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Minutes of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Meeting 25

Tuesday, January 19, 2010

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee met on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, in Committee Room 1, 2nd Floor, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 3:10 p.m.

Members Present:

3:10 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Councillor Bill Saundercook, Co-Chair	X
Councillor Karen Stintz	X
Matthew Blackett	X
Roger Brook (Feet on the Street)	X
Margaret Hastings-James	X
Sean Marshall	X
Beth Milroy	X
Nicole Schulman	X
Stephanie Tencer	X

Absent:

Ken Brooks
Laurel Fortin
Trustee Catherine LeBlanc-Miller (TCDSB)
Shawn Micallef
Trustee Josh Matlow (TDSB)
Beth Milroy
Peter Tesar
Stephen Young

Staff Present:

Fiona Chapman, Manager, Pedestrian Projects, Transportation Services
Stephanie Borun, Police Constable, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

Stephanie Tencer declared an interest in Item No. 3 as she is being paid to work on the project.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, C-Chair, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee held on November 24, 2009, were confirmed.

25.1 Driver's Manual Review Working Group Update

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard a presentation from Yvonne Bambrick, Project Lead, Handbook Update Working Group and Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, regarding the report (January, 2010) from the Handbook Update Working Group headed "The Official MTO Driver's Handbook – Handbook Update Working Group – Proposed Changes re: Cyclists & Pedestrians."

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also had before it the letter (January 19, 2010) from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee addressed to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee.

On motion by Margaret Hastings-James, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. Advised the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that:
 - a. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee endorses the recommendations contained in the report (January, 2010) from the Handbook Update Working Group headed "The Official MTO Driver's Handbook – Handbook Update Working Group – Proposed Changes re: Cyclists & Pedestrians"; and
 - b. The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also endorses any further revisions that may be made to the noted report that further promotes pedestrian and cyclist safety.
2. Requested Toronto Pedestrian Committee members to forward any further comments that they may have to Stephanie Tencer, Member, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and Co-Chair of the

Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation, in order that she may present the said comments to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on February 2, 2010.

25.2 Eglinton Crosstown LRT

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard a presentation on the Eglinton Crosstown Light Rail Transit Environmental Assessment by Stephanie Rice, EA Project Manager, Transit City Department, Toronto Transit Commission.

Michael Rosenberg addressed the Committee.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested members to forward comments to Roger Brook for submission to Stephanie Rice, Toronto Transit Commission, and received the report for information.

25.3 Community Walkability Audit Tool for Toronto – Proposed Scope of Work

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard a presentation from Fiona Chapman, Manager-Pedestrian Projects, Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services, regarding the development of a walkability audit tool and forwarding an outline of the Project Scope and Timeline and Deliverables.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also had before it an invitation for the Toronto Walking Strategy: Designers Forum – Tuesday, January 19, 2010 at 6:00 p.m. – Arts & Letters Club, 14 Elm Street, Toronto.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee asked members to forward tools to Fiona Chapman, Manager – Pedestrian Projects, Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services, and received the report for information.

25.4 Pedestrian Collision Summary Report – January 1 to March 31, 2009

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered the Pedestrian Collision Summary Leaflet for the period January 1 to March 31, 2009, from Transportation Services, Traffic Management Centre, Traffic Safety Unit.

On motion by Councillor Saundercook, Co-Chair, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee deferred consideration of this matter until its next meeting on Tuesday, February 16, 2010, and requested that a representative of the Traffic Safety Unit be requested to attend to discuss pedestrian safety.

25.5 Walk 21 – Getting Communities Back on their Feet – Call for Papers

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication regarding the 11th International WALK21 Conference & 23rd International Workshop of the International Co-operation on Theories and Concepts in Traffic Safety (ICTCT) – Kurhaus Hotel, The Hague, The Netherlands – November 17 to 19, 2010.

On motion by Nicole Schulman, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received this matter for information.

25.6 Resignation of Jennifer Niece and Margaret Hastings-James from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered an e-communication (December 10, 2009) from Jennifer Niece advising with regret of her resignation from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee also considered a communication (January 19, 2010) from Margaret Hastings-James advising with regret of her resignation from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion by Beth Milroy, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

1. Thanked Jennifer Niece and Margaret Hastings-James for their contribution and service on the Committee; and
2. Welcomed Nicole Schulman to the Committee to replace Jennifer Niece.

25.7 Staff Report

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard a verbal report from Fiona Chapman, Manager-Pedestrian Projects, Public Realm Unit, Transportation Services, regarding proposed projects.

On motion by Matthew Blackett, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee requested that the Co-Chairs prepare a letter to be forwarded to the appropriate City Officials advising of its great concern that the Public Realm office has not yet been able to use the funds held in reserve for it under the Street Furniture Contract to provide the Manager, Pedestrian Projects, with the personnel required to move the Toronto Walking Strategy forward.

25.8 Members Report

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee heard an oral report from Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, regarding pedestrian safety and speeding.

On motion by Stephanie Tencer, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee received the oral report for information.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee adjourned its meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Co-Chair