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# TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE A G E N D A MEETING No. 6

Date of Meeting:	
Time:	
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Monday, June 19, 2000 7:00 p.m. 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 -

7:00 p.m.Respecting Item No. 1 -<br/>Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study - Bicycles and Transit

Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager, Marketing and Planning, Go Transit

## COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

## 1. TORONTO CYCLING MASTER PLAN STUDY – BICYCLES AND TRANSIT.

## (PRESENTATION ITEM)

Communication addressed to Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager Marketing and Planning, Go Transit from <u>City Clerk</u> (May 24, 2000)

Providing, for information, a communication addressed to Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager, Marketing and Planning, Go Transit, from the City Clerk; and requesting a meeting between the Toronto Cycling Committee and Go Transit regarding GO Transit's policy respecting bicycles on trains and buses, and parking at GO Transit Stations.

#### 2. **RIDE FOR HEART.**

Communication addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Dr. Charles Lefkowitz (June 8, 2000)

Advising that the Ride For Heart has raised substantial funds for lifesaving cardiac research; and that the closing of the Don Valley Parkway for a Sunday morning fundraising event is a small inconvenience to motorists; and requesting that Mayor Mel Lastman reconsider his position and support the Ride For Heart.

2(a). Communication addressed to Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair Toronto Cycling Committee from <u>Mr. Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee</u> (June 8, 2000)

Expressing concern for the comments made by Mayor Mel Lastman regarding the Ride For Heart; and advising that the Ride For Heart event could be cross promoted with a Clean Air Day.

**2(b).** Communication addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from <u>Ms. Jennifer Kohar</u> (June 6, 2000)

Responding to comments made by Mayor Mel Lastman regarding the Ride For Heart; advising that the Ride For Heart is a fundraising event for heart and stroke research; and requesting Mayor Mel Lastman support the Ride For Heart.

## **3.** CAR-FREE SUNDAY.

<u>City Clerk</u> (May 26, 2000)

Advising that, at its meeting held on May 17, 2000, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication from the City Clerk (May 16, 2000) requesting the Committee to consider the initiation of discussions surrounding a Car-Free Sunday and the nomination of appropriate representatives to participate in a Working Group with the Toronto Cycling Committee; and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee advised the Planning and Transportation Committee, that Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, will participate in discussions with respect to a Car-Free Sunday in conjunction with the Toronto Cycling Committee, such discussions to include the provision of week day services of public transit on this day.

# 4. FREE TRANSIT ON AIR QUALITY ADVISORY DAYS.

City Clerk (June 1, 2000)

Advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee will consider, Item 12: Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days, at its meeting to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

# 5. MAKING DOWNSVIEW PARK BICYCLE FRIENDLY.

Mr. Ron Hart, Member <u>Toronto Cycling Committee</u> (June 6, 2000)

Providing a detailed account of the background and planning process to date on the Downsview Park Project; and recommending the following:

- (1) the Toronto Cycling Committee to attend a meeting at the Downsview Park office on the evening of June 20, 2000, having:
  - a) at least one Member of the Committee at the meeting and encouraging all members to attend;
  - b) all cycling groups with representatives on the Committee sending as many members as possible to this meeting, guaranteeing at least one representative; and
  - c) contacting the Ontario Cycling Association requesting:
    - i) a Association representative to attend the Downsview Park meetings; and
    - ii) the Association staff to contact sportif groups of these meetings and advise of the opportunity for a sportif circuit at the Downsview Park;
- (2) request the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to:
  - (a) meet and discuss the Downsview Park Plan with the design team;
  - (b) view all five Plan designs and suggest using other design ideas, such as wind turbines and solar lighting; and

- (c) request all cycling trails and facilities, to include the following:
  - (i) a north/south commuting trail, along rail line;
  - (ii) two east/west trails, along the north and south ends of the Park;
  - (iii) sufficiently wide or segregated bike paths to prevent incidents between cyclists and pedestrians; and
  - (iv) a "sport fitness" bike loop.
- (d) request Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division to connect Downsview Park Plan to the City of Toronto's existing and future trail networks; and
- (e) request motor vehicles to be prohibited from the main parkland area.
- (3) request Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to:
  - (a) forward comments to design team of the Downsview Park Plan;
  - (b) encourage the sportif groups and the Ontario Cycling Association to write to the Downsview Park design team advising the design team of the justifications for a cycling circuit;
  - (c) contact the Downsview Park staff, advising of the trail user counts used by the former Metro Toronto Parks Department; and
  - (d) forward the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results, as prepared by Decima Research Inc., to the Acting General Manager of Parks and Recreation Division.

#### 6. BIKE WEEK.

Mr. Sean Wheldrake <u>Bicycle Promotions Coordinator</u> (June 6, 2000)

Advising that the following launch events: group rides; pancake breakfast; media coverage; guest appearances; sponsorships and media coverage, occurred as part of the opening ceremonies to Bike Week held at Nathan Phillips Square on Monday May 29, 2000; and recommending that:

(1) Mr. Craig Barnes, Bicycle Promotions Special Events Coordinator, be recognized for his efforts on Bike Week; and

(2) the afternoon ride be included as a future Bike Week launch event.

## 7. POPLAR PLAINS BIKE LANE.

Councillor Bill Saundercook Chair, Works Committee (June 6, 2000)

Advising that the communication (May 6, 2000), addressed to Works Committee, from the City Clerk respecting the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting of 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 Brown School, to allow for vehicle parking, has been forwarded to Toronto Community Council, as the matter is more properly before the Community Council.

## 8. BICYCLE/PEDESTRIAN TRAIL IMPROVEMENTS ROSEDALE VALLEY ROAD AND BAYVIEW AVENUE.

Communication addressed to Director, Parks, South District, and Director, Transportation Services, District 1 from <u>Councillor Ila Bossons</u> (May 23, 2000)

Advising that Bicycle/Pedestrian trail improvements are required at Rosedale Valley Road and Bayview Avenue so that Riverdale Park West can be accessed to continue the trail to Riverdale Park East; and requesting comments from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

## 9. TORONTO TRAILS SHOWCASE TRANS CANADA TRAIL RELAY 2000.

Ms. Halina Cieszynska, Project Manager <u>Toronto Millenium Office</u> (June 6, 2000)

Advising that the Trans Canada Relay 2000 will arrive in the City of Toronto on August 25, 2000; inviting the Toronto Cycling Committee to participate in the event at Nathan Phillips Square; and requesting the Committee to complete a Participation Form and return it to the Toronto Millenium Office.

## 10. INCIDENT INVOLVING TORONTO TRANSIT COMMISSION.

Mr. Mike Nelson, Resident <u>City of Toronto</u> (May 10, 2000)

Providing, for information, an account of a traffic incident involving himself and a Bus Driver, and a Inspector, employed by the Toronto Transit Commission.

## 11. NO STOPPING IN BICYCLE LANES.

Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair Education and Safety Sub-Committee (June 7, 2000)

Recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee identify problem areas and times where drivers are standing in no stopping zones, and request the Toronto Police Services to target these areas with enforcement.

# 12. BICYCLE EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS IN TORONTO DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD SCHOOLS.

Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair Education and Safety Sub-Committee (June 7, 2000)

Requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee review and comment on the letter attached to the aforementioned communication from Mr. John Sherk, and the Co-Chairs of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, requesting the Toronto District School Board consider a bicycle education and safety program in their schools.

#### **13.** TORONTO CYCLING MASTER PLAN STUDY UPDATE.

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure (June 8, 2000)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study schedule has been revised to allow more time for staff consultations over the summer months; providing, for information, the following revised Study schedule:

(1)	July 17	Presentation to Cycling Committee:
		<ul> <li>Goals and Objectives;</li> <li>Draft Network Plan; and</li> <li>Education Section.</li> </ul>
(2)	July – Oct.	Public Consultation;
(3)	Oct. – Dec.	Revisions/Completion of Plan; and
(4)	Early 2001	Report to Planning and Transportation Committee and City Council

## **14.** SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee June 5, 2000;
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee May 18, 2000; and
- (iii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee May 24, 2000

#### 15. COMMUNITY CYCLING ADVISORY GROUP MINUTES.

(i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – February 10, 2000 and April 6, 2000

# ANY OTHER MATTERS.