

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 6

Wednesday, September 22, 2004

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Wednesday, September 22, 2004, in Committee Room 4, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 1:35 p.m.

Members present: Rita Brooks, Chair
Elizabeth Walker, Older Womens' Network, Co-Chair
Councillor Bill Saundercook
Bill Brown, South Riverdale Community Health Centre
Peg Lush (Feet on the Street)
Madeleine McDowell (York)
Crawford Murphy, Toronto Cycling Committee
J. Richard Nelson (East York)
Wayne Scott, Toronto Hoof & Cycle Couriers Coalition
Rhona Swarbrick (Etobicoke)

Also Present: Nancy MacDonald, Exec. Assistant to Councillor Saundercook
Dylan Reid, *Spacing* Magazine
Helen Riley, "Feet on the Street"
Ian Wheal, Toronto Field Naturalists

Staff Present: Daniel Egan, Manager, Transportation Services
Lisa Ing, Transportation Planner
Jennifer Hyland, UDS, City Planning
Steve Johnston, Senior Communications Co-ordinator, Transportation

Regrets: Councillor Sylvia Watson
Paul Collier

6.1 Confirmation of Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on July 14, 2004, were confirmed.

6.2 Sierra Club of Canada, Ontario Chapter – "Car Free Day"

Committee received a presentation from Mr. Eric Britton, outlining the main goals of the New Mobility Summit taking place in Toronto from September 21 to 23, 2004. Mr. Britton was instrumental in creating the idea of the Car Free Day as a step toward more sustainable transport in cities, and encouraged the Members of the Pedestrian Committee to become involved in its promotion to assist in bringing about positive, sustainable change.

Council, by its adoption of Clause 1, Report No. 5 of the Board of Health, named the Toronto Pedestrian Committee as a participant in the Car Free Day Working Group.

Committee was advised by Wayne Scott that he has been invited to attend the special planning session intended to generate the best options for New Mobility, taking place on Thursday, September 23, 2004, and accepted his offer to report back to Committee's October meeting on the outcome of the session.

6.3 Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – Staff Update

The Committee received presentations by:

- (a) Steve Johnston, Senior Communications Co-ordinator, respecting the 2004 Pedestrian Safety-Awareness campaign; and
- (b) Daniel Egan regarding P.S. Kensington – Pedestrian Sundays; and

received the report (September 9, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, for information.

6.4 Recommendation of the Nominating Sub-Committee

The Committee considered communication (August 11, 2004) from the City Clerk, forwarding the recommendations of the Nominating Sub-Committee for appointments, and recommended to the Works Committee that:

- (1) the following persons be recommended to City Council for appointment to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee for the term ending November 30, 2006, or until their successors are appointed:

Laurel Fortin;
Dr. Bob Frankford;
Daina Leja;
Dylan Reid;
Helen Riley; and
Peter Tesar;

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

6.5 The Committee received the following matters for information:

- (a) 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 August 31, 2004, illustrating relevant facts and trends;
- (b) Clause 1, Report 6, Policy and Finance Committee, headed: "Recycling/Litter Bins Program – Options for Acquiring 1,000 Additional Bins", adopted as amended by City Council at its meeting held on July 20, 21, and 22, 2004;
- (c) Clause 7, Report 6, Works Committee, headed: "Avenue Road/Queen's Park Avenue and Bloor Street West – Request to Review Feasibility of Realigning the Northerly Road Leg", adopted as amended by City Council at its meeting held on July 20, 21 and 22, 2004;
- (d) report (August 26, 2004) from the Acting Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, regarding Publication Box Strategy – Beautiful City Initiative (All Wards); and
- (e) communication (September 1, 2004) from Corporate Communications regarding driving with care around school buses.

6.6 Vehicles Parking on Sidewalks

The Committee received the following copies of communications for information:

- (a) (July 23, 2004) to Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joan Anderton, from William E. Brown regarding City vehicles parked on sidewalks obstructing the pedestrian right-of-way;
- (b) (August 16, 2004) to William E. Brown from Commissioner of Corporate Services, Joan Anderton, in reply;
- (c) (August 13, 2004) to Chief Julian Fantino from William E. Brown regarding Police vehicles parked on sidewalks obstructing the pedestrian right-of-way.

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The meeting adjourned at approximately 3:30 p.m.

Elizabeth Walker, Chair.