approving the addition of its name to the list of groups supporting Rocket Riders' letter to the Mayor and City Council.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information.

2.7 EXPENSE AND TRAVEL POLICY.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 3, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, requesting that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee forward to the ABC

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Ad Hoc meeting of March 4, 2003 its support for an expense and travel policy for citizens appointed to advisory committees.

(Background information is on file in the Office of the City Clerk, Scarborough Civic Centre.)

On a motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommends to the ABC Ad Hoc Committee its support for:

- (1) Councillor Layton's motion passed at the May 1, 2002 Works Committee meeting that transportation costs be provided for citizens appointed to advisory committees to the Works Committee, to be funded from the Works and Emergency Services consultants' budget; and
- (2) Ms. Rhona Swarbrick's request for a one-time reimbursement of out-of-pocket expenses for travel incurred during the period January, 2001 to September, 2001 in carrying out Committee business.

A recorded vote was taken on this matter.

- (1) Yeas: Mr. Martin Abela, Mr. Igor Batuk, Mr. Bill Brown, Mr. Boyd Hipfner, Ms. Peg Lush, Ms. Madeleine McDowell, Ms. Rhona Swarbrick - 7.

Nays: Ms. Rita Brooks, Mr. J. Richard Nelson, Mr. Wayne Scott, Ms. Elizabeth Walker - 4.

The motion carried.

- (2) *Yeas: Mr. Martin Abela, Mr. Igor Batuk, Mr. Bill Brown, Mr. Boyd Hipfner, Ms. Peg Lush, Ms. Madeleine McDowell - 6.*

Nays: Ms. Rita Brooks, Mr. J. Richard Nelson, Mr. Wayne Scott, Ms. Elizabeth Walker - 4.

The motion carried.

2.8 WATERFRONT REVITALIZATION CORPORATION STAKEHOLDERS MEETING.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 20, 2003) from City Clerk (Works Committee), advising for information, that the Works Committee concurred with the course of action regarding a Stakeholders meeting as

suggested, and that Transportation Services staff arrange a meeting on pedestrian issues within the context of the waterfront planning exercise with the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation (TWRC) consultants, City of Toronto staff, and the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

(Background information on file in the office of the City Clerk, Scarborough Civic Centre.)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.9 BRENTCLIFF ROAD AND EGLINTON AVENUE EAST (NORTH EAST CORNER) AND THE FORMER AUDIBLE PEDESTRIAN SIGNALS ADVISORY GROUP.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 20, 2003) from City Clerk (Works Committee), advising for information, that the Works Committee referred the communication to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to review the technical difficulties raised by Mr. Martin with respect to the subject intersection, and report back thereon to the Works Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.10 GET WELL WISHES FOR MAYOR HAZEL MCCALLION.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 17, 2003) from Ms. Madeleine McDowell, suggesting that the members send best wishes for a speedy recovery to Mayor Hazel McCallion who was the unfortunate victim of a collision on Saturday morning, February 15, 2003, as she was hit by a pick-up truck at an intersection in Streetsville.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that a letter be sent to Mayor Hazel McCallion to extend their best wishes for a hasty and complete recovery.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:30 p.m.

Co-Chair.