

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 6

Monday, June 19, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, June 19, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:10 p.m.

Members Present:

Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)
Mr. Steve Beiko
Mr. Israel Chackowicz
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Gerald Corbett
Mr. Edward Clark
Ms. Joan Doiron
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington
Ms. Gillian Flower
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. Clay McFayden
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Phil Piltch
Mr. John Sherk
Mr. Hamish Wilson

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, City Clerk's Division
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator
Mr. David Dunn, Engineer, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Minutes of the meetings of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on April 17, 2000 and May 15, 2000, were confirmed.

6.1 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Bicycles and Transit.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 24, 2000) addressed to Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager, Marketing and Planning, Go Transit from the City Clerk providing, for information, a communication addressed to Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager, Marketing and Planning, Go Transit, from the City Clerk; and requesting a meeting between the Toronto Cycling Committee and Go Transit regarding GO Transit's policy respecting bicycles on trains and buses, and parking at GO Transit Stations.

Mr. Michael Wolczyk, Manager, Marketing and Planning, GO Transit made a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter.

6.2 Ride For Heart.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (June 8, 2000) addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Dr. Charles Lefkowitz, advising that the Ride For Heart has raised substantial funds for lifesaving cardiac research; and that the closing of the Don Valley Parkway for a Sunday morning fundraising event is a small inconvenience to motorists; and requesting that Mayor Mel Lastman reconsider his position and support the Ride For Heart;
- (ii) (June 8, 2000) from Mr. Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, expressing concern for the comments made by Mayor Mel Lastman regarding the Ride For Heart; and advising that the Ride For Heart event could be cross promoted with a Clean Air Day; and
- (iii) (June 6, 2000) addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Ms. Jennifer Kohar, responding to comments made by Mayor Mel Lastman regarding the Ride For Heart; advising that the Ride For Heart is a fundraising event for heart and stroke research; and requesting Mayor Mel Lastman support the Ride For Heart.

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The following persons appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter:

- Ms. Susan Chouinard, Senior Associate Manager, Ride For Heart, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario; and
- Mr. Adam Wetstein.

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

- (1) referred the aforementioned communications to the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee to forward an appropriate response to Mayor Mel Lastman, on behalf of the Committee;
- (2) requested the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee to sign the aforementioned response letter to Mayor Mel Lastman, on behalf of the Committee; and
- (3) requested the Toronto Transit Commission and the Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario to identify ways to more effectively transport participants to the assembly points for the Ride For Heart.

(Sent To: Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mr. Vince Rodo, General Manager of Executive and Executive Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; Ms. Susan Chouinard, Senior Associate Manager, Ride For Heart, Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario; Mr. Adam Wetstein; Dr. Charles Lefkowitz; Mr. Martin Koob; Ms. Jennifer Kohar; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator; Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator - June 21, 2000)

6.3 Car-Free Sunday.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that, at its meeting held on May 17, 2000, the Toronto Pedestrian Committee considered a communication from the City Clerk (May 16, 2000) requesting the Committee to consider the initiation of discussions surrounding a Car-Free Sunday and the nomination of

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appropriate representatives to participate in a Working Group with the Toronto Cycling Committee; and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee advised the Planning and Transportation Committee, that Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, will participate in discussions with respect to a Car-Free Sunday in conjunction with the Toronto Cycling Committee, such discussions to include the provision of week day services of public transit on this day.

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

6.4 Free Transit On Air Quality Advisory Days.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 1, 2000) from the City Clerk advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee will consider, Item 12: Free Transit on Air Quality Advisory Days, at its meeting to be held on Monday, June 12, 2000.

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

6.5 Making Downsview Park Bicycle Friendly.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 6, 2000) from Mr. Ronald Hart, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, providing a detailed account of the background and planning process to date on the Downsview Park Project; and recommending the following:

- (1) the Toronto Cycling Committee to attend a meeting at the Downsview Park office on the evening of June 20, 2000, having:
 - (a) at least one Member of the Committee at the meeting and encouraging all members to attend;
 - (b) all cycling groups with representatives on the Committee sending as many members as possible to this meeting, guaranteeing at least one representative; and
 - (c) contacting the Ontario Cycling Association requesting:
 - (i) a Association representative to attend the Downsview Park meetings; and

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- (ii) the Association staff to contact sportif groups of these meetings and advise of the opportunity for a sportif circuit at the Downsview Park;
- (2) request the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to:
- (a) meet and discuss the Downsview Park Plan with the Design Team;
 - (b) view all five Plan designs and suggest using other design ideas, such as wind turbines and solar lighting; and
 - (c) request all cycling trails and facilities, to include the following:
 - (i) a north/south commuting trail, along rail line;
 - (ii) two east/west trails, along the north and south ends of the Park;
 - (iii) sufficiently wide or segregated bike paths to prevent incidents between cyclists and pedestrians; and
 - (iv) a “sport fitness” bike loop.
 - (d) request the General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division to connect Downsview Park Plan to the City of Toronto’s existing and future trail networks; and
 - (e) request motor vehicles to be prohibited from the main parkland area.
- (3) request Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to:
- (a) forward comments to the Design Team of the Downsview Park Plan;
 - (b) encourage the sportif groups and the Ontario Cycling Association to write to the Downsview Park Design Team advising the design team of the justifications for a cycling circuit;
 - (c) contact the Downsview Park staff, advising of the trail user counts used by the former Metro Toronto Parks Department; and

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- (d) forward the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results, as prepared by Decima Research Inc., to the General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division.

On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested:

- (1) at least one Member of the Committee attend the June 20, 2000 and June 28, 2000 meetings at the Downsview Park Office and encouraged all members to attend;
- (2) Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to:
 - (a) meet and discuss the Downsview Park Plan with the Design Team;
 - (b) view all five Plan designs and suggest using other design ideas, such as wind turbines and solar lighting; and
 - (c) request of the Design Team that all cycling trails and facilities, include the following:
 - (i) a north/south commuting trail, along rail line;
 - (ii) two east/west trails, along the north and south ends of the Park;
 - (iii) sufficiently wide or segregated bike paths to prevent incidents between cyclists and pedestrians;
 - (iv) a “sport fitness” bike loop;
 - (v) all commuting trails be properly lit;
 - (vi) winter snow removal of all commuting trails; and
 - (vii) proper bicycle parking facilities; and
 - (viii) request motor vehicles be prohibited from the main parkland area.

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- (d) forward comments to the Design Team of the Downsview Park Plan;
 - (e) encourage the sportif groups and the Ontario Cycling Association to write to the Downsview Park Design Team advising them of the justifications for a cycling circuit; and
 - (f) contact the Downsview Park staff, advising of the trail user counts used by the former Metro Toronto Parks Department; and
- (3) the City of Toronto 1999 Cycling Study: Final Report on Quantitative Research Results, as prepared by Decima Research Inc., be forwarded to the General Manager of Parks and Recreation Division;
- (4) the General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division to connect the Downsview Park Plan to the City of Toronto's existing and future trail networks.
- (5) all cycling groups, with representatives on the Committee, send Members to the meetings, and guarantee at least one representative to attend; and
- (6) the Ontario Cycling Association to:
- (a) request their Members to attend the Downsview Park meetings; and
 - (b) request their staff to contact sportif groups advising them of these meetings and the opportunity for a sportif circuit at the Downsview Park;

(Sent to: Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Ronald Hart, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; General Manager, Parks and Recreation Division; Mr. Jim Crosscombe, President, Ontario Cycling Association; Design Team, Downsview Park, c/o Mr. David Sadowski, Executive Director, Canada Lands Corporation – June 27, 2000)

6.6 Bike Week.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 6, 2000) advising that the following launch events: group rides; pancake breakfast; media coverage; guest appearances;

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sponsorships and media coverage, occurred as part of the opening ceremonies to Bike Week held at Nathan Phillips Square on Monday May 29, 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) Mr. Craig Barnes, Bicycle Promotions Special Events Coordinator, be recognized for his efforts on Bike Week; and
- (2) the afternoon ride be included as a future Bike Week launch event.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee adopted the recommendation embodied in the aforementioned communication.

(Sent to: Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Safety Coordinator; Mr. Craig Barnes, Bicycle Promotions Special Initiatives Facilitator; c. Councillor Jack Layton; Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee – June 22, 2000)

6.7 Poplar Plains Bike Lane.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (i) (June 6, 2000) from Councillor Bill Saundercook advising that the communication (May 6, 2000), addressed to Works Committee, from the City Clerk respecting the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting of April 17, 2000, during consideration of the matter of the removal of a portion of the Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of Brown School, to allow for vehicle parking, has been forwarded to Toronto Community Council, as the matter is more properly before the Community Council; and
- (ii) (June 2, 2000) from Councillor Ila Bossons providing, for information, the events that lead to the decision of the Toronto Community Council to give authorization to pass a By-law to effect parking on Poplar Plains Road, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, resulting in the elimination of the Bike Lane on that section of Poplar Plains Road; and advising that she would not support a repeal of the said By-law.

On motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee attend the June 20, 2000, meeting of the Toronto Community Council, on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, respecting the forgoing matter.

(Sent to: Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee)

**6.8 Bicycle/Pedestrian Trail Improvements
Rosedale Valley Road And Bayview Avenue.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 23, 2000) addressed to the Director, Parks, South District, and the Director, Transportation Services, District 1 from Councillor Ila Bossons advising that Bicycle/Pedestrian trail improvements are required at Rosedale Valley Road and Bayview Avenue so that Riverdale Park West can be accessed to continue the trail to Riverdale Park East; and requesting comments from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On motion by Ms. Flower, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent To: Councillor Ila Bossons; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure – June 23, 2000)

**6.9 Toronto Trails Showcase
Trans Canada Trail Relay 2000.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 6, 2000) from Ms. Halina Cieszynska, Project Manager, Toronto Millenium Office, advising that the Trans Canada Relay 2000 will arrive in the City of Toronto on August 25, 2000; inviting the Toronto Cycling Committee to participate in the event at Nathan Phillips Square; and requesting the Committee to complete a Participation Form and return it to the Toronto Millenium Office.

On motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent to: Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Halina Cieszynska, Project Manager, Toronto Millenium Office; c. Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – June 21, 2000)

6.10 Incident Involving Toronto Transit Commission.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 2000) from Mr. Mike Nelson, Resident, City of Toronto, providing, for information, an account of a traffic incident involving himself and a Bus Driver, and a Inspector, employed by the Toronto Transit Commission.

On motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent to: Mr. Mike Nelson, Resident, City of Toronto; c. Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – June 26, 2000)

6.11 No Stopping In Bike Lanes.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 7, 2000) from Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee identify problem areas and times where drivers are standing in no stopping zones, and request the Toronto Police Services to target these areas with enforcement.

On motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Toronto Police Services to enforce the no stopping provisions of the City's Traffic By-law, in the following areas, of the City of Toronto:

- 1) College Street at Spadina Avenue (south-east side);
- 2) Sherbourne Street at Bloor Street (south side – all day);
- 3) Jones Street south of Gerrard Street;
- 4) Beverley Street south of Dundas Street (west side);
- 5) St. George Street (both sides);
- 6) Any bike lane in the City of Toronto;
- 7) College Street – Lippincott Street to Bathurst Street (westbound - off hours);
- 8) College Street – Bathurst Street to University Avenue;
- 9) Russell Hill Road south of St. Clair Avenue;
- 10) Davenport Road from Russell Hill Road to Bay Street (every rush hour);
- 11) College Street – east of Spadina Avenue (eastbound traffic);
- 12) Gerrard Street (west bound) Mutual Street to Church Street; and

13) St. George Street in front of the Medical Arts Building.

(Sent To: Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Superintendent Doug Reynolds, Unit Commander, Toronto Police Parking Enforcement Unit, Toronto Police Services; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – June 30, 2000)

6.12 Bicycle Education and Safety Programs In Toronto District School Board Schools.

Mr. Steve Beiko, Mr. Israel Chackowicz and Mr. Phil Piltch declared a conflict of interest with respect to this matter. The Toronto Cycling Committee agreed unanimously to hear this matter with the aforementioned Members of the Committee present to answer questions directly.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 7, 2000) from Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee review and comment on the letter attached to the aforementioned communication from Mr. John Sherk, and the Co-Chairs of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, requesting the Toronto District School Board consider a bicycle education and safety program in their schools.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Toronto Cycling Committee endorsed the aforementioned communication and requested that it be forwarded to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board for action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent To: Ms. Margerite Jackson, Director of Education, Toronto District School Board; Ms. Johanne Stewart, Director of Education, Toronto Catholic District School Board; c. Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Piltch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. John Sherk, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – July 6, 2000)

6.13 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study Update.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 8, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure advising that the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study schedule has been revised to allow more time for staff consultations over the summer months; providing, for information, the following revised Study schedule:

- (1) July 17 Presentation to Cycling Committee:
 - Goals and Objectives;
 - Draft Network Plan; and
 - Education Section.
- (2) July – Oct. Public Consultation;
- (3) Oct. – Dec. Revisions/Completion of Plan; and
- (4) Early 2001 Report to Planning and Transportation Committee and City Council

On motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the following schedule for the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study:

- (1) July 17, 2000 Presentation to Toronto Cycling Committee:
 - Goals and Objectives Section; and
 - Education Section;
- (2) July 24, 2000 Presentation to Toronto Cycling Committee:
 - Draft Network Plan Section;
- (3) July 2000 Public Consultation;
to October 2000
- (4) October 2000 Revisions/Completion of Toronto Cycling Master
to December 2000 Plan; and
- (5) Early 2001 Report to Planning and Transportation Committee and
Toronto City Council.

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(Sent To: Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure - June 26, 2000)

6.14 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – June 5, 2000;
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – May 18, 2000; and
- (iii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – May 24, 2000

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

6.15 Community Cycling Advisory Group Minutes.

- (i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – February 10, 2000 and April 6, 2000

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

6.16 Community Bicycle Network Representation on the Toronto Cycling Committee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 15, 2000) from Mr. Todd Parsons, Community Bicycle Network, advising that the Community Bicycle Network, at their meeting of June 12, 2000, passed a motion recommending that Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington, be the representative of the Community Bicycle Network to the Toronto Cycling Committee, and Mr. John Fountain, be the alternative representative to the Committee.

6.17 Governor's Road Bridge.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 13, 2000) from Mr. Ron Kluger advising that the Governor's Road Bridge will be closed to bicycle and pedestrian traffic until November 2000, effecting the primary bike route to the downtown from the north-east section

of the City of Toronto.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent To: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure – June 26, 2000)

6.18 Bike Share.

Mr. Todd Parsons, Steering Committee Member, Bike Share provided the Toronto Cycling Committee with an update on the Bike Share program and introduced Ms. Robyn Cakebread, Bike Share Coordinator.

6.19 Our Toronto Waterfront: The New Canada Gateway.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a copy of the report, 'Our Toronto Waterfront: The New Canada Gateway', from the Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Task Force.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned report to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent To: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure – June 29, 2000)

6.20 Motor Vehicle Parking in a Bike Lane.

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the issue of separate offences for a motor vehicle parking in a Bike Lane.

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On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Education and Safety Sub-Committee to clarify the issue of separate offences for the parking of a motor vehicle in a Bike Lane, and report back to the Committee.

(Sent to: Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator – June 30, 2000)

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

Co-Chair.