

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee**

**Meeting No. 1**

**Monday, January 17, 2000.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, January 17, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 6:40 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jack Layton (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)  
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Steve Beiko  
Ms. Andrea Bowker  
Mr. Ole Calderone  
Mr. Gerald Corbett  
Ms. Gillian Flower  
Mr. John Fountain  
Mr. Ron Hart  
Mr. Martin Koob (Alternate) representing Toronto Bicycling Network  
Ms. Nina Koskenoja  
Mr. Clay McFayden  
Mr. Crawford Murphy  
Dr. Linda Perkin  
Mr. Phil Piltch  
Mr. John Sherk  
Mr. Hamish Wilson

Also Present:

Mr. Martin Collier (Alternate)

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, City Clerk's Division  
Ms. Mary Casini, City Clerk's Division  
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure  
Ms. Cynthia Vaz, City Clerk's Division  
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator  
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Coordinator, Road and

## Trail Safety Ambassador Program

Ms. Marleen Van Laethem in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes.**

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on November 22, 1999, were confirmed, subject to amending Minute No. 11.7 to provide that Mr. Fisher's response would be directed to Councillor Jane Pitfield.

**1.1 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Smog Issues.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 10, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on November 22, 1999, identified the issue of 'SMOG' as the first in a series of discussion topics relating to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study; and that Ms. Franca Ursitti, Research Consultant, Health Promotion and Environmental Protection Unit, Planning and Policy, Toronto Public Health, would be making a presentation to the Committee on January 17, 2000.

Ms. Franca Ursitti, Research Consultant, Health Promotion and Environmental Protection Unit, Planning and Policy, Toronto Public Health, made an overhead presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and filed a copy of her presentation with respect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the foregoing matter, together with the presentation material that was distributed at the meeting, to all the Sub-Committees to formulate policy recommendations for the Cycling Master Plan Study, for submission to the Toronto Cycling Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on February 14, 2000.

(Sent to: Ms. Franca Ursitti, Research Consultant, Health Promotion and Environmental Protection Unit, Planning and Policy, Toronto Public Health; Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, and Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; and Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair and Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator; Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure -

January 20, 2000)

**1.2 Proposed Amalgamation of the Communications Sub-Committee and the Promotions and Development Sub-Committee.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 17, 1999) from Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications Sub-Committee advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting held on October 17, 1999, recommended to the Toronto Cycling Committee that the Communications Sub-Committee and the Promotions and Development Sub-Committee be merged.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (January 4, 2000) from Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Promotions and Development Sub-Committee, advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting held on December 15, 1999, supported the aforementioned recommendation of the Communications Sub-Committee.

On motion by Ms. Flower, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the merger of the Promotions and Development Sub-Committee and the Communications Sub-Committee, and noted that the merged sub-committee will be named the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee.

(Sent to: Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications Sub-Committee  
Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Promotions and Development Sub-Committee; c. Administrator, Planning and Transportation Committee; Members, Toronto Cycling Committee; Other Interested Parties - January 20, 2000)

**1.3 Appointment of a Representative to the Toronto Cycling Committee by the Toronto Bicycling Network.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 24, 1999) from Mr. John Corbett, President, Toronto Bicycling Network, advising that Mr. Edward Clark has been appointed as Mr. Alan Burke's replacement as the representative of the Toronto Bicycling Network on the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (January 17, 2000) from Mr. Alan Burke advising that due to the birth of his daughter in June 1999 he does not have the time required to sit on the Committee at this time; expressing his appreciation to the Committee for the

chance to have served for many years; and stating that he feels confident in passing his position to Mr. Edward Clark.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee accepted Mr. Burke's resignation with regret, extended its appreciation for the time he has spent on various cycling committees, and for his dedication and commitment to cycling in the former Metropolitan Toronto and the new City of Toronto.

(Sent to: Mr. John Corbett, President, Toronto Bicycling Network;  
Mr. Alan Burke; c. Mr. Edward Clark - January 20, 2000)

#### **1.4 Port Lands Consultation Process.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (December 13, 1999) from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, submitting, on behalf of the Port Lands Working Group, comments with respect to the Port Lands project; and requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee have direct input in the process as the project moves into the design phase.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

(Sent to: Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee;  
c. Mr. Edward Clark - January 18, 2000)

#### **1.5 Sub-Committee Minutes.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the Minutes of the following Sub-Committees:

- (i) Communications Sub-Committee - November 25, 1999;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee - November 29, 1999;  
December 15, 1999;
- (iii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee - September 29, 1999 and November 10, 1999; and

- (iv) Promotions Sub-Committee - December 15, 1999.

On motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes and oral reports.

#### **1.6 Work Plan Structure for 2000 and Bike Show Update.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 14, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, submitting an outline of discussion topics at a meeting with various Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on January 5, 2000, and attaching charts, headed "Year 2000 Work Plan Structure", and "2000 Budget Expense Areas: Salaries/Print/Events", respecting the Bicycle Safety Coordinator and the Coordinator, Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program.

On motion by Mr. Pilch, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

#### **1.7 Attendance at Canadian Urban Institute Seminar.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 17, 1999) from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting authorization for Mr. Edward Clark and himself to attend a Breakfast Seminar hosted by the Canadian Urban Institute, titled "Re-using Toronto's Rail Corridors -- A Practical Solution at Last!", by Mr. John Long, President, DS-Lea Associates Ltd., on Thursday, February 10, 2000, at Metro Hall, at a cost of \$35.00 for non-members.

On motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee endorsed the request embodied in the aforementioned communication.

(Sent to: Mr. Stephen Fisher; Mr. Edward Clark; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator - January 20, 2000)

#### **1.8 Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 12, 2000) addressed to the Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer from the City Clerk advising that the Planning and

Transportation Committee at its meeting held on January 10, 2000, received, for information, her report responding to a request on the source of revenue to finance the initiative of providing free transit on air quality advisory days.

On motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended to City Council that:

- (1) Item (d), headed "Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days", embodied in Clause No. 6 of Report No. 1 of The Planning and Transportation Committee, be struck out and referred back to the Planning and Transportation Committee for further consideration and the hearing of deputations; and
- (2) the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee be notified when this matter will again be before the Planning and Transportation Committee.

(Sent to: Members of Council; c. Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer; Administrator, Planning and Transportation Committee - January 18, 2000)

### **1.9 Change in Secretariat Support to the Toronto Cycling Committee.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised by Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, that Ms. Mary Casini will no longer be providing Secretariat support to the Committee; and that Mr. Brad Bartlett, would be acting in this capacity.

On motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee extended its best wishes to Ms. Mary Casini and thanked her for the high quality of her work and committed service to the Toronto Cycling Committee over the past number of years.

(Sent to: Ms. Mary Casini – February 8, 2000)

**1.10 Governor's Street Bridge Reconstruction Project.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised by Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, that the Transportation Services Division is currently investigating the possibility of accommodating pedestrians on the Governor's Street Bridge during the reconstruction period and cyclists would, therefore, be able to walk their bicycles across the bridge.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:15 p.m.

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Co-Chair.