

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 4

Monday, April 17, 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 6:48 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. Marty Collier (Alternate) representing Community Bicycle Network
Mr. Gerald Corbett
Mr. Edward Clark
Ms. G. Flower
Mr. Ron Hart
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Clay McFayden
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Dr. Linda Perkin
Ms. Jannette Porter
Mr. John Sherk
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.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. McFayden, the Minutes of the meetings of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on January 17, 2000 and February 14, 2000, were confirmed, subject to amending Minute No. 2.8 to replace Vancouver Transit Authority with Ottawa Transit Authority.

**4.1 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study
Toronto Cycling Survey – Results of Decima Research Inc.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 11, 2000) from Mr. Dan Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that the presentation on the Final Report on the Toronto Cycling Survey, prepared by Decima Research Inc., will include the following information:

- (1) Background and Purpose;
- (2) Research Objectives and Methodology;
- (3) Summary of Key Findings; and

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure made a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and filed a copy of the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results, prepared by Decima Research Inc., with respect thereto.

On motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested:

- (1) the Planning and Transportation Committee to provide an opportunity for Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to make a presentation on the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results;
- (2) the Board of Health to provide an opportunity for Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to make a presentation on the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results;

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- (3) the Official Plan Sub-Committee to provide an opportunity for Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to make a presentation on the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results;
- (4) the Toronto Transit Commission to provide an opportunity for Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to make a presentation on the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results, at an appropriate time, and prior to the next municipal election;
- (5) Decima Research Inc. to provide information to the Toronto Cycling Committee on:
 - (a) the ethnic, cultural and linguistic outreach that was carried out as part of the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results to capture the ethnic, cultural and linguistic mix of bicycle users in the City of Toronto; and
 - (b) a method on how to capture the ethnic, cultural and linguistic mix of bicycle users, if it were not contained in the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results;
- (6) the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, to:
 - (a) submit a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee that compares the Capital and Operating Budgets, and riderships, of other forms of transportation in the City of Toronto with the budgets of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (b) forward the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results electronically to The Greater Toronto Services Board, for their information, along with other groups interested in cycling, such as the Ministry of Transportation, and Velo Ontario; and
- (7) that the communication (April 11, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, and the City of Toronto 1999

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Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results be forwarded to the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Team for inclusion as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan.

(Sent to: Planning and Transportation Committee; Board of Health; Official Plan Sub-Committee; Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Manager of Executive and General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – May 16, 2000)

4.2 Toronto Cycling Map.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 27, 2000) addressed to Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, from Cary Weitzman, advising, for the reasons outlined in the communication, that the route listed on the Toronto Cycling Map in the area between Dufferin Street and Keele Street, north of Caledonia Road, is potentially hazardous in that it appears to be in an active rail corridor.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (March 29, 2000) from Mr. Bruce Cadenhead, Allanway Consulting Incorporated, advising that the following public comment was received on March 27, 2000, by the Toronto Transportation's Public Information System, ROAD INFO telephone line:

“It's about the Toronto Cycling Map. Wondering why the cemeteries are marked with crosses, not everyone believes in crosses. Wondering why there isn't just a square with a tombstone in it or something generic.”

On Motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) referred the aforementioned communications:
 - (a) to the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee with a request that it submit recommendation(s) to the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding an appropriate response to comments received by the Committee on the Toronto Bike Map;
 - (b) to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on the changing circumstances and conditions of routes listed on the Toronto Bike Map; and

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- (c) to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on road safety and signing of routes listed on the Toronto Bike Map.
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to forward to the Committee any comments received regarding the Toronto Bike Map.

(Sent to: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Joe Halstead, Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Cary Weitzman; Mr. Bruce Cadenhead, Allanway Consulting Incorporated; c. Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator – April 19, 2000)

4.3 Bicycle Parking At Union Station.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 9, 2000) from Mr. Geoff McBride, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists, respecting the lack of bicycle parking at Union Station; and requesting that the City of Toronto:

- (1) install post and ring bicycle racks on the property immediately to solve the bicycle problem in the short term;
- (2) research and implement long-term bicycle parking solutions (i.e., bike lockers, supervised check-ins); and
- (3) initiate a Community Economic Development indoor bike parking business.

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

- (1) requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, as a high priority, to provide, in the short-term at Union Station, bicycle racks that are functional, aesthetic, and a high quantity of bike racks;

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- (2) invited the Director of Transportation Planning to attend a meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee to present the plan for Union Station; and
- (3) referred the aforementioned communication to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee respecting long-term bicycle parking at Union Station.

(Sent to: Director of Transportation Planning; Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Geoff McBride, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – April 27, 2000)

4.4 CAN-BIKE Program.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 10, 2000) from Mr. Steve Beiko, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting the Committee to endorse, on a no-charge basis, a one-day session for Committee Members who have completed a Can-Bike 2 course.

On Motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for report thereon to 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. Steve Beiko, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Co-ordinator – April 19, 2000)

4.5 Resignation of Ms. Andrea Bower.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 20, 1999) from Ms. Andrea Bowker, advising that due to her appointment as Chair of the Museum Management Board for Spadina, Colborne Lodge and MacKenzie House, she is resigning from the Committee; that she will not have the time to devote to both groups; and expressing her appreciation to the Committee for the opportunity to have served for many years.

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

(Sent to: Ms. Andrea Bowker – April 19, 2000)

4.6 Road Improvements To Accommodate Cyclists Senlac Road North of Sheppard Avenue.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 11, 2000) addressed to Councillor John Filion from Mr. Ronald Hart, Co-Chair, North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee, requesting support for road improvements during reconstruction of Senlac Road, north of Sheppard Avenue, to accommodate cyclists.

On motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, for further consultation and report thereon to the Committee.

(Sent to: Mr. Ronald Hart, Co-Chair, North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure – April 19, 2000)

4.7 Request for Information – Cyclists by Ward.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 12, 2000) from Ms. Jannete Porter, Co-Chair, Promotions and Communications Sub-Committee, requesting Committee Members to identify cyclists in Wards not presently covered by the Committee who would be willing to approach City Councillors with Members to advocate bicycle issues.

On motion by Ms. Porter, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

4.8 Volunteer Sign-up for Bike Week Events.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 3, 2000) from Ms. Gillian Flower, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee advising that a volunteer sign-up sheet for Bike Week events will be circulated to Committee Members at the Committee meeting.

On motion by Ms. Flower, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

4.9 Sub-Committee Minutes.

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

- (i) Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee – March 23, 2000

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

4.10 Poster on the Toronto Bike Map.

The Toronto Cycling Committee during consideration of the poster that accompanied the publication of the Toronto Bike Map, noted that an error had been made in the poster, being that the helmets worn by the persons in the poster were not secured and fitted properly

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

- (1) directed that the Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division, be advised of the foregoing; and
- (2) offered the support of the Committee by having any materials or communications, relating to bicycle safety and education, reviewed by a designated staff person prior to publication to the general public.

(Sent to: Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division;
c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – May 2, 2000)

4.11 Poplar Plains Bike Lane

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the matter of the removal of a portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of the Brown Public School, to allow for vehicle parking

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

- (1) confirmed that the Toronto Cycling Committee is dismayed that the only central district northbound bicycle lane in the City of Toronto has been compromised by the removal of a portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of the Brown Public School, to allow for vehicle parking, and these steps were taken without prior consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (2) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to consult with the Toronto Cycling Committee on any proposed changes to policies or programs that would have an affect on cycling-related issues;
- (3) requested the Works Committee to:
 - (a) repeal the by-law to allow motor vehicle parking in front of Brown Public School, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, and re-instate that portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane , having regard that the only central district northbound bicycle lane in the City of Toronto has been compromised to allow for motor vehicle parking, and that the safety of the merging cyclists who are forced to merge with vehicular traffic during drop-off and pick-up times of school children has also been compromised; and
 - (b) request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to install signage, until such time that the by-law has been repealed, that warn both cyclists and motor vehicle operators of the lane closure in advance and to be aware of cyclists merging with motor vehicle traffic, and that motor vehicle traffic be slowed to permit safe merging of cyclists;

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- (4) resolved that the decision to allow for motor vehicle parking in front of Brown Public School, during drop-off and pick-up times of school children, compromises the safety of the children and cyclist who are forced to merge with motor vehicle traffic;
- (5) appointed Mr. Crawford Murphy, Catholic School Board representative to the Toronto Cycling Committee, to appear before the Brown Public School Council expressing the views of the Toronto Cycling Committee respecting this matter; and
- (6) directed that this matter be forwarded to the Brown Public School Council, Principal of Brown Public School, Superintendent of the Toronto District School Board, local Public School Trustees, Ward Councillors, Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council for information.

(Sent to: Works Committee; Toronto Community Council; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Ms. Susan Ainley, Brown Public School Council; Ms. Susan Falconer, Principal, Brown Public School; Ms. Irene Economides, Superintendent, Toronto District School Board; Ms. Sheila Ward, Trustee, Toronto District School Board; Councillor John Adams; Councillor Ila Bossons; c. Mayor and Members of Toronto City Council; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator; Mr. Stephen Benjamin, Manager, Traffic Operations – District 1 – May 6, 2000)

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

Co-Chair.