

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 1

Monday, February 19, 2001.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, February 19, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:00 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
Dr. Linda Perkin
Mr. John Sherk

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian
Infrastructure Unit
Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Department
Ms. Monica Tang, Executive Assistant, Councillor Layton's
Office
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator

Ms. Marleen Van Laethem in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On motion by Mr. McFayden, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on December 4, 2000, were confirmed.

1.1 2001 Operating and Capital Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on February 19, 2001, had before it the following communications:

- (1) (January 31, 2001) from Ms. Monica Tang, Executive Assistant, Councillor Jack Layton's Office, requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee receive a presentation on the City of Toronto 2001 Operating and Capital Budget, as it relates to the following cycling initiatives:
 - (a) Bike Trails In Parks and Hydro Corridors;
 - (b) Implementation Plan For The Cycling Master Plan, and Parking Facilities (Post and Rings, and Bike Racks); and
 - (c) Education, Promotions and Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors;
- (2) (February 7, 2001) from Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Department, advising, in response to a request by Councillor Jack Layton's Office, requesting a presentation at the Toronto Cycling Committee; advising that a presentation on the 2001 Operating and Capital Budget respecting cycling initiatives will be made directly to the February 16, 2001 (revised date) meeting of the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and that projects related to new bike trails and hydro corridors are several years away in the capital program, as a result to focus on "good repair" versus new infrastructure;
- (3) (January 18, 2001) from the City Clerk, Policy and Finance Committee, advising that at their meeting held on January 18, 2001, Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, appeared before the Policy and Finance Committee respecting the 2001 Operating Budget of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and that

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the Policy and Finance Committee, referred the following communications to the Commissioner of Urban Development Services for report thereon to the Planning and Transportation Committee, as part of the 2001 Budget deliberations:

- (a) (January 4, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (b) (December 13, 2001) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (4) (February 19, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, providing, for the information of the Planning and Transportation Committee, the rationale for the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador program of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and recommending that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services report on:
- (a) the status of HRDC funding of the Road and Trail Safety Ambassador program; and
 - (b) potential adjustments to the Road and Trail Ambassador program in order to modify the program to deliver initiatives such as those outlined in the foregoing communication; and
- (5) (February 19, 2001) from Councillor Jack Layton, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that the Planning and Transportation Committee did not recommend the base budget for the Toronto Cycling Committee, in the amount of \$108,000.00, in the 2001 City Budget; and recommending that:
- (a) the \$108,000.00 operating budget be reinstated into the 2001 City budget for final consideration by City Council;
 - (b) the Toronto Cycling Committee members appear concerning the cycling budget at the Joint Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on Friday, February 23, 2001, and that the Toronto Cycling Committee also present deputation at further Committee meetings, where possible; and
 - (c) the Urban Development Services Department list the cycling programs as a separate line item in all future budget submissions in order that the confusion resulting from the budget documents this year can be avoided.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee heard presentations from the following persons:

- (1) Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Department;
- (2) Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; and
- (3) Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycling Safety Planner, and Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycling Promotions Coordinator, deferred to Ms. Monica Tang, Executive Assistant, Councillor Jack Layton's Office.

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

- (1) that the \$108,000.00 operating budget be reinstated into the 2001 City budget for final consideration by City Council;
- (2) that the Toronto Cycling Committee members appear concerning the cycling budget at the Joint Meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee on Friday, February 23, 2001, and that the Toronto Cycling Committee also present deputation at further Committee meetings, where possible;
- (3) that the Urban Development Services Department list the cycling programs as a separate line item in all future budget submissions in order that the confusion resulting from the budget documents this year can be avoided; and
- (4) that the following members of the Toronto Cycling Committee be listed as deputants at the February 23, 2001 meeting of the Policy and Finance Committee:
 - (a) Mr. Israel Chackowicz, CAN-BIKE Instructor;
 - (b) Mr. Crawford Murphy, representing Toronto Catholic District School Board;

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- (c) Mr. Ron Hart, representing North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee; and
- (d) Mr. Martin Koob, representing Toronto Bicycling Network.

(Sent to: Councillor Jack Layton; Policy and Finance Committee; Commissioner of Urban Development Services; Mr. Israel Chackowicz; Mr. Crawford Murphy; Mr. Ron Hart; Mr. Martin Koob; c. Ms. Monica Tang, Executive Assistant, Councillor Jack Layton's Office; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Department - February 20, 2001)

1.2 Toronto Cycling Program Information.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 10, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, informing the Toronto Cycling Committee that a reference binder containing the following information was sent to every City Councillor, as directed by the Committee at its meeting December 4, 2000:

- (1) Cycling contact information and frequently asked questions;
- (2) Toronto Cycling Committee Terms of Reference;
- (3) The Road and Trail Safety Ambassador Program;
- (4) Bike Week;
- (5) CAN-BIKE;
- (6) The Toronto Cycling Master Plan;
- (7) Cycling Programs; and
- (8) The Cycling Study and the Coroner's Report.

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

1.3 The Bicycle Show Volunteer Sign-Up.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 10, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising that the Toronto International Bicycle Show will be held Friday, March 2, 2001 to Sunday, March 5, 2001, at the National Trade Centre, Hall A, Exhibition Place; and that the Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee who wish to volunteer for the Bike Show can sign-up at the meeting of the Committee on February 19, 2001.

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

1.4 Nominations Working Group.

Mr. Fisher in the Chair.

Mr. Beiko and Mr. Chackowicz declared a conflict of interest with respect to this item and refrained from discussion and the voting thereon.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (February 6, 2001) from Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, and Chair, Nominations Working Group, advising that the Nominations Working Group had met on three occasions; and recommending the following based on the City of Toronto nominations policy:
 - (a) Basic Eligibility:
 - (i) any person applying for appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee be a qualified elector in the City of Toronto (i.e. a resident, owner or tenant of land in the municipality, or the spouse of an owner or tenant; a Canadian citizen; and at least 18 years of age). Citizen appointees are required to maintain this status throughout their term of office;
 - (ii) any person applying for appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee may not be an employee of the City or any of its Agencies, Boards or Commissions.

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Citizen appointees are required to maintain this status throughout their term of office; and

- (iii) no citizen shall serve on more than one Agency, Board or Commission or external special-purpose body at the same time;

(b) Length of Term:

- (i) the term of appointment is three years, concurrent with the term of Council. All appointments will continue until their successors are appointed or City Council terminates an appointment;
- (ii) Citizens eligible and willing to seek reappointment may be reappointed for a total of up to six consecutive years;
- (iii) after a maximum of two terms, members are encouraged to stay involved in the Toronto Cycling Committee, albeit in a non-voting capacity, and potentially reapply after 'sitting-out' for a term; and
- (iv) for incumbents at the time of the adoption of this policy, terms will be counted from their first appointment by the new City of Toronto. However, the spirit of this provision is to encourage a mixture of new and experienced members. Incumbents should consider voluntarily not reapplying if they have already served for many consecutive years on former cycling committees;

(c) Mid-Term Vacancies:

- (i) if vacancies should arise during the term, applications on file from qualified applicants made during the current term shall be referred to. Applicants will have been informed of this possibility.

(d) Qualification Criteria:

- (i) a key qualification (i.e. recommended, not obligatory) for successful appointment to the Toronto Cycling

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Committee is that the interested applicant is requested to attend one Toronto Cycling Committee meeting or a Sub-Committee meeting. Orientation Sessions will be held at either the full Toronto Cycling Committee or the Sub-Committee meetings, during the advertising period for appointments to the Toronto Cycling Committee, and an information package, including an application form, will be made available. This information package would also be available through the City;

(e) Composition:

(i) the Working Group recommends that the composition of the Toronto Cycling Committee remain as set out in the Terms of Reference except in the following instance:

(1) that the cycle courier representative be removed as one of the citizens-at-large;

(ii) there has been trouble filling this position in the past and there is no one organization that represents the cycle couriers. Listed under key qualifications for the Nominating Sub-Committee to consider will be:

(1) specific knowledge and a specific interest to act as a representative in specific areas (ie. cyclist couriers); and

(2) knowledge of cycling conditions across the City and elsewhere;

(f) Nominating Sub-Committee:

(i) the Nominating Sub-Committee will consist of three to five persons, three persons being present at all times for quorum, on an as-required basis. These members will be selected by the members of the Toronto Cycling Committee from one, or more, of the following alternatives, on majority vote of the Toronto Cycling Committee:

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- (1) former Toronto Cycling Committee members:
 - (2) persons of knowledge in the community;
 - (3) persons of knowledge and representing the cycling community;
 - (4) present members of the Toronto Cycling Committee who:
 - (a) are not eligible to apply as their Term of Office has expired; or
 - (b) have elected not to reapply to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (5) Toronto City Councillors, or a designate;
- (ii) the Nominating Sub-Committee shall meet in private to review applications from qualified candidates, in order to select candidates for interview. A representative of the Access and Equity Office/Human Rights shall be invited as advisers/observers. All applications will be kept confidential;
 - (iii) in making recommendations, the Nominating Sub-Committee shall consider balancing reappointments and new appointments to achieve both continuity and change in Toronto Cycling Committee memberships;
 - (iv) the questions for the interview will be pre-determined and answers will be scored in an objective fashion; and
 - (v) the Nominating Sub-Committee shall interview a short-list of candidates and submit their final recommended candidates to the Planning and Transportation Committee via the City Clerk, for approval and appointment by Council; and
- (g) Timeline:

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- (i) the Working Group stated that the nominations process for 2001 appointments begin as soon as possible.
- (2) (February 19, 2001) from City Clerk, Nominations and Appointments Administrator, presenting, for the review of the Toronto Cycling Committee a draft of the Basic Information and Requirements For Appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (3) (February 19, 2001) from City Clerk, Nominations and Appointments Administrator, presenting, a draft of the promotional material to be used to invite applicants to apply for membership to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (4) (February 19, 2001) from City Clerk, Nominations and Appointments Administrator, advising that employees of the City of Toronto are not eligible for appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee, in accordance with City policy.

On Motion by Ms. Van Laethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) approve an amendment to the terms of reference for the Toronto Cycling Committee, that reads as follows:
 - (a) Basic Eligibility:
 - (i) City of Toronto resident or ratepayer of spouse thereof;
 - (ii) any person applying for appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee may not be an employee of the City or any of its Agencies, Boards or Commissions, excluding CAN-BIKE Instructors. Citizen appointees are required to maintain this status throughout their term of office; and

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- (iii) no citizen shall serve on more than one Agency, Board or Commission or external special-purpose body at the same time;

- (b) Length of Term:
 - (i) the term of appointment is three years, concurrent with the term of Council. All appointments will continue until their successors are appointed or City Council terminates an appointment;

 - (ii) Citizens eligible and willing to seek reappointment may be reappointed for a total of up to six consecutive years;

 - (iii) after a maximum of two terms, members are encouraged to stay involved in the Toronto Cycling Committee, albeit in a non-voting capacity, and potentially reapply after 'sitting-out' for a term; and

 - (iv) for incumbents at the time of the adoption of this policy, terms will be counted from their first appointment by the new City of Toronto. A mixture of new and experienced members is to be encouraged;

- (c) Mid-Term Vacancies:
 - (i) if vacancies should arise during the term, applications on file from qualified applicants made during the current term shall be referred to. Applicants will have been informed of this possibility;

- (d) Qualification Criteria:
- (i) a key qualification (i.e. recommended, not obligatory) for successful appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee is that the interested applicant is requested to attend one Toronto Cycling Committee meeting or a Sub-Committee meeting. Orientation Sessions will be held at either the full Toronto Cycling Committee or the Sub-Committee meetings, during the advertising period for appointments to the Toronto Cycling Committee, and an information package, including an application form, will be made available. This information package would also be available through the City;
- (e) Composition:
- (i) composition of the Toronto Cycling Committee will remain as set out in the Terms of Reference, except in the following instance:
 - (1) that the cycle courier representative be removed as one of the citizens-at-large; and
 - (ii) key qualifications for the Nominating Sub-Committee to consider will be:
 - (1) specific knowledge and a specific interest to act as a representative in specific areas (ie. cyclist couriers); and

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- (2) knowledge of cycling conditions across the City and elsewhere.
- (f) Nominating Sub-Committee:
- (i) the Nominating Sub-Committee will consist of three to five persons, three persons being present at all times for quorum, on an as-required basis. These members will be selected by the members of the Toronto Cycling Committee from one, or more, of the following alternatives, on majority vote of the Toronto Cycling Committee:
 - (1) former Toronto Cycling Committee members:
 - (2) persons of knowledge in the community;
 - (3) persons of knowledge and representing the cycling community;
 - (4) present members of the Toronto Cycling Committee who:
 - (a) are not eligible to apply as their Term of Office has expired; or
 - (b) have elected not to reapply to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (5) Toronto City Councillors, or a designate;

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- (ii) the Nominating Sub-Committee shall meet in private to review applications from qualified candidates, in order to select candidates for interview. A representative of the Access and Equity Office/Human Rights shall be invited as advisers/observers. All applications will be kept in confidence;
 - (iii) in making recommendations, the Nominating Sub-Committee shall consider balancing reappointments and new appointments to achieve both continuity and change in Toronto Cycling Committee memberships;
 - (iv) the questions for the interview will be pre-determined and answers will be scored in an objective fashion; and
 - (v) the Nominating Sub-Committee shall interview a short-list of candidates and submit their final recommended candidates to the Planning and Transportation Committee, via the City Clerk, for approval and appointment by Council; and
- (g) Timeline:
- (i) the nominations process for 2001 appointments begin as soon as possible;
- (2) approve the Basic Information and Requirements For Appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee, as if written into the terms of reference of the Toronto Cycling Committee, and to read as follows:

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- (a) Committee Purpose:
 - (i) to advise City Council and its Departments, Agencies, Boards and Commissions, on the design, development and delivery of bicycle policies, programs and facilities to promote and enhance cycling within the City of Toronto;

- (b) Goal:
 - (i) a liveable and environmentally friendly City that is accessible and safe for people of all ages and abilities to get around by bicycle and to ensure the role of cycling in a transportation system appropriately balanced among all road users;

- (c) Composition:
 - (i) 1 City Councillor;
 - (ii) 15 citizens-at-large, equitably representative of all geographic districts of the City; and
 - (iii) 5 representatives of the following organizations:
 - (1) Toronto Pedestrian Committee;
 - (2) Toronto Bicycling Network;
 - (3) Community Bicycle Network;
 - (4) Toronto District School Board; and
 - (5) Toronto Catholic District School Board;

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- (d) Basic Eligibility:
 - (i) City of Toronto resident or ratepayer of spouse thereof;
- (e) Term of Office:
 - (i) for the three-year term of Council expiring on November 30, 2003 and until his/her successor is appointed;
- (f) Remuneration:
 - (i) nothing except feeling good about improving cycling in Toronto! Maybe coffee and tea if the budget will stretch!;
- (g) Meetings:
 - (i) the Toronto Cycling Committee usually meets once a month, or at the call of the Chair. Currently the Committee meets on the third Monday evening of each month;
 - (ii) the following working Sub-Committees meet once a month:
 - (1) Education and Safety Sub-Committee;
 - (2) Promotions and Communication Sub-Committee; and
 - (3) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee;
 - (iii) meetings are usually held in the evenings; and

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- (iv) ad hoc meetings of all or part of the Toronto Cycling Committee may be convened, as required;
- (h) Responsibilities:
- (i) to represent the interests of cyclists within the City;
 - (ii) regular attendance at full committee meetings;
 - (iii) active participation on at least one Sub-Committee; and
 - (iv) assist with other aspects of the Toronto Cycling Committee's work. (i.e. production of newsletters and special events, likely totaling about 4 hours of additional work per month for a total volunteer time of about 10 hours per month);
- (i) Key Qualifications:
- (i) a broad interest in and knowledge of cycling;
 - (ii) demonstrated interest and knowledge of the Toronto Cycling Committee (ie. attendance at meetings);
 - (iii) demonstrated interest, knowledge, and ability to be an advocate of the Toronto Cycling Committee's programs, goals and objectives;
 - (iv) ability to devote time required to Toronto Cycling Committee meetings and for pre-meeting study and review of agenda and supporting materials;

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- (v) ability to devote time to special initiatives of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (vi) reflect the ethno-cultural diversity of the City;
- (vii) specific expertise in one of the following areas: marketing; education; public relations and communications; public/private enterprises; fund-raising; and advocacy;
- (viii) good listening skills, open-mindedness, sound judgement, and tact;
- (ix) preference given to candidates demonstrating one or more of the following:
 - (1) knowledge and willingness to represent concerns regarding specific areas, concerns or groups;
 - (2) knowledge of cycling conditions across the city and/or elsewhere; and
 - (3) understanding of planning/technical/mechanical issues affecting cycling; and
- (x) specific knowledge and a specific interest to act as a representative in specific areas (ie. cyclist couriers); and
- (j) Additional strengths:
 - (i) willingness and ability to represent the Toronto Cycling Committee;
 - (ii) publicly and perform speaking engagements; and

- (iii) CAN-BIKE graduate or willing to take the course; and
- (3) to recommend to City Council that CAN-BIKE Instructors, whose only employment with the City of Toronto is as a CAN-BIKE Instructor, be allowed membership to the Toronto Cycling Committee, contrary to the City policy of not allowing employees of the Corporation appointment to its Committees, and advised that, if approved membership to the Toronto Cycling Committees, CAN-BIKE Instructors would declare a conflict of interest, and refrain from the discussion and voting on the matter under deliberation by the Toronto Cycling Committee, that relate to the duties of a CAN-BIKE Instructor.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; c - Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Ms. Helen Smith, Nominations Administrator, City Clerk's Office – March 6, 2001)

Ms. Van Laethem back in the Chair.

1.5 Safety Issue.

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on February 19, 2001, had before it a communication (November 14, 2000) addressed to Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, and Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary, Toronto Cycling Committee, from Ms. Marjorie Nichol, Resident, City of Toronto, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that there is a lack of safe Bicycles Lanes in the City of Toronto, especially crossing the Highway 401 corridor; and suggesting bicycle lanes along York Mills Road from Yonge Street to the former City of Scarborough.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, 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 aforementioned communication.

(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. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - February 21, 2001)

1.6 Staff Response To Toronto Transit Commission Inquiry Subway Stations With Bicycle Racks.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2000) addressed to Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, and Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary, Toronto Cycling Committee, from Ms. Marjorie Nichol, Resident, City of Toronto, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that there is a lack of safe Bicycles Lanes in the City of Toronto, especially crossing the Highway 401 corridor; and suggesting bicycle lanes along York Mills Road from Yonge Street to the former City of Scarborough.

On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, 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 aforementioned communication.

(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. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - February 22, 2001)

1.7 The Portlands Development Project.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 5, 2001) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, advising that the Network Planning and

Facilities Sub-Committee, at their meeting of January 31, 2001, recommended to the Toronto Cycling Committee, that the Committee seek official interest group status on The Portlands Development Project with Transport Canada/Public Works Canada.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned matter to the March 19, 2001 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

1.8 Bike Map.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 5, 2001) from Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, recommending that the Bike Map be edited and reprinted, with the revised run of 100,000 copies being available on or before the third week of May 2001.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned matter to the March 19, 2001 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

1.9 Bike Week.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 5, 2001) from Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, recommending that the organizers of Bike Week be allowed to charge a voluntary registration fee, in the amount of \$20.00, which would entitle the participant to several promotion items and simultaneously raise money for Toronto Cycling Committee issues.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned matter to the March 19, 2001 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

1.10 Air Quality Improvements In The City of Toronto.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

(1) (January 23, 2001) addressed to the Medical Officer of Health from the City Clerk, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at their meeting held on January 22, 2001, had before it the following communications:

(i) (December 15, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, informing the Board of Health of a new report summarizing the impact of air pollution on health and of initiatives taken by the City to improve air quality; and

(ii) (October 16, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting that the Board of Health endorsed the action taken by the Committee recommending that a letter (October 2, 2000) be forwarded to Premier Mike Harris requesting air quality improvements in the City of Toronto;

and advising that the Board of Health:

(1) received the communication (December 15, 2000) from the Medical Officer of Health, for information; and

(2) endorsed the action taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee in forwarding the communication (October 2, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, to Premier Mike Harris, requesting air quality improvements in the City of Toronto.

(2) (January 23, 2001) addressed to the Medical Officer of Health from the City Clerk, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at their meeting held on January 22, 2001, had before it the following communications:

(i) (January 9, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health, reporting on the success of the City's low sulphur purchasing policy as a means to reduce air emissions that contribute to adverse health effect; and

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- (ii) (December 12, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting that the Board of Health:
 - (a) strongly urge the Government of Canada to:
 - (1) 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
 - (2) 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
 - (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;

and advising that the Board of Health:

- (a) deferred consideration of the communication (January 9, 2001) from the Medical Officer of Health to its meeting scheduled to be held on February 19, 2001; and
- (b) concurred with the report of the Toronto Cycling Committee embodied in the communication (December 12, 2000) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee.

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- (3) (January 23, 2001) addressed to The Right Honourable Jean Chretien from the City Clerk, Board of Health, advising that the Board of Health, at its meeting held on January 22, 2001, endorsed the communication (December 12, 2001) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee; and strongly urged 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

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

1.11 Community Cycling Advisory Group Minutes.

- (i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – December 14, 2000.

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

1.12 Pending Items Report.

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

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- (i) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee - December 7, 2000 and January 25, 2001;
- (ii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee - December 13, 2000 and January 31, 2001; and
- (iii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – January 29, 2001.

(A). On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes. Carried.

(B). On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, provide a presentation to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee on Signs. Carried.

(Sent to: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c. Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; Mr. Phil Pitch, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee - March 6, 2001)

1.14 Nominations Working Group Minutes.

- (i) January 15, 2001; January 22, 2001; and February 1, 2001.

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

1.15 Car Free Day.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 26, 2001) from Mr. David Kaufmanns, General Manager, Transportation Services, regarding an update on the status of a Car Free Day for the City of Toronto.

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On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:25 p.m.

Co-Chair.