

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 4

Wednesday, June 16, 2004

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, June 16, 2004, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:35 p.m.

Members present: Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Chair
Rita Brooks, Co-Chair
Councillor Sylvia Watson
Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Paul Collier
Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition

Also Present: Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"
Lois James, Community Resource Centre of Scarborough
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services, PCI
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning

Regrets: J. Richard Nelson
Rhona Swarbrick

The Chair welcomed Councillor Sylvia Watson, who was recently appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee by City Council.

4.1 Streetcar Island Platforms

Mr. Gary Carr, P.Eng., Chief Engineer, Operations Planning, Toronto Transit Commission, attended at Committee's invitation and briefed Committee on the guidelines followed by the TTC with regard to streetcar islands. Mr. Carr provided a hand-out illustrating "The Good" situations, where streetcar islands are necessary or beneficial, and "The Bad" situations, where there are functional problems with streetcar platforms.

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Committee benefited from a question and answer session with Mr. Carr, who indicated that he would be pleased to return to a future meeting to discuss other issues of concern to the Committee and the pedestrian community.

4.2 Transportation Services Staff Update

Committee received for information a report (June 3, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, updating Committee on:

- (1) We're All Pedestrians Program:
 - (a) zebra-striped pedestrian crossings;
 - (b) leading pedestrian interval;
 - (c) passive pedestrian detection;
- (2) Berkeley (California) Pedestrian Plan;
- (3) Steel Bollards at Queen Street East/Logan Avenue;
- (4) Kensington Market (Pedestrian Sundays Events); and
- (5) Pedestrian Crossover Review.

Committee noted that Item (2), the Berkeley, California, Pedestrian Charter, is based upon the Toronto Pedestrian Charter, and so acknowledged in the communication from the Berkeley Transportation Commission, printed in the Agenda, however, as pointed out by Mr. Scott, the principles respecting "Equity" differ from those expressed in the Toronto Charter under the "Equity" section. Mr. Collier further indicated that he had noticed other sections of the Berkeley Charter that differed, and suggested that this might be due to U.S. law versus Canadian law. Committee accepted Mr. Collier's offer to study the document further and report his findings to Committee's September meeting.

4.3 Appointments to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Committee received a communication (May 31, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at its meeting held on May 18, 19 and 20, 2004:

- (1) revised the Terms of Reference of the Pedestrian Committee to provide that the Committee be composed of up to 18 members to include two Members of Council; and
- (2) appointed Councillors Bill Saundercook and Sylvia Watson for a term of office expiring May 31, 2005, and until successors are appointed.

4.4 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics

The Committee received for information:

- (1) report from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau submitting the 2003 Toronto Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet presenting an analysis of pedestrian collisions to December 31, 2003, showing relevant facts and trends; and
- (2) report from Transportation Services, Transportation Systems, Traffic Data Centre and Safety Bureau submitting the 2004 Toronto Fatal Collision Statistics leaflet presenting an analysis of fatal collisions to April 30, 2004, showing relevant facts and trends.

4.5 Fleet Services Driving Bulletin – “School Out Soon”

The Committee received for information, copy of an e-mail bulletin (June 2, 2004) from Fleet Services, advising of the imminent end of the school year and offering a safety message as a reminder to the Toronto Public Service to watch for children while driving on city streets.

4.6 St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class EA

The Committee received for information, copy of a notice of Public Meetings to be held on June 21 and June 23, 2004, respecting the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements – Class Environmental Assessment.

The Committee having lost quorum at 3:15 p.m., the communication (May 17, 2004) from William E. Brown to Chief Julian Fantino, will be placed on the Agenda for the next regular meeting on July 14, 2004.

Elizabeth E. Walker, Chair.