

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 2

Monday, February 14, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2000, in Committee Room No. 1, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)
Mr. Steve Beiko
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Israel Chackowicz
Mr. Edward Clark
Mr. Martin Collier (Alternate) representing Community Bicycle Network
Mr. Gerald Corbett
Ms. Joan Doiron
Ms. Gillian Flower
Mr. Ron Hart
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Phil Piltch
Ms. Jannette Porter
Mr. John Sherk
Mr. Hamish Wilson

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, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

2.1 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Bicycle Parking Issues.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that the Committee on November 22, 1999, identified specific policy and program issues as discussion topics relating to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study; and that he would be making a presentation on various bicycle parking issues, as outlined in the communication, at the meeting on February 14, 2000.

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, made an overhead presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and filed a copy of his presentation with respect thereto.

On motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure to formulate policy recommendations for the Cycling Master Plan Study, for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 20, 2000.

(Sent to: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator - February 23, 2000)

2.2 Sub-Committee Recommendations on Smog Issues for Inclusion in the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 20, 1999) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, responding to a request by the Committee on January 17, 2000, for recommendations from the Sub-Committees on smog issues; and noting that she is forwarding suggestions that she received from Members of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, grouped by the following subject matter:

- reducing car use;
- reducing car emissions;
- street design;
- increasing TTC use;
- increasing bicycle use;
- City design; and
- car design.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (February 2, 2000) from the Co-Chairs, Education and Safety Sub-Committee, advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2000, recommended that the recommendations contained in the communication respecting smog reduction be included in the Final Report of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (February 11, 2000) from the Co-Chairs, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting on January 20, 2000, recommended that cycling continue to be promoted as an alternative to automobile use in the City of Toronto, and that funding be increased to facilitate the administration of programs throughout the amalgamated City.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned communication dated January 20, 2000, back to Ms. Nina Koskenoja for consideration by the Sub-Committee and the submission of recommendations to the Toronto Cycling Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on March 20, 2000;
- (2) adopted the recommendation embodied in the aforementioned communication dated February 2, 2000, from the Co-Chairs, Education and Safety Sub-Committee, subject to striking out Recommendation No. (2) a.; and
- (3) adopted the recommendations embodied in the aforementioned communication dated February 11, 2000, from the Co-Chairs, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, for consideration by the Study Team as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan.

(Sent to: Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – February 16, 2000)

2.3 Request for Authorization to Solicit Donations.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2000) from the Co-Chairs, Education and Safety Sub-Committee, advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2000, recommended to the Toronto Cycling Committee that a \$1.00 or \$2.00 donation to support the City's bicycle safety education programs be solicited at the Bicycle Show and at other events throughout the year in association with the distribution of the free Bike Map.

Mr. Fisher appointed Ms. Van Laethem Acting Chair and vacated the Chair.

On motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Director of Transportation Planning with a request that he submit a report thereon to the Toronto Cycling Committee at its next meeting scheduled to be held on March 20, 2000.

Mr. Fisher resumed the Chair.

(Sent to: Mr. Rod McPhail, Director of Transportation Planning; Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – February 23, 2000)

2.4 Application to the Toronto District School Board for Standing as a Community Liaison Group.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2000) from the Co-Chairs, Education and Safety Sub-Committee, advising that the Sub-Committee at its meeting on January 25, 2000, recommended to the Toronto Cycling Committee that it apply to the Toronto District School Board for standing as a Community Liaison Group as a means of facilitating communication between the School Board and the Committee, and appoint two Members of the Committee as its representatives.

On motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) adopted the recommendations embodied in the aforementioned communication;

- (2) appointed Mr. Crawford Murphy as the representative and Mr. Martin Collier as his alternate; and
- (3) requested Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, to forward the necessary documentation to the Toronto District School Board and to act as the staff contact on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent to: Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Crawford Murphy; Mr. Martin Collier; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – February 23, 2000)

2.5 Grant Applications for Safety Education Programs.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 2, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, advising that in order to support the CAN-BIKE program and the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors Program, grants are being written to potential funding agencies; providing, for the information of the Committee, a Summary of Proposal for the CAN-BIKE Development Project recently submitted to the Ontario Neurotrauma Foundation; and attaching letters of support garnered on our programs from the Regional Coroner for Toronto, the Ministry of Transportation, the Toronto Star, the Ontario Cycling Association and Toronto Public Health.

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

2.6 Communication Respecting Pedestrian Safety.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (December 15, 1999) from Mrs. R. Margles advising that she is 75 years old and has suffered enormous pain and inconvenience as a result of being struck by a passing cyclist while crossing the road at an intersection in August 1999; that since that time, the health system has suffered enormous expense for her care; that she has become very bike conscious and sees many bikers who totally disregard the rules of the road; and expressing her hope that the Committee can find some way to instil respect for the rules into these people.

On motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) expressed its regret to Mrs. Margles; and
- (2) referred the aforementioned communication to the Co-Chairs of the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee with a request that it be published in the Cyclometer Newsletter.

(Sent to: Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mrs. R. Margles – February 23, 2000)

2.7 Sub-Committee Minutes.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following Sub-Committee minutes:

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee - January 25, 2000; and
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee - January 20, 2000.

On motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes.

2.8 Toronto International Bicycle Show 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 11, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, respecting the 14th Annual Toronto International Bicycle Show 2000 to be held from March 3 to 5, 2000, at the National Trade Centre, Hall B, Exhibition Place; listing the following topics for the seminar talks during the Bike Show: Master Cycling Plan Study, Bike Week, Get Ready for Spring Cycling and Bike Map/combining Bikes and Buses; proposing a schedule for the aforementioned topics; and requesting that a decision be reached at the February 14, 2000 meeting on topics, speakers and volunteers to staff the City of Toronto Booth.

Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, made a video presentation, titled 'Bike Racks On Buses', Ottawa Transit Authority, to the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

On motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned communication to the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, in consultation with the Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, to finalize the preliminary list of seminar topics, speakers and volunteers to staff the booth, which was prepared at the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (2) added as a seminar topic, "Rails to Trails"; and
- (3) requested the Bicycle Promotion Coordinator to contact all volunteers accordingly.

(Sent to: Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator; Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – February 16, 2000)

2.9 Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge over the Don River.

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised by Ms. Van Laethem that the Works and Emergency Services Department has requested public comments for a proposed Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge over the Don River linking the Lower Don Trail to the new Lakeshore Trail.

Mr. Fisher agreed to invite Marshall Macklin Monaghan Limited, Project Consultants, to the next meeting of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee to make a presentation respecting this matter.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Co-Chair.