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**TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE  
A G E N D A  
MEETING No. 5**

**Date of Meeting:** Monday, June 18, 2001  
**Time:** 7:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Committee Room 2  
2nd Floor, City Hall  
100 Queen Street West  
Toronto, Ontario

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO  
THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.**

**CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.**

**PRESENTATION.**

**(30 MINUTES.)**

**7:00 P.M. Information Session – Appointment/Re-appointment  
to the Toronto Cycling Committee.**

- Ms. Marleen VanLaethem, Chair, Nominations Sub-Committee

**COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS.**

**1. BIKE SAFETY – RESERVED LANES.**

**(5 MINUTES.)**

City Clerk  
Works Committee  
(May 9, 2001)

Advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on May 9, 2001, had before it a communication (February 21, 2001) from Ms. Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario, requesting the opportunity to appear before the Committee with respect to concerns about safety issues of cycling on reserved lanes, and Municipal Code Chapter 400, Section 400-21, “Reserved Lanes”; and that Ms. Lela Gary, Air Pollution Coalition of Ontario, appeared before the Committee in connection with the foregoing matter; and recommending that:

- (1) the aforementioned communication be referred to the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services and the Toronto Cycling Committee with a request that:
  - (a) the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services report to the Works Committee, through the Toronto Cycling Committee, on:
    - (i) the concerns raised by Ms. Gary during her deputation;
    - (ii) opportunities for the installation of vinyl pylons along dividing lines of dedicated lanes for the protection of cyclists, as used in some cities in the Province of Quebec;
    - (iii) statistics regarding the number and frequency of accidents involving cyclists; and
    - (iv) the feasibility of some form of flashing lights or extra signage where lanes are shared by cyclists, buses and taxis, to emphasize that such lanes are used by cyclists; and
  - (b) the Toronto Cycling Committee consider and recommend alternatives that might improve safety for cyclists, including the possibility of a pilot project involving the use of vinyl pylons; and
- (2) the Toronto Police Services Board be advised of the concerns raised with respect to enforcement of the use of reserved lanes.

**2. TERMS OF REFERENCE  
TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE.**

City Clerk  
(May 7, 2001)

Providing, for information, Clause No. 7 contained in Report No. 3 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed "Toronto Cycling Committee", which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on April 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001.

**3. 2001 CAPITAL AND OPERATING BUDGET.**

City Clerk  
(May 10, 2001)

Providing, for information, Clause No. 1 contained in Report No. 5 of the Policy and Finance

Committee, headed “2001-2005 Recommended Capital Expenditure Program”, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on April 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001; and advising that in adopting this clause, Council has requested that a special meeting be held with the Works Committee and the Toronto Cycling Committee before the next budget process on the cycling infrastructure and requirements in the context of the emerging master plan.

(Co-Chair’s Note: The aforementioned Clause available for review in the Clerk’s Office and on the internet.)

**3(a).** City Clerk  
(May 10, 2001)

Providing, for information, Clause No. 2 contained in Report No. 5 of the Policy and Finance Committee, headed “City of Toronto 2001 Operating Budget”, which was adopted, as amended, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on April 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001; and advising that in adopting this clause, Council has referred the issue of the safety of bicycle lanes on McCowan Avenue to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Co-Chair’s Note: The aforementioned Clause available for review in the Clerk’s Office and on the internet.)

**4. PROPOSED HARMONIZED WARRANTS FOR INSTALLATION OF 40 KM/H SPEED LIMITS AND ALL-WAY STOPS.**

Communication addressed to Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services  
from City Clerk  
(May 7, 2001)

Providing, for information, Clause No. 6 contained in Report No. 5 of the Works Committee, headed “Proposed Harmonized Warrants for the Installation of 40 km/h Speed Limits and All-Way Stop Sign Control”, which was adopted, without amendment, by the Council of the City of Toronto at its regular meeting held on April 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, 2001, and its special meeting held on April 30, May 1 and 2, 2001.

(Co-Chair’s Note: The aforementioned Clause available for review in the Clerk’s Office and on the internet.)

**5. ONTARIO GOVERNMENT FACILITIES FOR COMMUTER CYCLISTS.  
(5 MINUTES.)**

Communication addressed to Ms. Marleen VanLaethem  
Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee  
from The Premier of Ontario

(May 4, 2001)

Thanking the Toronto Cycling Committee for their efforts to reduce air pollution in the City of Toronto; and advising that the communication (March 30, 2001) addressed to The Premier of Ontario, from the Committee, has been forwarded to The Honorable David Tsubouchi, Chair of the Management Board of Cabinet, for a response from the Government of Ontario.

- 5(a).** Communication addressed to Ms. Marleen VanLaethem  
Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee  
from The Honorable David Tsubouchi, Chair  
Management Board of Cabinet  
(May 18, 2001)

Advising that Mr. David Sparling, Manager, The Green Workplace Program, will contact the Toronto Cycling Committee to take advantage of the Committee's offer to assist the Government of Ontario with their "bike to work" program.

- 5(b).** Communication addressed to The Premier of Ontario  
from Ms. Marleen VanLaethem  
Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(March 30, 2001)

Providing, for information, the communication addressed to The Premier of Ontario, advising that the Toronto Cycling would assist the Government of Ontario with determining appropriate facilities for commuter cyclists.

## **6. TORONTO BIKE PLAN.**

**(30 MINUTES.)**

Mr. Daniel Egan  
Manager  
Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit  
(June 5, 2001)

Advising that the "Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears" report produced by the consultant-staff team will be presented to Planning and Transportation Committee on July 3, 2001; and that Chapter 10 of the "Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears" will be discussed at the

June 18, 2001 meeting of Toronto Cycling Committee; and that findings of the Bicycle Collision Study will be presented at the next meeting of the Cycling Committee, to be held on July 16, 2001; and that Royal York Road has been identified as a recommended street for bicycle lanes as part of the Toronto Bike Plan.

- 6(a).** Ms. Nina Koskenoja  
Co-Chair  
Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee  
(May 27, 2001)

**(10 MINUTES.)**

Advising that motions were approved by the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, at their meeting held on May 23, 2001 for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Committee; and recommending:

- (1) that the projects listed as priorities in the aforementioned communication, be approved for implementation in to the Toronto Bike Plan;
- (2) that the City of Toronto purchase the abandoned CN Leaside Branch, and acquire an easement along the railway to the north of the Section to allow cyclists a safe route north of York Mills to the Betty Sutherland Trail;
- (3) that a staff person be hired by the City of Toronto to raise funds for the Rail-Trail project;
- (4) that the following be added to the Traffic Calming policy:
 

“Diverter Intersections – bicycles should be exempt, and should be able to go straight through, to stay in residential neighborhoods;  
Road Closures- a small gap should be left for cyclists beside guard rail at the end of the road; and  
Warrant 3.5 – traffic calming should have no significant impact on cyclists.”; and
- (5) that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, investigate the closure of Crawford Street and Spring Garden Street, to ensure that a gap is left for cyclists.

**7. PROMOTION OF CYCLING PROGRAMS  
IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.**

Mr. Martin Koob  
Member, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(June 5, 2001)

Advising that The Honorable Brad Clark, Minister of Transportation and The Honorable Elizabeth Witmer, Minister of the Environment, attended the group ride on May 28, 2001, as part of Bike Week activities; and that a letter should be sent to them thanking them for their interest in the event and the need for their continued support for cycling related issues and activities in the City of Toronto, as explained in detail in the aforementioned communication; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee request Toronto

City Council to send a letter to the appropriate Ministers in the Government of Ontario and the Government of Canada, mayor and Members of Toronto City Council, the Greater Toronto Services Board, inviting them to a Summit on cycling initiatives, and the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan.

**8. OFFICIAL OPENING  
DON TRAIL AND BRIDGE  
NORTH OF LAKESHORE BOULEVARD.**

Mr. Martin Koob  
Member, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(June 5, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee should ensure a well publicized official opening to mark the opening of the Don Trail and Bridge north of the Lakeshore Boulevard; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee to contact staff in the Department of Works and Emergency Services and request involvement on the planning and coordination of the official opening to mark the opening of the Don Trail and Bridge north of the Lakeshore Boulevard.

**9. BIKE SAFETY – O.M.G. RECYCLE BOXES**

**(5 MINUTES.)**

Damian Wiechula  
Resident, City of Toronto  
(June 5, 2001)

Advising of an unsafe condition regarding O.M.G. recycle boxes on City streets; and requesting that action be taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee, as deemed appropriate.

**10. BIKE WEEK.**

**(10 MINUTES.)**

Mr. Sean Wheldrake  
Bicycle Promotions Coordinator  
(June 6, 2001)

Advising of the successes of the Bike week 2001 activities; and recommending receipt of the aforementioned memorandum.

**11. MEDIA, POLICE, COURIER CAN-BIKE COURSE.**

Ms. Barbara Wentworth

Bicycle Safety Planner  
(June 5, 2001)

Recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee thank all participants in the Media, Police, Courier CAN-BIKE course held on May 2 to 3, 2001, and commend them for their contribution to increasing bicycle safety in the City of Toronto.

**12. TELEVISED ADVERTISING BOARDS  
IN THE CITY OF TORONTO.**

**(10 MINUTES.)**

Mr. Dave Meslin  
Member, Toronto Cycling Committee  
(June 5, 2001)

Forwarding, for information, and any action deemed appropriate, to the Toronto Cycling Committee, the following Member's Resolution to be considered by the Board of Directors for the 2001 Annual General Meeting of the Metro Credit Union:

- (1) the Metro Credit Union reaffirms its commitment to improving the quality of life in our community. Consistent with our 7th Principle (Concern for Community), we the members believe that:
  - (a) the installation of televised advertising in public space is inconsistent with our mission statement;
  - (b) the Credit Union should remove the existing motion display boards at the new College Street branch; and
  - (c) the Board of Directors should consider creating a policy of respect regarding our public spaces and outdoor advertising.

**13. POLICE CYCLE RIGHT CAMPAIGN**

**(5 MINUTES.)**

Ms. Barbara Wentworth  
Bicycle Safety Planner  
(June 5, 2001)

Advising that the Toronto Police Service will be holding an enforcement campaign for two weeks beginning on June 11, 2001; and that Traffic Divisions in all areas of the City of Toronto will be emphasizing safe cycling through a Cycle Right Campaign, including education campaigns, such as lectures or rodeos, and cautions and ticketing to encourage

compliance with Highway Traffic Act laws; and that Police officers will distribute a Cycle Right pamphlet as part of this campaign and will collect statistics to evaluate the program at its completion; and that the Cycle Right pamphlet will be available at the June 18, 2001 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

**14. SUB-COMMITTEE MINUTES.**

- (i) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – [April 26](#) and [May 17](#), 2001;
- (ii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – [May 2](#) and May 23, 2001.

**15. PENDING ITEMS REPORT.**

Velontario Update

**ANY OTHER MATTERS.**