

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 10

Tuesday, December 4, 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, December 4, 2000, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:00 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. Gerald Corbett
Mr. Ron Hart
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Martin Koob
Mr. Clay McFayden
Dr. Linda Perkin
Mr. Phil Piltch
Mr. John Sherk

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary
Mr. David Dunn, Engineer, Cycling and Pedestrian
Infrastructure Unit
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. Piltch, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on October 10, 2000, were confirmed.

10.1 Mimico Linear Park Study.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 9, 2000) from Ms. Liz Speller, Watershed Planning Technician, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, informing the Toronto Cycling Committee of the Mimico Linear Park Study; requesting the Committee's participation in a Working Committee meeting to be held on November 22, 2000; requesting the appointment of a representative to the Working Committee on the Mimico Linear Park Study; and requesting a presentation at the December 4, 2000 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

Ms. Liz Speller, Watershed Planning Technician, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, was in attendance and gave a presentation on the aforementioned matter and filed a copy of her presentation materials.

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

- (1) appointed Ms. Nina Koskenoja and Mr. Ole Calderone (alternate) to represent the Toronto Cycling Committee at the meeting of the Mimico Linear Park Study to be held on December 6, 2000; and
- (2) requested that Ms. Nina Koskenoja report to the Toronto Cycling Committee on any interest the Toronto Cycling Committee may have in taking part on a Working Committee for the Mimico Linear Park Study.

(Sent to: Ms. Nina Koskenoja; Mr. Ole Calderone; Ms. Liz Speller, Watershed Planning Technician, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority – December 11, 2000)

10.2 Resignation of Co-Chair

Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2000) from Ms. Gillian Flower, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, advising that she has resigned as Co-Chair of the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; and requesting a three-month leave of absence from the Toronto Cycling Committee due to work commitments.

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

- (1) accepted the resignation of Ms. Gillian Flower as Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; and
- (2) appointed Mr. Gerald Corbett as Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee.

(Sent To: Ms. Gillian Flower; Mr. Gerald Corbett
- December 11, 2000)

10.3 Cyclists On Sidewalks.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 24, 2000) addressed to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, advising that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, at its meeting held on October 18, 2000, had before it a communication (August 24, 2000) from Councillor Jane Pitfield, Ward One, East York, addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman concerning cyclists on the sidewalks; and that Councillor Jane Pitfield appeared before the Toronto Pedestrian Committee; and that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:

- (1) requested the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to submit a report to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee providing information on:
 - (a) the seriousness of this problem;
 - (b) the number of pedestrian/cyclist accidents on sidewalks; and
 - (c) engineering approaches to discourage bicycling on sidewalks;
- (2) advised the Toronto Cycling Committee of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee's action in this regard and requested the Toronto Cycling

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Committee to provide their comments with respect thereto; and

- (3) requested the Toronto Police Services to submit a report to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, such report to provide comments with respect to:
 - (a) levels of recent enforcement with respect to bicycles on sidewalks; and
 - (b) the feasibility of increasing enforcement activity in this regard.

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

- (1) received the communication (October 24, 2000) addressed to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
- (2) supported the efforts of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to improve pedestrian safety in the City of Toronto;
- (3) requested to be informed on all future developments respecting pedestrian safety issues in the City of Toronto; and
- (4) requested the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to request the Toronto Police Services to record statistics respecting cyclist and pedestrian infractions occurring on sidewalks in the City of Toronto.

(Sent To: Toronto Pedestrian Committee
- December 12, 2000)

10.4 Proposed Community Cycling Meeting.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 30, 2000) addressed to Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, from Mr. Jim Troffin, Windsor Bicycling Committee, proposing a Community Cycling Meeting in May 2001 with representatives from communities across southwestern Ontario; and requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to review the proposed Agenda for the Community Cycling meeting.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee and the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, for further review respecting the Agenda for the proposed Community Cycling Meeting, and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee at their meeting to be held on January 22, 2001.

(Sent To: Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – December 12, 2000)

10.5 Proposed Amendments To Terms of Reference Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (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; and
- (2) (December 4, 2000) from Mr. Rod McPhail, Director of Transportation Planning responding to a request from Mr. Ron Hart, member, Toronto Cycling Committee to discuss amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communications.

10.6 Resignation From The Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) City Clerk (September 29, 2000) recommending that the City Clerk:
 - (i) send correspondence to Ms. Doiron and Mr. Bowen expressing sincere appreciation for their exemplary service on the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, and extending best wishes to them both; and
 - (ii) forward the aforementioned communication from Ms. Doiron to the Toronto Cycling Committee to advise them of her resignation;
- (2) City Clerk, Toronto Pedestrian Committee (October 24, 2000) advising that the Toronto Pedestrian Committee:
 - (i) appointed Mr. Dave Meslin as the representative of the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (ii) directed that the Toronto Cycling Committee be advised of such appointment and that Mr. Wayne Scott will continue to act as the alternate member; and
- (3) Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee (November 8, 2000) requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee appoint a representative (alternate) to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee appointed Mr. Stephen Fisher as representative (alternate) to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

(Sent To: Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee;
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10.7 2001 Toronto Cycling Committee Meeting Dates.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 7, 2000) recommending 2001 Toronto Cycling Committee meeting dates.

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On Motion by Mr. Phil Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the following dates for the Committee's 2001 meetings:

Monday, January 22, 2001;
Monday, February 19, 2001;
Monday, March 19, 2001;
Monday, April 23, 2001;
Monday, May 14, 2001;
Monday, June 18, 2001;
Monday, July 16, 2001;
Monday, September 24, 2001;
Monday, October 15, 2001;
Monday, November 12, 2001; and
Monday, December 3, 2001

(Sent To: Toronto Cycling Committee – December 13, 2000)

10.8 Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 16, 2000) addressed to Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator from City Clerk, advising that Clause No. 4 contained in Report No. 9 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors", which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on October 3, 4 and 5, 2000, and its Special Meetings held on October 6, 2000, October 10 and 11, 2000, and October 12, 2000.

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

10.9 Air Quality.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 26, 2000) addressed to The Right Honourable Jean Chretien from City Clerk, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on

September 25, 2000, endorsed the following action of the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (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 current bi-national negotiations of an Ozone Annex to the Canada-United States Air Quality agreement; and
- (2) that this position be forwarded to relevant government agencies and departments for appropriate action.

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

10.10 Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Public Comments.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 17, 2000) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, the comments received from the general public concerning the four Open Houses held in September 2000, as part of the Toronto Cycling Master Plan study; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Master Plan Study – Public Open House Comments, prepared October 2000 by the Works and Emergence Services Department, be received for information.

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

10.11 2001 Operating Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2000) from Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that:

- (1) a recommendation to maintain staff levels through 2001 at the same level as 2000, and to maintain the base budget for cycling programs at \$108,000.00 for the year 2001 has been incorporated into the Department of Urban Development Services 2001 Operating Budget submission; and

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- (2) funding in the amount of \$150,000.00 for the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors Program has not been included in the Department of Urban Development Services 2001 Operating Budget submission, as this would be a “New Budget Item” in the City of Toronto 2001 Operating Budget since the Program has been funded externally in previous years.

On Motion by Councillor Layton, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) approved a Budget Working Group of members of the Toronto Cycling Committee, including the Co-Chairs, meeting frequently, to monitor the 2001 City of Toronto budget process, and prepare a Brief for the Budget Advisory Committee detailing the accomplishments of the Toronto Cycling Committee, contributions to sustainable transportation in the City of Toronto, and statistics on bicycle readership in the City of Toronto;
- (2) requested that the Budget Advisory Committee be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee has approved a Budget Working Group to work with Budget Advisory Committee on the 2001 Operating Budget of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (3) requested that the Budget Working Group advise members of Toronto City Council on the program and requirements for the 2001 Operating Budget for the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (4) requested that Toronto City Council fund the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program of the Toronto Cycling Committee, as a City of Toronto initiative, and seek outside sources for funding that can be applied towards the cost of the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program, including the proceeds from

the Toronto Police Services Department auction of stolen bicycles;

- (5) requested staff of the Urban Development Services Department to scan new Government of Canada sources of funding that would assist with education and safety program issues for cycling in the City of Toronto; and
- (6) requested the Toronto Police Services Department to advise on staffing levels of community policing in the City of Toronto, and in particular, the Constables on Bicycles program.

(Sent To: Policy and Finance Committee; Chief Fantino, Toronto Police Services; Director of Transportation Planning; Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee; c. Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - December 13, 2000)

10.12 Pending Items Report.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following pending items report:

Car Free Working Group
Transportation Visions For The Toronto Official Plan
Nominations Working Group
Inventory of Traffic Signs

10.13 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – October 16, 2000 and November 14, 2000; and
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – October 12, 2000 and November 6, 2000

(iii) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – October 5, 2000

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes.

10.14 Air Quality Improvements In The City of Toronto Greenhouse Gas Emissions.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding the need for a reduction of harmful emissions in Canada and the City of Toronto, and the disappointment with the position taken by the Government of Canada at The Hague Conference on the Reduction of Greenhouse Gases.

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

- (1) requested the Board of Health to:
 - (a) strongly urge the Government of Canada to:
 - (i) address the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions here rather than by trading for credits with third world countries. Canada is now among the world's biggest polluters. Citizens using cycles in Toronto feel most intensely the effects of the poor air quality, suffering burning throats and chests, and require clean air in order to continue to efficiently cycle for recreation and for transport, which creates a virtuous circle providing still more clean air; and
 - (ii) put the health of citizens foremost – the Board of Health has estimated that 1,000 citizens of Toronto die prematurely from the effects of smog each year – and to take steps to control greenhouse gas emissions within Canada to meet the Kyoto targets; and

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- (b) forward the concerns of the Toronto Cycling Committee to the Right Honourable Jean Chretien, P.C., M. P., and Mr. Lloyd Axworthy, Canada's representative to The Hague Conference, and to relevant government agencies and departments, for appropriate action.

(Sent To: The Board of Health – December 12, 2000)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Co-Chair.