

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee**

**Meeting No. 3**

**Monday, March 20, 2000.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, March 20, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 6:45 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Jack Layton (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)  
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Steve Beiko  
Mr. Ole Calderone  
Mr. Israel Chackowicz  
Mr. Edward Clark  
Ms. Joan Doiron  
Mr. John Fountain  
Mr. Ron Hart  
Ms. Nina Koskenoja  
Mr. Clay McFayden  
Mr. Crawford Murphy  
Dr. Linda Perkin  
Mr. Phil Piltch  
Ms. Jannette Porter  
Mr. John Stratton (Alternate) representing Toronto District School Board  
Mr. Hamish Wilson

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, 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

Ms. Marleen Van Laethem in the Chair.

### **3.1 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Education Issues.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 7, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on November 22, 1999, identified specific policy and program issues as discussion topics relating to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study; that a panel of experts in driver/cyclist education and training will present information on a variety of road user education programs at the meeting on March 20, 2000; and suggesting that any policy recommendations be forwarded to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Team for consideration for inclusion in the Cycling Master Plan, or alternatively, recommendations be forwarded to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for consideration prior to submission to the Study Team.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (March 16, 2000) addressed to Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, from Mr. Frank D'Onofrio, Ministry of Transportation, providing information, to the Committee with respect to educational programs, training and testing programs for new drivers, and information materials offered by the Ministry of Transportation that ensures motorists are aware of their responsibilities when interacting with cyclists.

The following persons appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and filed a copy of their presentations with respect thereto:

- Ms. Sue MacNeil, President, Little World Road Safety Services, and President, Driver Competency Assessment Protocols Inc.;
- Mr. Jim Kenzie, Chief Auto Reviewer, Toronto Star Wheels Section and Advanced Driver Training Instructor;
- Mr. Kim Richardson, President of KRTS Transportation Specialists and Past President of the Truck Training Schools Association of Ontario;
- Mr. Glenn Steeves, Manager, Training, Taxi Industry Unit, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Urban Development Services; and
- Mr. Chris Sanderson, Trainer, Toronto Transit Commission.

On motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communications, together with the presentation materials, to the

Education and Safety Sub-Committee for consideration and the submission of recommendations to the Toronto Cycling Committee for its meeting scheduled to be held on April 17, 2000.

(Sent to: Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Brian D'Onofrio, Ministry of Transportation; Ms. Sue MacNeil, President, Little World Road Safety Services, and President, Driver Competency Assessment Protocols Inc.; Mr. Jim Kenzie, Chief Auto Reviewer, Toronto Star Wheels Section and Advanced Driver Training Instructor; Mr. Kim Richardson, President of KRTS Transportation Specialists and Past President of the Truck Training Schools Association of Ontario; Mr. Glenn Steeves, Manager, Training, Taxi Industry Unit, Municipal Licensing and Standards, Urban Development Services; and Mr. Chris Sanderson, Trainer, Toronto Transit Commission; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator - March 22, 2000)

### **3.2 Recommendations of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee on Smog Reduction.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 27, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, responding to a request by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on February 14, 2000, for submission of revised recommendations on smog issues, approved by the Sub-Committee, for consideration of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Team on the following subject matters:

- (1) reducing motor vehicle use;
- (2) reducing emissions;
- (3) increasing bicycle use; and
- (4) city design.

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

- (1) adopted the revised recommendations embodied in the aforementioned communication, subject to adding the following item under the section, headed "Reducing Emissions":
  - “(3) Place restrictions, as necessary, on motor vehicle idling.”; and

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- ( 2 ) directed that the aforementioned recommendations be forwarded to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Team for inclusion as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan.

(Sent to: 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 – March 22, 2000)

### **3.3 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Bicycle Parking Issues.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 7, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, responding to a request by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on February 14, 2000, for a report on policy recommendations on bicycle parking issues for the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study; advising that the draft recommendations on bicycle parking issues have been revised to reflect the suggestions made by the Committee; that the recommendation will be forwarded to the Cycling Master Plan Study Team for consideration as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan report; and recommending that the Committee provide comments on the suggested draft recommendations.

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

- (1) adopted the recommendations embodied in the aforementioned communication, subject to striking out the words “post and ring” in Item No. 1 of the Suggested Draft Recommendations and inserting in lieu thereof the words “bicycle parking”; and
- (2) directed that the recommendations be forwarded to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Team for inclusion as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan.

(Sent to: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Bicycle and Pedestrian Infrastructure; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Co-ordinator - March 22, 2000)

### **3.4 Request for Endorsement of Urban Development Services Department Fundraising.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 13, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, responding to a request by the Toronto Cycling Committee on February 14, 2000, for a report on the solicitation of donations by the Committee; and advising that a full report will be available on March 20, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (March 20, 2000) from the Director of Transportation Planning advising that it would be necessary to direct a request to solicit funding from outside sources to the Planning and Transportation Committee, or the Policy and Finance Committee; that City Council has authorized the Commissioner of Urban Development Services to apply to outside public service agencies for grants, or private sponsors to supplement or match the City budget for cycling programs; that each grant application is forwarded to Council for permission to use the revenue in accordance with the terms of the project; that reporting outside funding and accountability for money collected at busy public events is complex; that there is a small amount of revenue expected to be collected from public events; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee not solicit donations this year.

On Motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Toronto Atmospheric Fund – Charitable Foundation to provide comments to the Committee on the possibility of channeling monies, raised through fundraising activities, through the Foundation and back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent to: Mr. Phil Jessup, Acting Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund; Director of Transportation Planning; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – April 3, 2000)

### **3.5 Action by City Council – “Provision of Bicycle Parking with the Conversion to Pay-and-Display On-Street Parking”.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 7, 2000) from the City Clerk advising, for information, that the Council of the City of Toronto on February 1, 2 and 3, 2000, adopted, without amendment, Clause No. 20 contained in Report No. 1 of The Works Committee, headed “Provision of Bicycle Parking with the Conversion to Pay-and-Display On-Street Parking”.

### **3.6 Update on Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 7, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager of Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure, providing, for information, an update on the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study, respecting:

- (1) tentative schedule of completion of key study tasks;
- (2) draft table of contents; and
- (3) draft network objectives and route evaluation process.

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

### **3.7 Toronto International Bicycle Show.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 8, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, providing information on the seminars hosted by the Committee and the display booth at the Toronto International Bicycle Show from March 3 to 5, 2000; advising that the booth was utilized to display information on the Cycling Master Plan, the Toronto Cycling Map and the Toronto Cycling Committee programs; and that hand outs were also available on the cycling trail in rail and hydro corridors.

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

- (1) referred the matter of the Bike Map not containing a reference to the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee to the Communications and Promotion Sub-Committee for a report thereon to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (2) requested the Sub-Committee to also report to the Committee on the nature of the advisory role of the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee.

(Sent to: Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator – April 3, 2000)

### **3.8 Car-Free Sunday.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 23, 2000) addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Ms. Nancy Smith Lea, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists, requesting that Toronto's first car-free Sunday be held during Bike Week 2000.

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

- (1) endorsed the concept of a car-free Sunday; and
- (2) referred the aforementioned communication to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on a viable plan, including a promotion strategy, to implement a car-free Sunday.

(Sent to: Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Ms. Nancy Smith Lea, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure - April 3, 2000)

### **3.9 Pedestrian Safety.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 24, 2000) from Ms. Miriam Abileah submitting comments on pedestrian safety issues; and requesting that the former Toronto City Cycling Committee poster, entitled "Bicycles Belong on the Road...Not on the Sidewalk", be re-circulated.

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

- (1) referred the aforementioned communication to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for a report thereon to the Committee; and
- (2) expressed its appreciation to Ms. Abileah for her comments, noting that the Committee is addressing the issues raised in her communication.

(Sent to: Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Ms. Miriam Abileah; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – April 3, 2000)

### **3.10 Sub-Committee Minutes.**

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

- (i) Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee – February 17, 2000; and
- (ii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – January 12, 2000 and February 23, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the matter of GO Transit's current policy on the accommodation of bicycles on buses and trains.

- A. Mr. Chackowicz moved that the Toronto Cycling Committee receive the aforementioned Sub-Committee Minutes. **(Carried)**
- B. Mr. Beiko moved that the Toronto Cycling Committee request GO Transit to provide information respecting its current policy on cyclists integrating with GO Transit services and the accommodation of bicycles on buses and trains. **(Carried)**

(Sent to: Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager of Marketing and Planning, GO Transit; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – March 27, 2000)

### **3.11 Representative to the Meeting of the Cycling Coordinators of the Western GTA Towns and Cities.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 16, 2000) addressed to Mr. Stephen Fisher from Mr. John Sabiston, Chair, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, requesting the Committee appoint a representative to attend the meeting of the Cycling Coordinators of the Western GTA Towns and Cities to be held in the Mississauga Civic Centre, at 7:00 p.m., on April 11, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised by Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, that he would be in attendance.



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The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:17 p.m.

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Co-Chair.