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MOTION

Council Date: April 26, 2006

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR MCHATTIE.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

Re: Establishment of a City of Hamilton Pedestrian Committee

Whereas, Pedestrians are defined as those individuals moving by foot from place to place or at a walking pace (for example, users of mobility devices, children on tricycles), and

Whereas, young children and seniors are most at risk for pedestrian injuries according to the City of Hamilton's 2000-2002 Traffic report when compared to the age distribution of the City population, and

Whereas, walking is a free and direct means of accessing local goods, services, community amenities and public transit, and

Whereas, walking is a proven method of promoting personal health, well-being, and community safety (e.g. more eyes on the street), and

Whereas, walking is the only mode of travel that is universally affordable and allows children and youth, and people with specific medical conditions to travel independently, and

Whereas, walking promotes environmental sustainability and

Whereas, a pedestrian-friendly environment encourages and facilitates social interaction and local economic vitality;

Therefore, be it resolved:

- (a) That a City of Hamilton Pedestrian Committee be established, designed to address the following issues including, but not limited to:
 - (i) improved pedestrian safety and better pedestrian access;
 - (ii) pedestrian-oriented input to use of public space;
 - (iii) provision of comments and recommendations on City policy to City Council and City staff;
 - (iv) provision of a forum for public consultation on pedestrian health and safety;
 - (v) promotion of walking; assistance in provision of education materials;
 - (vi) consideration of a Hamilton Pedestrian Charter.

- (b) That the Committee membership be comprised of the following:
 - (i) Three Members of Council
 - (ii) 3 citizens appointed by Neighbourhood Associations or Community Councils
 - (iii) 1 representative from Hamilton Police Services
 - (iv) 1 representative from the Public Health Department
 - (v) 1 representative from the Traffic Department
 - (vi) 1 representative from the Planning and Economic Development Department
 - (vii) 1 representative from the Seniors' Advisory Committee
 - (viii) 1 representative from Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities
 - (ix) 1 representative from the Hamilton Cycling Committee
 - (x) 1 representative from the Hamilton Wentworth District School Board
 - (xi) 1 representative from the Hamilton Wentworth Catholic District School Board
 - (xii) 1 representative from "Transportation for Liveable Communities", "Green Venture", or other pedestrian advocacy group
 - (xiii) up to 3 citizens selected at large

- (c) That the General Manager of Public Works bring a report to the Public Works, Infrastructure and Environment Committee addressing the following:
 - (i) inventory of previous and existing activities related to the issue if any
 - (ii) reporting structure, workplan and timelines
 - (iii) responsibilities of committee members
 - (iv) proposed budget allocation requirement and source of funding
 - (v) staffing requirements
 - (vi) other necessary resources
 - (vii) term limits