

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Division**

**Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee**

**Meeting No. 4**

**Monday, May 14, 2001.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, May 14, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Councillor Olivia Chow, Co-Chair  
Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)  
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)  
Mr. Ole Calderone  
Mr. Israel Chackowicz  
Mr. Ed Clark (Alternate)  
Mr. Gerald Corbett  
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington  
Ms. Gillian Flower  
Mr. Ron Hart  
Ms. Nina Koskenoja  
Mr. Dave Meslin  
Mr. Clay McFayden  
Mr. Crawford Murphy  
Dr. Linda Perkin  
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

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

#### **4.1 Toronto Bike Plan.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (May 4, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, the comments received at the April 30, 2001 special meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee on the Toronto Bike Plan; and advising that Chapter 10 - Implementation and Evaluation will be available to the Committee at the May 14, 2001 meeting;
- (2) (May 1, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, a replacement Meeting Report, for the April 30, 2001 special meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the Toronto Bike Plan;
- (3) (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, the revised schedule for the Toronto Bike Plan, including 2001 Cycling Projects and 2002 Priorities; and
- (4) (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Ed Clark, Alternate Representative from the Toronto Bicycle Network, advising that at the May 14, 2001 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, he will be in attendance for Mr. Martin Koob, Representative from the Toronto Bicycle Network; and requesting that the possible acquisition of the abandoned CN Leaside Branch (east of Leslie Street, York Mills to CP Line just north of Eglinton Avenue) by the City of Toronto, be discussed by the Toronto Cycling Committee, as part of the Toronto Bike Plan; and recommending support for the possible acquisition by the City of Toronto of the aforementioned lands.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested that the report (May 11, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Works Committee, for their information; and

- (2) requested that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee strongly endorses the acquisition of the abandoned CN Leaside Branch, by the City of Toronto, for the purpose of connecting the Upper Don Trail to the Lower Don Trail, providing a continuous cyclable off-street route through the City of Toronto, as recognized in the Toronto Bike Plan and the Victor Ford Associates Hydro Rail Corridor Study.

(Sent to: Planning and Transportation Committee; Works Committee; Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c: Mr. Ian Tytler, Vice-President, Toronto Bicycle Network – May 22, 2001)

#### **4.2 Bike Safety – Wilket Creek Trail.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 27, 2001) addressed to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on April 23, 2001:

- (1) remarked at the deplorable condition of the Wilket Creek Trail, and the loss of surface over several hundred metres of the Trail, as a result of flooding in the Spring of 2000;
- (2) emphasized that the Wilket Creek Trail is part of the major north/south recreational Trail of the City of Toronto; and
- (3) requested that a communication be sent to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising that rebuilding and replacement are required along the Wilket Creek Trail.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism ensure that the Wilket Creek and Highland Creek Trail damage be repaired prior to the July 2001 meeting of the Toronto City Council.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture

and Tourism; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Division – May 23, 2001)

#### **4.3 Bicycle Post and Rings In Place of Removed Parking Meters.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 11, 2001) addressed to Councillor Olivia Chow from Mr. Maurice J. Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority, providing, information to the Toronto Cycling Committee, on bicycle parking facilities for abandoned meter posts, pay and display installations.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested:

- (1) the City of Toronto install 3,000 bicycle parking facilities for 2001 to 2002;
- (2) the Toronto Parking Authority pay for 2,000 of the bicycle parking facilities; and
- (3) that the remaining 1,000 bicycle parking facilities be paid through the City of Toronto Cycling Infrastructure Fund.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. Maurice J. Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority – May 23, 2001)

#### **4.4 Road and Traffic Operations Decision Routing.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 10, 2001) addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from the General Manager, Transportation Services, providing, for information, the decision routing matrix for road and traffic operations forming part of the Road Classification System policy document for Works Committee and Community Councils, approved by City Council on February 29, March 1 and 2, 2001.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Commissioner of Works and

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Emergency Services:

- (1) that in the evaluation of approving the design of different traffic calming methodologies, City of Toronto staff responsible for cycle planning and safety, be consulted;
- (2) that the appropriate City of Toronto staff be invited to the Toronto Cycling Committee to discuss a safe way for cycling in finalizing designs for traffic calming methodology; and
- (3) that point No. 6 in the aforementioned communication, be amended, to read, as follows:

‘Bike lane issues on both major arterials and local roads prior to going are reported to the Works Committee, and all others are routed through Community Council and the Toronto Cycling Committee.’

(Sent To: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c. Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. David C. Kaufman, General Manager, Transportation Services – May 23, 2001)

**4.5 Mississauga Trail News – Spring 2001.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a Newsletter (Spring 2001) from the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, providing, for information, the Mississauga Trail News – Spring 2001.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Newsletter.

**4.6 Lobbying of Politicians and Commissioners.**

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The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 2001) from Mr. Gerald Corbett and Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chairs, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee, advising that continued effort must be made by the Toronto Cycling Committee to contact City politicians and senior staff explaining the programs of the Committee and to promote the Committee as a viable and valued resource to the City; and recommending that Ms. Paula Dill, Commissioner of Urban Development Services, be requested to attend a meeting of the Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Planning and Transportation Committee:

- (1) approve a staff team:
  - (a) comprising of representatives from the Department of Works and Emergency Services, Department of Urban Development Services, and the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to meet at least four times a year to determine the implementation of the annual work plan, as established through the Toronto Bike Plan, and such meetings include the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, if possible; and
  - (b) led by staff of the Transportation Services Section of the Department of Works and Emergency Services, and, such staff, with the assistance of the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee, establish the agenda of each meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, and such staff be the designated lead to ensure the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; c. Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Commissioner of Urban Development Services;

Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; Mr. Gerald Corbett, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Ms. Jannette Porter, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Division; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – May 23, 2001)

#### **4.7 Bikeshare Project.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 2001) from Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee, advising that the official launch for the Bikeshare Project was Monday, May 7, 2001 at 11:00 a.m., at Nathan Phillips Square, City Hall; and providing information on the Bikeshare Project.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee to discuss the matter of the barriers facing the Bikeshare Project, with the Community Bicycle Network.

(Sent To: Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee;  
c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner;  
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator  
- May 28, 2001)

#### **4.8 Attendance and Terms of Reference.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 2001) from Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee that the attendance requirements will be discussed at the May 14, 2001 meeting of the Committee.

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

#### **4.9 Community Cycling Advisory Group Minutes.**

- (i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – April 12, 2001

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

#### **4.10 Pending Items Report.**

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

Velontario Update  
Nominations Working Group  
Bike Week 2001

#### **4.11 Parks Policy On Signs.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 7, 2001) from Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, advising that, at the April 4, 2001 meeting of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, the City policy on street names on signs at the entrances and exits to City parks, and specifically, Earl Bales Park, was discussed; and recommending that the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee requested the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) to refer the communication (March 2001) from Mr. Ron Hart, North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee to staff in the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for action, as deemed appropriate; and
- (2) to request staff of the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for a review on the City policy regarding specifying street names on signs at the entrance/exits of City parks.

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

- (1) referred the communication (March 2001) from Mr. Ron Hart, North York Cycling and Pedestrian



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Committee to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to staff in the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, for action, as deemed appropriate; and

- (2) requested the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to direct staff in the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, to clearly mark street names on signs at the entrance/exits of City parks.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c. 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; Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Division - May 28, 2001)

#### **4.12 Resignations.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (May 13, 2001) from Mr. Steve Beiko, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that, as of 9:00 a.m., May 14, 2001, he is starting as a Road and Trail Safety Ambassador, and therefore, will no longer be eligible to serve as a member of Toronto Cycling Committee; wishing the Committee continued success in its work, and particularly, in the upcoming nominations process; and expecting to see the members of the Committee over the Spring and Summer 2001; and
- (2) (May 14, 2001) from Mr. Hamish Wilson, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising the Committee of his intentions to resign, effective immediately.

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

- (1) accepted the resignations from Mr. Steve Beiko and Mr. Hamish Wilson;

- (2) offered appreciation and thanks for their volunteer service with the Toronto Cycling Committee over the years; and
- (3) wished Mr. Steve Beiko and Mr. Hamish Wilson continued success in the future.

Carried.

(Sent To: Mr. Steve Beiko, Mr. Hamish Wilson  
- May 22, 2001)

- B. On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee temporarily reduced the quorum requirements, until September 2001, for the Committee to seven members to reflect the recent resignations from the Toronto Cycling Committee.  
Carried.

#### **4.13 Nominations Sub-Committee.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed striking the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Committee to select candidates to fill vacant positions on the Committee. The current term of office for the citizen-at-large positions on the Toronto Cycling Committee expired on April 30, 2001. This nominations process is in accordance with the selection criteria, as contained in the amended terms of reference for the Toronto Cycling Committee, as adopted by Toronto City Council at its meeting held on April 24 to May 3, 2001. The Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee to implement a communications program for the nomination process of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

- A. On Motion by Ms. VanLaethem, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Planning and Transportation to approve the following persons as appointees to the Nominating Sub-Committee of the Toronto Cycling Committee:

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Ms. Marleen VanLaethem;

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Mr. Paul Rappell;  
Mr. Clay Mcfayden;  
Mr. Phil Piltch;  
Ms. Debbie Dimoff; and  
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, staff representative.

Carried.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; c. Councillor Olivia Chow; Ms. Marleen VanLaethem; Mr. Paul Rappell; Mr. Clay Mcfayden; Mr. Phil Piltch; Ms. Debbie Dimoff; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner – May 21, 2001)

B. On Motion by Ms. VanLaethem , the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee to implement a communications program for the nominations process of the Toronto Cycling Committee. Carried.

(Sent To: Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee; c. Ms. Barabara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - May 17, 2001)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 10:05 p.m.

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Co-Chair.