

**TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE
A G E N D A
MEETING NO. 8**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, September 11, 2000	Enquiry:	Brad Bartlett
Time:	7:00 p.m.		Committee Secretary
Location:	Committee Room 2		(416) 394-2515
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	Toronto, Ontario		

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

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

PRESENTATION –

- 7:00 p.m.** Respecting Item No. 1 –
 Parking Enforcement Blitz in Bike Lanes
- Mr. Frank Yowfoo, Area Supervisor, 52 Division
 Parking Enforcement East, Toronto Police Services

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.

1. PARKING ENFORCEMENT BLITZ IN BIKE LANES.

(PRESENTATION ITEM)

Ms. Barbara Wentworth
Bicycle Safety Planner
(August 28, 2000)

Advising that Mr. Frank Yowfoo, Area Supervisor, 52 Division, Parking Enforcement East, Toronto Police Services, will present to the Toronto Cycling Committee the results of the first-ever parking enforcement blitz in bicycle lanes conducted by the Toronto Police Services, in conjunction with the Transportation Planning Division, Department of Urban Planning and Development Services, from August 14, 2000 to August 25, 2000 (exclusive of weekends).

2. RIGHT TURNS AND BIKES POSTER DISTRIBUTION.

Ms. Barbara Wentworth
Bicycle Safety Planner
(August 28, 2000)

Advising that the attached communication (August 3, 2000) from Mr. Paul Bedford, Executive Director and Chief Planner, was sent to approximately 375 driving school owners that are registered with the Driving Schools Association of Ontario; that approximately 100,000 students were certified through the Schools each year; and that staff are investigating a further distribution of Bike Posters to Motor Vehicle Licensing Offices in Ontario and other potential sites.

3. TRANSIT SHELTER POSTERS – RIGHT TURNS AND BIKES.

Mr. Sean Wheldrake
Bicycle Promotions Coordinator
(August 29, 2000)

Advising that the Right Turns and Bikes transit shelter poster was displayed on 20 occasions at Cineplex Odeon Theatres in the Toronto area, from April 28, 2000 to May 25, 2000; that the promotion represents an in-kind service in the amount of \$12,000.00; and that Cineplex Odeon Theatres has committed to the Toronto Cycling Committee a similar poster display in the year 2001.

4. BICYCLE THEFT.

Mr. Sean Wheldrake
Bicycle Promotions Coordinator
(August 29, 2000)

Advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of the “Bike Theft = Bad Karma” event at Nathan Phillips Square hosted by the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors; and that there was extensive media coverage of the event; providing statistics on bicycle theft in the City of Toronto over a ten-year period, from 1988 to 1998; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee develop an extensive bicycle theft prevention program.

5. ROAD AND TRAIL SAFETY AMBASSADORS PROGRAM.

Mr. Sean Wheldrake
Bicycle Promotions Coordinator
(August 29, 2000)

Advising that the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors have hosted and attended a number of events across the City of Toronto; providing, for information, a brief description of the 245 events hosted by the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

6. 2001 OPERATING BUDGET – TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair
Toronto Cycling Committee
(August 29, 2000)

Providing, for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Committee, the following recommendation:

“That the Toronto Cycling Committee appoint a Budget Committee to meet and prepare recommendations for the Budget;

And That this Committee present its recommendations to the next full meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee in October 2000 for the eventual presentation to Toronto City Council or to the Planning and Transportation Department;

And That the tentative date for the meeting of the Budget Committee be September 18, 2000.”

7. ROLE OF COMMUNITY CYCLING ADVISORY GROUPS.

Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair
and Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair
Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee
(July 21, 2000)

Advising that Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, will be forwarding to members of the Toronto Cycling Committee, a copy of the draft Backgrounder document from the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, respecting the role of the Community Cycling Advisor Groups of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Co-Chair’s Note: The Backgrounder is attached for information.)

8. CYCLOMETER AND WEBSITE UPDATE.

Mr. Bill Dean
Newsletter/Web Facilitator
(August 14, 2000)

Providing, for information, an update on the Newsletter and Website of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

**9. SAFETY ISSUE – REQUEST FOR SIGNS DIRECTED AT CYCLISTS
BLOOR AND BEDFORD ROAD.**

Communication addressed to Manager, Transportation Services, District 1
from Councillor Ila Bossons
(August 17, 2000)

Advising of an unsafe condition involving cyclists and motor vehicles at the intersection of Bloor Street and Bedford Avenue; and requesting the Department of Works and Emergency Services to install appropriate signage.

**10. SAFETY ISSUE – RAISED STORM SEWER GRATES
BAY STREET: CITY HALL TO DUNDAS STREET.**

Communication addressed to Director, Transportation Services, District 1
from Councillor Ila Bossons
(August 24, 2000)

Advising of an unsafe condition to cyclists involving raised storm sewer grates on Bay Street, between City Hall and Dundas Street.

11. SAFETY ISSUE – CYCLISTS ON SIDEWALKS

Communication addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman
from Councillor Jane Pitfield
(August 24, 2000)

Advising that many accidents are occurring between cyclists and pedestrians on City sidewalks; requesting that his Office draw to the attention of cyclists that sidewalks are to be used for pedestrians; and requesting that By-laws be enforced that cyclists should only use roadways in the City of Toronto.

11(a). Communication addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman
from Mr. David Shaffer, Resident
City of Toronto
(July 24, 2000)

Advising of unfortunate incidents between he and his wife's enjoyment of walking on sidewalks and interference with cyclists; and requesting that his Office inform cyclists of the By-law restricting their use of the sidewalks.

12. FREE TRANSIT ON AIR QUALITY ADVISORY DAYS.

Communication addressed to Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair
Toronto Cycling Committee
from City Clerk
(July 13, 2000)

Providing, for information, and any attention deemed necessary by the Toronto Cycling Committee, Clause No. 6 contained in Report No. 7 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, which was adopted, as amended, by Toronto City Council at its meeting held on July 4, 5 and 6, 2000.

13. CAR FREE SUNDAY.

Communication addressed to the Commissioner of Economic Development
Culture and Tourism
from City Clerk
(July 14, 2000)

Providing, for information, and any attention deemed necessary by the Toronto Cycling Committee, Clause No. 7 contained in Report No. 7 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, which was adopted, as amended, by Toronto City Council at its meeting held on July 4, 5 and 6, 2000.

14. FUNDING ISSUE – ROAD AND TRAIL SAFETY AMBASSADORS.

Communication addressed to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services
from City Clerk
(August 11, 2000)

Providing, for information, and any attention deemed necessary by the Toronto Cycling Committee, Clause No. 54 contained in Report No. 10 of the Policy and Finance Committee, which was adopted, as amended, by Toronto City Council at its meeting held on August 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2000.

**15. TORONTO PLAN DIRECTIONS REPORT
TORONTO AT THE CROSSROADS: SHAPING OUR FUTURE**

Mr. Paul Bedford
Executive Director and Chief Planner

(July 28, 2000)

Requesting comments from the Toronto Cycling Committee on the Toronto Plan Directions Report – Toronto At The Crossroads: Shaping Our Future, as part of the next stage of consultations in the fall of 2000.

16. AIR QUALITY.

Communication addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman
From Ms. Joan Doiron, Co-Chair
Toronto Pedestrian Committee
(July 12, 2000)

Thanking Mayor Mel Lastman, on behalf of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, for his strong stance and sensitivity regarding improved air quality.

17. BICYCLE EDUCATION AND SAFETY PROGRAMS IN SCHOOLS.

Ms. Marguerite Jackson
Director of Education
Toronto District School Board
(July 10, 2000)

Advising that the request by the Toronto Cycling Committee that bicycle education and safety be considered in Toronto District School Board schools has been forwarded to Ms. Gerry Connelly, Executive Officer, Instruction, Toronto District School Board.

18. BIKE SHARE PROGRAM.

Communication addressed to Ms. Joan Anderton
Commissioner of Corporate Services
From Ms. Robyn Cakebread, Bike Share Coordinator
Community Bicycle Network
(August 4, 2000)

Clarifying, for the information of the Commissioner of Corporate Services, the two types of space required for the Bike Share Program, being space at either City Hall or Metro Hall, for the Bike Share Hubs, and space, for a workshop, to be located on City property, elsewhere in the downtown.

19. BECEL RIDE FOR HEART.

Mr. Richard Ducharme, Chief General Manager
Toronto Transit Commission
(July 27, 2000)

Advising, for information of the Toronto Cycling Committee, that Mr. Murray Hill, Supervisor – Special Events, Toronto Transit Commission can assist the Becel Ride For Heart, coordinating the transportation of participants to the event.

20. DOWNSVIEW PARK PLAN.

Mr. Tony Genco, Manager of Community Affairs and
Director of Special Events
Downsview Park Inc.
(July 26, 2000)

Advising that Downsview Park Inc. will continue to include the Toronto Cycling Committee in the consultation process for the redevelopment of Downsview Park as the Committee has already contributed significantly to the process this past summer 2000.

21. COMMUNITY ACTION ON CLEAN AIR AND CLIMATE CHANGE.

The Honorable David Anderson
Minister of the Environment
(June 5, 2000)

Thanking the Toronto Cycling Committee on their efforts and accomplishments to create a clean and healthy environment for the residents of the City of Toronto.

22. WINDSOR BICYCLING COMMITTEE.

Mr. Vic Carman, Member
Windsor Bicycling Committee
(August 28, 2000)

Forwarding Windsor Bicycling Committee bumper stickers “Bicycles Belong – Share The Road”, placed on City of Windsor vehicles, and traffic signs, “Bike Route”, and “Share the Road – It’s The Law” for the use by the Toronto Cycling Committee; requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to ask that similar bumper stickers be placed on City of Toronto vehicles; and requesting the support of the Toronto Cycling Committee, to take appropriate action, requesting the Minister of

Transportation, to approve and standardize the road sign, “Share The Road – It’s The Law”, for Ontario roads.

23. CYCLING ON PROVINCIAL HIGHWAYS.

Mr. Phil Piltch, Member
Toronto Cycling Committee
(August 18, 2000)

Forwarding, for information of the Toronto Cycling Committee, a communication addressed to the Minister of Transportation with respect to the limitations cyclists experience accessing highway infrastructure in Ontario further limiting their access to tourist areas, parks and other landscape features; and advising that the following was recommended to the Minister of Transportation:

- 1) identify key east-west and north-south corridors for cyclists wishing to travel across the Province. These routes should be as direct as possible, deviating no more than is necessary. They should also include key points of interest, such as Algonquin Park, and pass through towns and cities where cyclists can get food and water;
- 2) where possible, these corridors can follow secondary roads, such as Ontario secondary routes and county roads;
- 3) where use of a major highway is required, either to provide continuity of a cycling route or to avoid excessive diversion from the most direct route, paved shoulders should be provided. In addition to providing safe space for cyclists, paved shoulders would also reduce edge-wear and improve safety for motorists that might drift off the travelling lanes. Where such roads have HTA regulations prohibiting bicycles, allowance be made for those sections where bicycle travel is required. This is in fact the practice in California, where some sections of their freeways do allow cyclists to use the paved shoulders to get past geographical barriers such as hill top passes, or where no other routes is available close by. If possible, special lanes could be provided along side such highways; and
- 4) providing signage along such routes directing cycling where the route continues, and how to reach specific points of interests. Access to as many Provincial parks as possible should be maintained.

24. SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – August 21, 2000; and
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – July 20, 2000

ANY OTHER MATTERS.