

Toronto Pedestrian Committee - Terms of reference

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- Public transit
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Definition of pedestrians

Pedestrians are people moving by foot from place to place or at a walking pace (for example, users of assistive mobility devices, children on tricycles).

Objectives

1. To work for improved pedestrian safety and better pedestrian access to public transit, schools, workplaces, shops, libraries, community centres, parks, including roads and other public spaces.

2. To provide pedestrian-oriented input to the allocation, design and use of public space.

3. To provide City Council and staff with comments and recommendations relating to standards to street and sidewalk lighting, guidelines, and general design of the public realm, including roads, and the capital and operating budgets with the understanding that Council may, from time to time, request direct input from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on any general or specific issue it so chooses.

4. To provide a forum for public consultation on pedestrian health and safety, convenience and comfort including working with Community Councils on local neighbourhood concerns, and working with the Toronto Transit Commission (T.T.C.) on transit-related issues.

5. To promote walking.

6. The provision of educational programs to the general public and special needs groups.

7. To promote the implementation of the Toronto Pedestrian Charter in the City's decision-making process.

Membership

Eighteen (18) representatives from the following groups:

- Two (2) Member of Toronto City Council.
- Four (4) citizens:
- One (1) from each of the Community Council Districts (Toronto North, Toronto South, Toronto East and Toronto West).
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto District School Board; and
- One (1) representative appointed by the Toronto Catholic

District School Board, if they so wish.

- One (1) representative from each of the following groups:
 - "Feet on the Street" or other pedestrian advocacy group;
 - "Older Women's Network" or other a seniors' group;
 - "Toronto Cycling Committee";
- And the balance of representatives (up to seven (7)) being "At-Large" members.

The Committee seeks to have a diverse membership representative of Toronto's diverse communities and all types of pedestrian interests including and not limited to the following:

- Wheelchair users, physically-handicapped, blind or hearing-handicapped persons;
- High school, college /university student; and
- Walking/hiking organizations.

It is desirable that committee members and alternates be people who regularly walk and/or use public transit.

Membership on any sub-committee established by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee shall be open to interested members of the public.

Should a member appointed to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee be absent for a minimum of three (3) consecutive regularly scheduled meetings, without providing the Committee with written or verbal notification and reason for such absence, that the member shall be deemed to have resigned from the position.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee will strike a Nominating Sub-Committee, consisting of three (3) to five (5) members, which will recommend new citizen appointments to the Committee. Vacant positions on the Committee will be advertised through a variety of medium. The Sub-Committee will: review the submitted applications; short-list the candidates to be interviewed; interview and select the successful candidates; and recommend the nominees to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee. A report will be forwarded to the Planning and Growth Management Committee for subsequent submission to Toronto City Council. Citizen members will be appointed for a term of four years. Reappointments will be permitted, however, the maximum length of service is six consecutive years.

Quorum

The quorum shall be six (6) members.

Staff resources:

Assigned staff from the Transportation and Planning Departments, TTC, Police and Public Health Officials to be invited as required or as interested. Recording secretary to be assigned from the City Clerk's Department. Mailings for meetings to be continued.

Meetings

Meetings to be held monthly, or at the call of the Chair. All meetings to be open to the public and advertised.

From time to time, the Committee should meet in different locations across the City to deal with local concerns and to promote walking.

Small working groups may be set up as needed. Also individual members may be designated to liaise with other groups or organizations (e.g. the Toronto Cycling Committee).

- [Schedule of meetings, agenda closings and location of meetings](#)

Reporting

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee will report to the Planning and Growth Management Committee as adopted by City Council on March 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2007 (EX4.1, of the Executive Committee) or the appropriate Standing Committee as circumstances indicate.

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