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**TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE  
A G E N D A  
MEETING No. 5**

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, May 15, 2000  
**Time:** 6:30 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 2  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**PRESENTATION –**

**6:30 p.m.** Respecting Item No. 1 -  
Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Update on Bicycles and Transit:

- Mr. Peter DeGroot, Transportation Engineer, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.**

**1. TORONTO CYCLING MASTER PLAN STUDY  
UPDATE ON BICYCLES AND TRANSIT.**

*(PRESENTATION ITEM)*

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager  
Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure  
(May 1, 2000)

Advising that a revised study time schedule for completion of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study will be made available to Members at the Committee meeting; and that Mr. Peter DeGroot, Transportation Engineer, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, will be making a presentation on issues relating to bicycles and transit.

**2. POPLAR PLAINS BIKE LANE – CLARIFICATION OF FACTS AND DIRECTION TO BE TAKEN.**

Communication addressed to the Works Committee  
from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(May 4, 2000)

Respecting the motion approved by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting of April 17, 2000, regarding the Poplar Plains Bike Lane and a clarification of facts and direction to be taken, viz.:

‘The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on April 17, 2000, during consideration of the matter of the removal of a portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of the Brown Public School, to allow for vehicle parking:

- (1) confirmed that the Toronto Cycling Committee is dismayed that the only central district northbound bicycle lane in the City of Toronto has been compromised by the removal of a portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of the Brown Public School, to allow for vehicle parking, and these steps were taken without prior consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to consult with the Toronto Cycling Committee on any proposed changes to policies or programs that would have an affect on cycling-related issues;
- (3) requested the Works Committee to:
  - (a) repeal the by-law to allow motor vehicle parking in front of Brown Public School, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, and re-instate that portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane , having regard that the only central district northbound bicycle lane in the City of Toronto has been compromised to allow for motor vehicle parking, and that the safety of the merging cyclists who are forced to merge with vehicular traffic during drop-off and pick-up times of school children has also been compromised; and
  - (b) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to install signage, until such time that the by-law has been repealed, that warn both cyclists and motor vehicle operators of the lane closure in advance and to be aware of cyclists merging with motor vehicle traffic, and that motor vehicle traffic be slowed to permit safe merging of cyclists;

- (4) resolved that the decision to allow for motor vehicle parking in front of Brown Public School, during drop-off and pick-up times of school children, compromises the safety of the children and cyclist who are forced to merge with motor vehicle traffic;
- (5) appointed Mr. Crawford Murphy, Catholic School Board representative to the Toronto Cycling Committee, to appear before the Brown Public School Council expressing the views of the Toronto Cycling Committee respecting this matter; and
- (6) directed that this matter be forwarded to the Brown Public School Council, Principal of Brown Public School, Superintendent of the Toronto District School Board, local Public School Trustees, Ward Councillors, Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council for information.”

**2(a).** City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(May 5, 2000)

Forwarding, for the information of the Committee, Clause No. 61 of Report No. 13 of The Toronto Community Council, adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto at its meeting held on October 26 and 27, 1999, headed “Establishment of a Student Pick-up/Drop off Zone – Poplar Plains Road, East Side, From Lynwood Avenue to Clarendon Avenue (Midtown)”, wherein it is recommended that:

- “(1) the following report (October 7, 1999) from the Director, Transportation Services, District 1, be adopted, subject to Recommendations Nos. (1), (2), (3) and (4) of said report being amended to exclude the section of Poplar Plains Road between Balmoral Avenue (East Branch) and Clarendon Avenue (West Branch) until the question of stop signs at these two intersections has been resolved for the greater safety of pedestrians on the east side of Poplar Plains Road.”

**2(b).** Article from the National Post dated April 12, 2000, respecting the removal of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of Brown Public School.

**3. GARDINER EAST DISMANTLING PROJECT.**

Volume 1, Issue 2, Spring 2000, Newsletter--On the Level--published by the Works and Emergency Services Department, entitled “The Gardiner East Dismantling Project”.

***(PLEASE NOTE THAT THE AFOREMENTIONED ARTICLE WAS DISTRIBUTED TO MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ONLY.)***

**4. CAR-FREE SUNDAY.**

Councillor Michael Prue, East York  
(April 25, 2000)

Advising that, in response to a letter from a constituent, he would consider a recommendation to Toronto City Council concerning a Car-Free Sunday.

**5. TORONTO BIKE MAP.**

Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair  
Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee  
(May 4, 2000)

Advising that a number of issues have arisen since the publication of the Toronto Bike Map with respect to map details, routes and safety; that the Toronto Bike Map is a communication and promotion tool for the City of Toronto and cycling, in general; and recommending that in the future, any drafts of the Toronto Bike Map be forwarded to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

**6. BIKE WEEK.**

Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair  
Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee  
(May 4, 2000)

Advising that the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee at its meeting held on April 20, 2000 considered information respecting Bike Week not being on the City of Toronto website; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee inform the Information Technology Division that information respecting Bike Week is required to be placed on the website at their earliest convenience.

**7. COUNCILLORS PACKAGES PROGRAM.**

Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair  
Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee  
(May 4, 2000)

Forwarding two draft communications to be sent to Toronto City Councillors as part of the Councillors Packages Program, that were considered at the Sub-Committee meeting on April 20, 2000.

**8. REMOVING ROADBLOCKS REPORT.**

Ms. Barbara Wentworth  
Bicycle Safety Coordinator  
(May 4, 2000)

Forwarding, for the information of the Committee, a report, entitled “Removing Roadblocks: to Continued Economic Prosperity for the Greater Toronto Area, Ontario and Canada – A Strategic Plan for the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth”, by The Greater Toronto Services Board, January 2000.

**9. PRESENTATION ON ROAD SIGNS.**

Ms. Barbara Wentworth  
Bicycle Safety Coordinator  
(May 4, 2000)

Forwarding a request from the Education and Safety Sub-Committee at its meeting held on May 2, 2000, for a presentation to the Committee on road signs, including design criteria, research on effectiveness of signage as an educational tool, and samples of bike signage around the world.

**10. SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – May 2, 2000; and
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – April 20, 2000

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**