

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, March 22, 1999

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, March 22, 1999, in Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, Toronto, commencing at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jack Layton
Mr. Jack Becker
Mr. Steve Beiko
Mr. Alan Burke
Mr. Israel Chackowicz
Mr. Stephen Fisher
Mr. Gillian Flower
Mr. John Fountain
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. Junya Ho
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Dr. Linda Perkin
Mr. Phil Piltch
Ms. Jannette Porter
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem
Ms. Emily White
Mr. Hamish Wilson

Guests:

Ms. Andrea Bowker
Mr. Paul Rappell
Mr. John A. Sherk

Staff Present:

Ms. Mary Casini, City Clerk's Division
Mr. Daniel Egan, Transportation Services
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Coordinator, Road & Trail Safety Ambassador Program

Having regard that Councillor Layton was not present at the start of the meeting, the Committee concurred with Mr. Jack Becker acting as Chair.

The Committee welcomed Councillor Olivia Chow to the meeting, who confirmed that City Council at its meeting on April 13, 14 and 15, 1999, had adopted the report of the Nominating Committee respecting the appointment of Citizen Members to the Toronto Cycling Committee; that Councillor Jack Layton had been confirmed as the Council appointee to the Committee; and that the representatives of the five organizations listed in the Terms of Reference were still to be appointed. Councillor Chow reviewed various procedural matters for the benefit of the new Members.

The reconstituted Committee introduced themselves.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Rappell, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on February 15, 1999, were confirmed.

3.1 Sub-Committee Minutes.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the Minutes of the Meeting of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee held on February 24, 1999, containing, amongst other things, comments regarding bicycle lanes for Prince Edward Drive, Berry Road and Park Lawn Road, as part of the cycling facilities network of the City.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it the Minutes of the Meeting of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee held on February 22, 1999.

On motion by Mr. Becker, the Committee:

- (1) supported the installation of bicycle lanes on Prince Edward Drive from Bloor Street to Berry Road, on the paved shoulders of Berry Road from Prince Edward Drive to Stephen Road, and on Park Lawn Road from Berry Road to the waterfront south of Lake Shore Boulevard West; and also recommended that the Prince Edward Drive bicycle lanes be installed as part of the reconstruction of Prince Edward Drive south of Bloor Street;
- (2) received the aforementioned Minutes of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee.

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(General Manager, Transportation Services Division; c. Councillor Blake F. Kinahan; Councillor Irene Jones; Mr. Tom Mulligan; Mr. John Kelly; Mr. Daniel Egan; Mr. Sean Wheldrake - April 1, 1999)

3.2 1999 Operating Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 1999) from Mr. Jack Becker, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, respecting the Toronto Cycling Committee's submission for consideration during the 1999 Operating Budget cycle; commenting that Planning, Transportation Services, Works, and Parks staff should be requested to report back to the Committee on cycling-related items that have been included in their budget submissions, and to identify any other items that the Committee should consider supporting for the upcoming budget; that the Committee should prepare a 'wish' list of items; and proposing that a small Working Group be established to work with Councillor Jack Layton, and staff, during the budget process to promote proper representation of cycling-related issues in the 1999 Operating Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (March 18, 1999) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Budget Review Committee at its meeting held on February 24, 1999, in considering the Operating Budget of Urban Planning and Development Services, recommended that funds currently allocated to Cycling Programs be transferred to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund (TAF), conditional upon TAF having sufficient funds available; that TAF has stated that it has no funding; providing information respecting the meetings on the Operating Budget at which deputations will be heard; and advising that the Budget Committee will hold wrap-up meetings on April 6 and 7, 1999, and that the Operating Budget is expected to be approved by City Council at its Special Meeting scheduled to be held on April 26 and 27, 1999.

On motion by Mr. Burke, the Committee:

- (1) established a Working Group to develop a strategy regarding Cycling Programs in the Operating Budget, comprised of Ms. Andrea Bowker, Mr. Jack Becker, Councillor Jack Layton, Mr. Phil Piltch, Mr. Paul Rappell and Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager of Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division;
- (2) referred the suggestions of the Members regarding items they would like included in the Operating Budget to Mr. Jack Becker for consideration by the aforementioned Working Group; and
- (3) confirmed that the following Members would make a deputation at the meetings listed below to convey the Toronto Cycling Committee's clear position that the funds currently allocated to Cycling Programs in the 1999 Operating Budget should continue to be supported in the relevant departmental budgets and not transferred to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund; and further, that the Community Councils be

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requested to adopt a motion to endorse the budget for Cycling Programs in the City of Toronto:

- Scarborough Community Council (March 25, 1999, 7:00 p.m. - 396-7288): Messrs. Burke and Sherk;
- Etobicoke Community Council (March 29, 1999, 7:00 p.m. - 394-8078): Messrs. Crawford and Rappell;
- North York Community Council (March 29, 1999, 7:30 p.m. - 395-7373): Mr. Hart and other Members of the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee;
- York Community Council (March 30, 1999, 3:00 p.m. - 394-2516): Messrs. Crawford and Rappell;
- East York Community Council (March 30, 1999, 7:00 p.m. - 397-4888): Mr. Burke;
- Toronto Community Council (March 30, 1999, 7:00 p.m. - 392-7033): Messrs. Burke and Becker; and
- Urban Environment and Development Committee (March 31, 1999 - 392-7039) - Messrs. Burke and Crawford.

(Sent to: Councillor Jack Layton; Mr. Jack Becker; Ms. Andrea Bowker; Mr. Alan Burke; Mr. Ron Hart; Mr. Crawford Murphy; Mr. Phil Piltch; Mr. Paul Rappell; Mr. John A. Sherk; c. Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner, Urban Planning and Development Services; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager of Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Coordinator, Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program - March 24, 1999)

3.3 1999 Toronto International Bike Show.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 13, 1999) from Mr. Jack Becker, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, reporting on the cycling booth at the 1999 Toronto International Bike Show and providing feedback on various activities of the Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (March 16, 1999) from the Coordinator, Road & Trail Safety Ambassador Program, providing background information on and the results of the interactive display at the 1999 Toronto International Bike Show, entitled "I really hate it when..."; and advising that a draw will be held at the

meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee on March 22, 1999, for the winner of the free draw of a CAN-BIKE course which was also part of the interactive display.

The winning entry for the CAN-BIKE course drawn at the meeting was from Mr. Mark Cheung, Toronto, who will be notified by the Coordinator, Road & Trail Safety Ambassador Program.

On motion by Mr. Becker, the Committee received the foregoing communications.

3.4 Article from “World Watch” -- When Cities Take Bicycles Seriously.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it, for information, an article from “World Watch”, September/October 1998 issue, by Mr. Gary Gardner, headed “When Cities Take Bicycles Seriously”, submitted by Ms. Joan Doiron.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Committee received the foregoing article and suggested that the Chairs of the Sub-Committees may wish to bring it to the attention of their Members.

3.5 City Council Action -- Revised Terms Of Reference For The Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 10, 1999) from the City Clerk advising that the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on March 2, 3 and 4, 1999, in adopting, as amended, Clause No. 9 of Report No. 3 of The Urban Environment and Development Committee, headed “Revised Terms of Reference for the Toronto Cycling Committee”, deleted from the proposed addition to the Terms of Reference respecting Community Cycling Advisory Groups, embodied in the transmittal letter (January 22, 1999) from the City Clerk, the words “The City Clerk will provide Secretariat support to arrange meeting rooms for Community Cycling Advisory Groups”, and inserting in lieu thereof the words “The Customer Support Centre, Facilities Management Division, will arrange meeting rooms for Community Cycling Advisory Groups.”

On motion by Mr. Rappell, the Committee received the aforementioned communication.

3.6 Transfer of Functions of the Etobicoke and East York Safety Councils to the Cycling and Pedestrian Committees.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (March 10, 1999) from the City Clerk, advising that the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on March 2, 3, and 4, 1999, in adopting, as amended, Clause No. 7 of Report No. 2 of The Emergency and Protective Services Committee, headed “Rationalization of Six Existing Committees and the

Task Force on Community Safety”, amongst other things, referred the following recommendation to the Etobicoke Community Council for consideration:

“It is recommended that the functions of the Etobicoke Safety Council, the Etobicoke Crime Scope and the Toronto (formerly Etobicoke) Crime Prevention Association be transferred to the City’s Cycling and Pedestrian Committees to promote traffic safety issues in the City of Toronto.”

On motion by Mr. Beiko, the Committee:

- (1) requested the Etobicoke Community Council to defer consideration of the foregoing Recommendation to its meeting scheduled to be held on April 28, 1999, in view of the fact that there has been no prior consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee, and to provide an opportunity for all interested parties to fully examine the implications of said Recommendation; and
- (2) referred this matter to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for a report thereon to the Toronto Cycling Committee for its next meeting on April 19, 1999.

(Sent to: Etobicoke Community Council; Co-Chairs, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c. Toronto Pedestrian Committee; Mr. T. Mulligan, Director, Transportation Services Division; Mr. R. McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning Division; Mr. D. Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; Mr. S. Wheldrake, Coordinator, Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program - March 24, 1999)

3.7 6th Anniversary Berkeley Critical Mass Bicycle Rides.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before a communication (March 17, 1999) from Ms. Nancy Smith Lea, Toronto, forwarding, for information, a proclamation passed by Berkeley City Council, headed “Honour the 6th Anniversary Berkeley Critical Mass Bicycle Rides.”

On motion by Mr. Rappell, the Committee received the aforementioned communication, for information.

(Ms. Nancy Smith Lea, Toronto - March 24, 1999)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 8:35 p.m.

Co-Chair.