

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting No. 2

Wednesday, February 21, 2001

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, February 21, 2001, in Committee Room No. 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:30 p.m.

Members present: Mr. Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Ms. Peg Lush, Feet on the Street
Ms. Madeleine McDowell, (York)
Mr. Dave Meslin, North York
Mr. Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
Mr. Wayne Scott, Hoof & Cycle Couriers
Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Chair (Etobicoke)

Also Present: Councillor David Miller, Ward 13 – Parkdale-HighPark
Mr. Martin Abela, Scarborough
Ms. Rita Brooks, Toronto
Ms. Judith Bussey, Toronto
Mr. Tom Timmins, RMRA/ARC
Mr. Eric Tipping, Scarborough
Mr. Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists
Ms. Phoebe Cleverley, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Transportation Services

Regrets: Ms. Dorothy Fletcher, Older Womens Network
Mr. Richard Nelson, East York

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Minutes of the meeting held on January 24, 2001 were confirmed.

2.1 Toronto at the Crossroads: Shaping Our Future.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from W. Brown, D. Fletcher, L. James and M. McDowell, (Ad hoc Committee) responding to the comments and concerns with respect to the new Official Plan for the City of Toronto

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned report.

2.2 Activity and Findings of Ad Hoc Working Group on Missing Sidewalks.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (January 24, 2001) from J. Richard Nelson, providing for information a report on the activity and findings of the Ad Hoc Working Group on missing sidewalks.

The Ad Hoc Working Group viewed with favour ranking and prioritizing missing-sidewalk requests as follows:

- (i) Streets/roads with transit stops must have sidewalks;
- (ii) Public institutions (schools, community centre, etc.) must be linked with sidewalks; and
- (iii) Pedestrian routes used to access commercial or employment zones must be linked with sidewalks.

The working group expect to meet once or twice a month working on two fronts:

- (a) Establishing general rules for prioritizing the remediation of missing sidewalks; and
- (b) Identifying immediate “hot spots” that merit immediate attention from Transportation Services.

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

2.3 New Standards for Sidewalk Installations.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (January 24, 2001) from Margot Bevan, providing for discussion, comments regarding the development of a new standard for sidewalk installation.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure and requested that staff investigate this matter and report back.

2.4 Vacant Position: Co-Chair.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (October 30, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Co-Chair, regarding the Vacant position (co-chair); and
- (b) communication (October 30, 2000) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, providing for discussion – “Role of Chair”, material based on “Committees Handbook, University of Technology, Sydney, Australia, February 2, 2000”.

On motion by Mr. Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred the aforementioned communications to the meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, July 18, 2001.

2.5 Audible Pedestrian Signals Program.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it:

- (a) communication (January 18, 2001), providing for information an update of the Audible Pedestrian Signals Program, advising that \$252,000.00 was approved in the 2000 Transportation Capital Works Program for the APS Program; and a request for \$300,000.00 was submitted for the 2001 Transportation Capital works program to be considered by City Council in May 2001; and informing the members that the APS Advisory Group is responsible for intersection selection and public education while the City’s Transportation Services staff are responsible for the procurement, operational assessment, design, installation, activation and testing of the APS system;
- (b) communication (February 12, 2001) from Ms. Lisa Ing, Co-ordinator, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, providing for information, the list of intersections that have been identified for the installation of audible pedestrian signals in 2001.

Councillor David Miller, Ward 13, Parkdale-High-Park addressed Committee.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (TPC) requested that an Ad Hoc working group of the TPC brainstorm with councillor Miller on methods to encourage the acceleration of the installation of

Audible Pedestrian Signals (APS) and report on innovative ways this can be financed. That staff review means of accelerating installation of APS and that recommendations in consultation with the APS Advisory Committee be made through the Toronto Pedestrian Committee (TPC).

2.6 Pedestrian Use of Wellington Street Ramp.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal update advising that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager Transportation Services, would report to the next meeting regarding the Pedestrian Use of Wellington Street Ramp.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, March 21, 2001.

2.7 Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces established by City Council Since January 1998.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 8, 2001) from the City Clerk, providing for information, copy of Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 1 of The Works Committee headed "Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established by City Council since January 1998", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2001, specifically with respect to (A)(3) Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Mr. David Meslin, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.8 Other Items Considered by the Works Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 8, 2001) from the City Clerk, providing for information, copy of Clause No. 15 contained in Report No. 1 of The Works Committee headed "Other Items Considered by the Committee", which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on January 30, 31, and February 1, 2001, specifically with respect to:

- (i) Pedestrian Refuge Island – 2301 Brimley Road, South of Huntingwood Drive; and
- (k) Missing Sidewalks on Public Transit Routes.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.9 Citizen Appointments to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a report (February 14, 2001) from the City Clerk regarding appointment of citizen members to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and recommending as follows:

The Nominating Sub-Committee of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee as its meeting held on February 12, 2001, recommended that:

- (1) the following persons be appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for a term to expire on November 30, 2003, or until their successors are appointed:

Mr. Bill Brown
Ms. Peg Lush
Mr. J. Richard Nelson
Mr. Boyd Hipfner
Mr. Martin Abela
Ms. Deanne Fisher
Mr. Joel Courchesne
Ms. Judith Bussey

- (2) in the event that a vacancy occurs on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee during the current term, that the following candidates be considered for appointment to fill such vacancy for the remainder of the term:

Mr. Paul Collier
Ms. Rita Brooks
Mr. Igor Batuk
Mr. Marty Pilar
Mr. Eric Tipping

On motion by Mr. Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee recommended the aforementioned appointments to the Works Committee for its consideration.

2.10 Toronto Pedestrian Committee Chair's Report for the month of January, 2001.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 7, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Swarbrick, Chair, submitting for information a report on the activities of the Chair of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the month of January, 2001.

On motion by Mr. Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.11 Police Safety Plan – First Draft Report.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 7, 2001) from The Toronto Pedestrian Committee, Research Sub-Committee, in preparation for an assessment of the police traffic safety plan as it relates to pedestrians, and a proposed follow-up meeting with staff from Police Services.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also had before it communication (February 13, 2001) from Ms. Rhona Sawrbrick, Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee for information, copy of memorandum to Councillors Disero, Pitfield, Ashton and Johnston advising them that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee will be discussing at its February 21, 2001 meeting a report with respect to Police Chief Julian Fantino's announcement in The Toronto Star, with respect to launching a tough traffic safety policy in response to the 91 traffic deaths last year.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned communication.

2.12 Presentation of Feet of the Street.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 6, 2001) from Ms. Helen Riley, Feet of the Street, recommending that Ms. Peg Lush continue to be Feet of the Street's representative on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the communication and accepted the recommendation from Feet on the Street.

2.13 Toronto Pedestrian Committee Web Page.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 6, 2001) from Ms. Lisa Ing, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure Unit, advising that Ms. Rhona Swarbrick and Ms. Lisa Ing met with Keith McDonald of Corporate Communications to discuss the possibility of incorporating a Toronto Pedestrian Committee web page in the

City of Toronto web site to promote walking and pedestrian safety; and that a brief verbal update of the meeting will be provided.

On motion by Mr. Wayne Scott, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Director, Communications, provide the Committee with a copy of the guidelines used in determining material that can go on to the Web page.

2.14 Newspaper Articles.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it the following articles:

- i) Pedestrians get ready to jump as Quebec allows rights-on-reds. (National Post November 22, 2000)
- (ii) Police plan to ticket errant walkers. (The Toronto Star December 6, 2000)
- (iii) Downtrodden walkers rebel. (The Toronto Star, December 11, 2000)

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requests that the articles be referred to the Research Sub-Committee for a report to the meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, June 20, 2001.

2.15 2000 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it communication (February 1, 2001) from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau, submitting for information the 2001 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics.

On motion by Mr. Bill Brown, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned statistics.

2.16 Pedestrian Use of One-Way Streets Where a Sidewalk Has Not Been Provided - All Wards

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a communication (February 12, 2001) from the City Solicitor, providing for information, a legal opinion respecting Section 179(1) of the Highway Traffic Act (Duties of pedestrians when walking along highway) and other relevant provisions as they relate to pedestrian use of a one-way street where a sidewalk has not been provided.

On motion by Ms. Madeleine McDowell, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred this matter to the next meeting scheduled to be held on March 21, 2001.

**2.17 Installation of Marquee, 2100 Bloor Street West, “The Grenadier”
Parkdale-High Park – Ward 13.**

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee had before it a verbal briefing from Ms. Madeline McDowell, advising Committee that she had appeared before the Southwest Community Council on February 13, 2001, on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee in opposition of the installation of a marquee at 2100 Bloor Street West “The Grenadier” and in support of the report (January 29, 2001) of the Manager, Right of Way Management, Transportation Services, District 1, recommending that City Council deny the application. This matter will be considered by City Council on March 6, 2001 under Clause 12, Report No. 2 of the Southwest Community Council.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the aforementioned verbal briefing.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 4:00 p.m.

Chair.