

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 9

Tuesday, October 10, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Tuesday, October 10, 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. Israel Chackowicz
Mr. Gerald Corbett
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington
Ms. Gillian Flower
Mr. Ron Hart
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Martin Koob
Mr. Clay McFayden
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Phil Piltch
Ms. Jannette Porter
Mr. John Sherk

Staff Present:

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

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 September 11, 2000, were confirmed.

**9.1 Draft Proposal For Nominations
To the Toronto Cycling Committee.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 19, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, providing, for discussion and direction, a proposal for amending the nomination process to appoint members to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

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

- (1) appointed a working Group consisting of: Ms. Nina Koskenoja; Mr. Steve Beiko; Mr. Phil Piltch; Mr. Gerry Corbett; Mr. Clay McFayden; and Ms. Marleen Van Laethem;
- (2) requested the Working Group to develop and investigate alternatives to the current nominations process, as the current nominations process through the Nominating Committee of Toronto City Council is no longer available, for the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (3) requested the Working Group to report on a nominations process to the Toronto Cycling Committee

(Sent to: Ms. Nina Koskenoja; Mr. Steve Beiko; Mr. Phil Piltch; Mr. Gerry Corbett; Mr. Clay McFayden; Ms. Marleen Van Laethem; c. Ms. Barbara Wentworth – October 16, 2000)

9.2 Toronto Cycling Master Plan – Update.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 10, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, the results on four Open Houses held on the Toronto Cycling Master Plan.

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

9.3 2001 Operating Budget – Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 18, 2000) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, providing a set of minutes of the 2001 Operating Budget Subgroup meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on September 18, 2000; and recommending that:

- (1) that Urban Development Services be requested to include the following monies in their 2001 Operating Budget submission and to report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting at their October 10, 2000 meeting as to the status of the cycling program funding for next year:
 - (a) that staff levels be maintained through 2001 at the same level as 2000;
 - (b) that the base budget for cycling programs be maintained at \$108,000.00 for the year 2001; and
 - (c) that an additional \$150,000.00 be included in 2001 to fund the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador program; and
- (2) that the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee and the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee discuss their recommended priorities for 2001 cycling programs so that Urban Development Services' staff can take these into consideration for the 2001 cycling program.

On motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested:

- (1) that Urban Development Services include the following monies in their 2001 Operating Budget submission and to report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting at their October 10, 2000 meeting as to the status of the cycling program funding for next year:
 - (a) that staff levels be maintained through 2001 at the same level as 2000;
 - (b) that the base budget for cycling programs be

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maintained at \$108,000 for the year 2001; and

(c) that an additional \$150,000.00 be included in 2001 to fund the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador program; and

(2) that the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee and the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee discuss their recommended priorities for 2001 cycling programs so that Urban Development Services' staff can take these into consideration for the 2001 cycling program.

(Sent to: Commissioner of Urban Development and Planning Services; 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. Ole Calderone, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – October 16, 2000)

9.4 Bike Share Program.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 15, 2000) addressed to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, Planning and Transportation Committee advising that the Planning and Transportation Committee endorsed the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee and referred the transmittal letter (August 22, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, to the Commissioner of Corporate Services and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, with a request that they report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, with the reports requested therein.

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

9.5 Sub-Committee Minutes.

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- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – September 18, 2000;
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – September 14, 2000
- (iii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – September 28, 2000; and
- (iv) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – June 8, 2000 and August 10, 2000.

On motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes, as amended.

9.6 Ontario Government Facilities For Commuter Cyclists.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 2, 2000) addressed to Premier Mike Harris from the Toronto Cycling Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee would be willing to work with the Government of Ontario to assist with determining appropriate facilities that encourage employees to cycle to work; and requesting information on current Government of Ontario policy regarding improving air quality by encouraging employees to cycle to work and what facilities are provided for their convenience.

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

- (1) expressed its continued support to the Board of Health for improving air quality in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) requested that a communication be forwarded to the Board of Health requesting that they endorse the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee recommending that the communication (October 2, 2000) attached to the transmittal letter (October 16, 2000) to the Board of Health, be forwarded to Premier Mike Harris requesting air quality improvements in the City of Toronto.

(Sent to: Board of Health – October 16, 2000)

9.7 Resignation – Mr. Clay McFayden.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2000)

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from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, advising that Mr. Clay McFayden, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee can no longer serve as Co-Chair of the Sub-Committee, due to illness; and that Mr. McFayden be thanked for his service as Co-Chair of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee by the Toronto Cycling Committee; and that Mr. Ole Calderone was elected Co-Chair of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee.

- A. Mr. Chackowicz moved that the aforementioned communication be received. **(Carried)**

- B. Mr. Fisher moved that Mr. Ole Calderone be appointed as Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee. **(Carried)**

(Sent to: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Ole Calderone, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Clay McFayden; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - October 11, 2000)

9.8 Humber Trail Missing Link – St.Phillip’s Road Bridge at Weston Road.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 5, 2000) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, advising that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, has been requested to report to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee to investigate the possible funding for the missing link in the Humber Trail at St.Phillip’s Road Bridge, due to the strategic importance of this area to the entire west-end trail network.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, to report to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee on the trail development of the Humber Trail Missing Link - St.Phillip’s Road Bridge at Weston Road, on a high priority basis.

(Sent to: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – October 16, 2000)

9.9 Resignation – Ms. Joan Doiron.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 4, 2000) from Ms. Joan Doiron, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, advising that she has resigned as Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee due to illness in her family.

On motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee accepted Ms. Doiron's resignation to the Toronto Cycling Committee with regret and extended appreciation for the time she has spent on the Toronto Cycling Committee and for her dedication and commitment to cycling and pedestrian issues in the City of Toronto.

(Sent to: Ms. Joan Doiron – October 11, 2000)

**9.10 Proposed Amendments To Terms of Reference
Toronto Cycling Committee.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 29, 2000) from Mr. Ron Hart, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, responding to a request for information from the Toronto Cycling Committee, at their meeting held on September 11, 2000, to provide a report proposing amendments to the Terms of Reference to the Toronto Cycling Committee that would enable Community Cycling Advisory Groups to be represented on the Website of the City of Toronto.

On motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee deferred the aforementioned matter to the December 4, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

9.11 Safety Issue – Bloor Street West and Bedford Avenue.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Sergeant Peter Harmsen, 52 Division, Toronto Police Services, requesting a discussion with the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the safety concern

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between cyclists and pedestrians at Bloor Street West and Bedford Avenue, and other T-intersections, in the City of Toronto. The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed enforcement, and safety and education programs that would alert both cyclist and pedestrians to the dangerous situation that exists for them at these T-intersections throughout the City of Toronto. Sergeant Harmsen stated that he would attend the Education and Safety Sub-Committee meeting to be held on October 16, 2000, to further discuss the matter.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Co-Chair.