

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 6

Wednesday, July 16, 2003

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, July 16, 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. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Mr. Paul Collier, Toronto
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, York
Mr. J. Richard Nelson, East York
Mr. Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Mr. Boyd Hipfner, North York, Advocacy Committee CNIB
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Etobicoke

Also Present: Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough
Mr. Michael Rosenberg, Coalition Against Technological Development
Ms. Janice Etter, Toronto
Mr Roger Brook, Rocket Riders

Staff Present: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Ms. Lisa Stern, Transportation Coordinator, PCI
Mr Steve Johnston, Communications, Senior Coordinator

Regrets: Mr. Igor Batuk
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Ms. Deanne Fisher, Toronto

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr Martin Abela, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on June 18th, 2003 were confirmed.

6.1 Proposed Pedestrian Safety/Awareness Campaign

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (1) presentation (July 16, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan with respect to the Proposed Pedestrian Safety/Awareness Campaign. Mr. Steve Johnston, Communications Coordinator also provided Committee with a brief status regarding the draft advertising strategy.
- (2) status report (July 15, 2003) outlining the recommended campaign focus and the timelines.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee thanked staff for the presentation. Staff will invite Sgt. Ted Holtzheuser to the next meeting scheduled to be held on September 17, 2003 meeting.

6.2 Albion Road Bridge Detail Design and Construction Administration

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (June 24, 2003) from UMA Engineering Ltd. regarding the Albion Road Bridge Detail Design and Construction Administration advising that (UMA) has been retained by the City of Toronto's Works and Emergency Department to provide engineering services related to replacement of the City's Albion Road Bridge crossing of Humber River and advising that the construction of the new bridge is to be completed within an approximately four-month time frame, which is to commence in September and end in December 2003.

On motion by Ms. Rita Brooks, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication for information and directed the Clerk to notify UMA Engineering Ltd. that the Committee is interested in this matter and would like to be kept informed.

6.3 Committee Vision Statement and Work Plan

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick regarding Committee vision statement and work plan for discussion and proposing that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) consider developing a provisional work plan for 2004 – 2007;

- (2) suggest that the Committee work with support staff to establish next year's priorities, and that these priorities be manageable from the perspective of both Committee members and staff; and
- (3) suggest that if Committee decides to move in this direction, that persons interested in applying for appointment to the Committee be made aware in advance of the work plan and priorities for the coming year in order to ensure continuity of purpose and clarity around the goals and objectives of the Committee.

On motion by Ms. Elizabeth Walker, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication and advised staff will be suggesting an overall work plan for the coming year for committee to discuss.

6.4 Traffic Assessment – La Rose Avenue between Royal York Road and Scarlett Road (Ward 2 – Etobicoke North and Ward 4 – Etobicoke Centre)

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (April 28, 2003 the City Clerk (Etobicoke Community Council) providing copy of Clause 5 of Report No. 3 of the Etobicoke Community Council, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on April 14, 15 and 16, 2003; and advising that the issue of "Pedestrian Sensitive Area" be referred to the Transportation Infrastructure Management Section, to bring forward to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for discussion.
- (2) (April 9, 2003) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, attaching copy of deputation, for reference which includes information going back to December, 1999, a statement of the issues, and reasons why change is definitely in order; made to the Etobicoke Community Council with respect to Traffic Assessment – La Rose Avenue between Royal York Road and Scarlett Road (Ward 2 – Etobicoke North and Ward 4 – Etobicoke Centre) and proposing that this item be held for discussion.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communications and requested that Ms. Etter provide staff with a list of areas of a pedestrian sensitive nature.

Ms. Janet Etter attended on Committee with respect to this matter.

6.5 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following Leaflets:

- (1) (May 31, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions from January 1, 2003 to April 30, 2003; and
- (2) (June 30, 2003) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre & Safety Bureau, submitting for information, the 2003 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions from January 1, 2003 to June 30, 2003.

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

6.6 Feasibility of Reserved Streetcar Right of Way

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 19, 2003) from the City Clerk (Works Committee), forwarding Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 1 of the Works Committee, headed "Feasibility of Reserved Streetcar Right-of-Way on St. Clair Avenue (Wards 11, 17, 21 and 22)", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on February 4, 5, and 6, 2003 and advising that Council directed that a copy of this clause be forwarded to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for comment.

On a motion by Mr. Paul Collier, the aforementioned communication and proposed recommendations for staff to consider when going through the Environmental Assessment Study from the Co-Chair were deferred to the next meeting scheduled to be held on September 17, 2003.

6.7 Dundas Street East - Bike Lanes – Dundas Street East, from Broadview Avenue to Kingston Road

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a briefing from Mr. Bill Brown, member of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, advising the Committee that he had concerns that the issue regarding bike lanes on Dundas Street East was being reopened at City Council at its July 22, 2003 meeting, in order to consider if a further study is warranted before implementing the bike lanes.

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The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the briefing and advised staff would follow up on the status of this matter.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4.00 p.m.

Co-Chair.