

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 7

Monday, July 17, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, July 17, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:15 p.m.

Members Present:

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

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator

Ms. Marleen Van Laethem in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on June 19, 2000, were confirmed.

7.1 Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 5, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to:

- (1) recognize the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors for the work they do towards achieving the goals of the Committee;
- (2) request the Ambassadors to keep up the good work, and to wish them continued success in all future endeavors; and
- (3) request that Toronto City Council recognize the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator introduced the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

On Motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee, that the following action taken by the Committee, be endorsed:

- (1) that the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors be congratulated for their efforts in achieving the goals of the Toronto Cycling Committee and that continued success be extended for all future endeavors; and
- (2) that these Ambassadors be suitably recognized by the City of Toronto for their efforts.

(Sent to: Planning and Transportation Committee; Mr. Rod McPhail, Director of Transportation Planning; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – July 18, 2000)

7.2 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 4, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that the Goals and Objectives Section, along with the Education, Promotion and Communications Sections of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study will be presented at the July 17, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The following persons appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a copy of their presentation materials:

- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit;
 - Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner;
 - Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator;
 - Mr. Peter DeGroot, Transportation Engineer, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit;
- and
- Mr. J. David McLaughlin, Senior Transportation Planner, Mashall Macklin Monaghan, Consulting Engineers, Surveyors, Planners.

7.3 Velo Mondial 2000 – World Bicycle Conference.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 5, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, presenting, for information, impressions of the transportation system in Amsterdam as compared to the City of Toronto; and providing suggestions for improvements to the City of Toronto transportation system.

The following persons appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee in connection with the foregoing matter and filed a copy of their presentation materials:

- Mr. Ben Smith-Lea;
- Ms. Nancy Smith-Lea; and
- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit

7.4 Becel Ride For Heart.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 5, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing, for information, a copy of a communication from Ms. Susan Chouinard, Senior Associate Manager, Becel Ride For Heart, The Heart and Stroke Foundation of Ontario, thanking the Toronto Cycling Committee and Mr. Craig Barnes, Bicycle Promotions Special Events Coordinator, for their partnership, and their role in promoting the Becel Ride For Heart as a Bike Week event.

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

7.5 Bike Theft Stickers.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 6, 2000) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that:

- (1) the City of Toronto has received 1,600 stickers, with the slogan "bike theft = bad karma" written on them; and
- (2) the stickers were produced by Grassroots Environmental Products, and will be distributed by the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee extended its appreciation to Mr. Rob Grand, Grassroots Environmental Products, for the donation of the stickers to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent to: Mr. Rob Grand, Grassroots Environmental Products;
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – July 19, 2000)

7.6 Transit Shelter Poster – 1 Metre Space For Motorists.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 7, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that:

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- (1) a small version of the transit shelter poster (1 Metre Space For Motorists) will be available for viewing at the July 17, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (2) the poster will be displayed in Toronto transit shelters beginning July 31, 2000.

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

7.7 Motorcycle Parking Spaces.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 14, 2000) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee at its meeting held on June 14, 2000, adopted the following motion:

- (1) recommended to Council the adoption of the report (May 26, 2000) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services recommending that a pilot project delineating parking spaces for the exclusive use by motorcycles be implemented and that "Motorcycle Parking Spaces" be installed at specified locations; and
- (2) referred the report to the Toronto Cycling Committee for consideration of that portion relating to bicycle parking.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee and Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, for report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent to: Administrator, Works Committee; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – July 20, 2000)

7.8 Our Toronto Waterfront Plan: The New Canada Gateway.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 6, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair and Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) take an active role in the Toronto waterfront redevelopment plan;

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- (2) obtain official recognition in the design process of the plan; and
- (3) strike a working group to monitor and respond to issues related to the Toronto waterfront redevelopment plan.

On motion by Ms. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee adopted the recommendation in the aforementioned communication and referred it to the Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for further action, as deemed appropriate.

(Sent to: Commissioner of Urban Planning and Development Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – July 20, 2000)

7.9 Downsview Park Plan.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (July 6, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair and Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee approach Downsview Park Inc. requesting a representative role in the design and implementation process, on an ongoing basis, of the Downsview Park Plan;
- (July 4, 2000) addressed to Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair Toronto Cycling Committee from Mr. Tony Genco, Manager of Community Affairs and Director of Special Events thanking Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee for completing a Comment Form at the public meeting/open house on the redevelopment of Downsview Park; and requesting that the Toronto Cycling remain active and involved with the redevelopment of Downsview Park; and
- (July 11, 2000) addressed to Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary, Toronto Cycling Committee from Mr. Tony Genco, Manager of Community Affairs and Director of Special Events advising that Downsview Park Inc. will advise the Toronto Cycling Committee on future meetings regarding the redevelopment of Downsview Park.

On motion by Mr. Clark, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Downsview Park Inc. to recognize the Toronto Cycling Committee as an interested stakeholder allowing the Toronto Cycling Committee a representative role in the Downsview Park redevelopment planning process.

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(Sent to: Mr. Tony Genco, Manager of Community Affairs and Director of Special Events, Downsview Park Inc.; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – July 20, 2000)

7.10 Humber Trail Bridge Construction.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 6, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair and Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee request Economic Development, Culture and Tourism staff to report on the completion date for the construction of the bridge and the connecting pathway in the Humber Trail (Finch Hydro Corridor section).

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on the completion date for the construction of the bridge and the connecting pathway in the Humber Trail (Finch Hydro Corridor section).

(Sent To: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – July 20, 2000)

7.11 Humber Trail Missing Link – St. Phillips Bridge Road At Weston Road.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 6, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair and Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee request Economic Development, Culture and Tourism staff to report on the completion date for the Humber Trail missing link, St. Philips Road Bridge Road at Weston Road, including:

- (1) status of area Trail planning; and
- (2) responsibility for the work.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on the completion date for the Humber Trail missing link, St. Philips Road Bridge Road at Weston Road, including status of area Trail planning, and responsibility for the work.

(Sent to: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism;
Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – July 20, 2000)

7.12 Bicycle Parking In Yorkville.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 29, 2000) from Mr. Charles D. Chaudron, Resident, City of Toronto, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of an unfortunate incident with an employee of a restaurant in Yorkville discouraging bicycle parking in the immediate area of the restaurant; and requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to install post and ring bicycle parking in the area of Yorkville.

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

(Sent to: Mr. Charles D. Chaudron, Resident, City of Toronto; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - July 20, 2000)

7.13 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – July 4, 2000;
- (ii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – June 28, 2000; and
- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – June 22, 2000

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

7.14 Poplar Plains Bike Lane.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (July 13, 2000) from Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee reporting that he had attended the June 20, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Community

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Council, on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and advising that he had requested the Toronto Community Council:

- (1) to install appropriate signage on Poplar Plains Road advising cyclists and motorists of the closed section of the bike lane on Poplar Plains Road in front of Brown Public School; and
 - (2) to request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to consult the Toronto Cycling Committee on any proposed changes to bike lanes in the City of Toronto; and
- (July 7, 2000) from City Clerk advising that at its meeting held on July 4, 5 and 6, 2000, the Council of the City of Toronto gave consideration to Clause No. 46 contained in Report No. 11 of the Toronto Community Council, headed "Poplar Plains Bike Lane, between Balmoral Avenue and Lynwood Avenue, in front of Brown Public School (Midtown)".

Council of the City of Toronto adopted the Clause without amendment, and by doing so:

- (1) directed that signage be installed on Poplar Plains Road, East Side, that warn both cyclists and motor vehicle operators in advance of the closure of the bike lane next to the curb on the east side of Poplar Plains Road between Lynwood Avenue and Clarendon Avenue (west branch) and for cyclists and motor vehicle operators to be aware of cyclists merging with motor vehicle traffic; and
- (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 effect on cycling-related issues.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee expressed its appreciation to Mr. Crawford Murphy for attending, on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, the June 20, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Community Council respecting the aforementioned matter.

(Sent to: Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee
- July 20, 2000)

**7.15 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study
Bicycles and Transit.**

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The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 30, 2000) from Mr. Vincent Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that at its meeting on June 28, 2000, the Toronto Transit Commission:

- (1) received a deputation from Ms. Lela Gary, Transit Advisory Committee; and
- (2) adopted the following resolution:

“That the information provided by the deputant be referred to the Toronto Cycling Committee for information and comment back on what the best route would be if a pilot project for bicycle racks on buses was to be established by the Toronto Transit Commission.”

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

(Sent to: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
– July 20, 2000)

7.16 Bike Share Program.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 13, 2000) from Ms. Robyn Cakebread, Bike Share Program Coordinator, Community Bicycle Network, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of their needs from the City of Toronto to implement the Bike Share Program; and requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to:

- (1) request the Corporate Services Department to contribute long term space for the Bike Share Program based on specifications to be determined by the Community Bicycle Network;
- (2) request the Corporate Services Department to contribute space at Metro Hall and City Hall to locate bicycle delivery “hubs” for the Bike Share Program; and
- (3) request the Works and Emergency Services Department to collect and deliver any unwanted bicycles for use as part of the Bike Share Program.

On motion by Ms. Doiron, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the

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Planning and Transportation Committee endorse the following action:

- (1) that the Commissioner of Corporate Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on:
 - (a) the allocation of space for the long-term needs of the Bike Share Program based on specifications determined by the Community Bicycle Network as indicated in their communication (July 13, 2000) to the Toronto Cycling Committee;
 - (b) the designation of space at Metro Hall, City Hall and Union Station, to establish bicycle delivery "hubs" for the Bike Share Program; and
 - (c) the financial and staff implications of these proposals; and
- (2) that the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services be requested to report to the Planning and Transportation Committee on:
 - (a) the introduction of a program to collect and deliver unwanted and abandoned bicycles to be used in the Bike Share Program;
 - (b) the commitment of funds for an operating budget for the Bike Share Program; and
 - (c) the financial and staff implications for this proposal;

(Sent to: Planning and Transportation Committee; Ms. Robyn Cakebread, Bike Share Program Coordinator, Community Bicycle Network; c: Commissioner of Corporate Services; Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services – August 22, 2000)

7.17 Funding Issue – Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a presentation made by Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle

Promotions Coordinator, advising that funding from the Human Resources Development Canada for the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program has not been confirmed; and providing, for the information of the Toronto Cycling Committee that funding, in the amount of \$75,000.00, will be required from other sources, including but not limited to the City of Toronto, to continue the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program to the end of summer 2000.

On motion by Mr. Beiko, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended to the Policy and Finance Committee, that:

- (1) the continuation of the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program to the end of summer 2000, be endorsed; and
- (2) the Policy and Finance Committee be requested to provide funds in the amount of \$75,000.00 from appropriate sources, in order for this program to continue, having regard to anticipated funding from Human Resources Development Canada not being confirmed.

(Sent To: Policy and Finance Committee; Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Rod McPhail, Director of Transportation Planning; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - July 18, 2000)

7.18 Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a presentation made by Mr. Hamish Wilson, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, wherein Mr. Wilson suggested that the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Board of Health to strongly support the efforts of the Government of Canada, to negotiate much lower levels of smog related air pollutants in the United States and Canada, in the current bi-national negotiations of an Ozone Annex to the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement.

On motion by Mr. Wilson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the Board of Health be requested to endorse the following action:

- (1) that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly supports the efforts of the Government of Canada, to negotiate much lower levels of smog related air pollutants in the United States and Canada, in the current bi-national negotiations of an Ozone Annex to the Canada-United States Air Quality Agreement; and

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- (2) that this position be forwarded to relevant government agencies and departments for appropriate action.

(Sent To: Board of Health; Mr. Hamish Wilson, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee – August 22, 2000)

7.19 Don Trail – Entrance at Taylor Creek.

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a presentation made by Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee advising of a dangerous situation for all trail users on the Don Trail, involving collisions with motor vehicles parking in the multi-use trail, north of the Don Mills entrance to the Don Trail at the Taylor Creek fork.

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

- (1) concurred that there is a dangerous situation for all recreational trail users on the Don Trail, involving collisions with motor vehicles parking in the multi-use trail, north of the Don Mills entrance to the Don Trail at the Taylor Creek fork;
- (2) requested that the presentation materials from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, be forwarded to the Director of Parks and Recreation; and
- (3) requested that the Director of Parks and Recreation, on a high priority basis, remove immediately that part of the parking lot that conflicts with the multi-use trail, north of the Don Mills entrance to the Don Trail at the Taylor Creek fork.

(Sent To: Director of Parks and Recreation; Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – July 19, 2000)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:30 p.m.

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Co-Chair.