

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 9

Monday, November 12, 2001.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, November 12, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:30 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow, Co-Chair
Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Kenneth Cromie
Mr. Steve Crossman
Mr. Robert Gordon
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. Martin Koob
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Dave Meslin
Mr. Allan Stokell
Mr. John Sherk
Ms. Jessica Tivy

Staff Present:

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

Councillor Olivia Chow in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on October 15, 2001, were confirmed, as amended to record Mr. John Shark in attendance.

9.1 Volunteer Appreciation – Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on November 12, 2001 had before it a communication (October 16, 2001) from Mr. Ole Calderone, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee recognize the volunteer efforts and work of the citizen-at-large members of the Committee who did not stand for re-appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee, as a result of their terms expiring in November 2000.

- A. On Motion by Mr. Cromie, the Toronto Cycling Committee decided that this item be dealt with first on the Agenda. (Carried.)

- B. The Toronto Cycling Committee requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the members of the Toronto Cycling Committee, signed by Mayor Mel Lastman, as a result of the Term of Office expiring in November 2000, thanking them for their volunteer efforts and contributions to cycling in the City of Toronto. (Carried.)

(Sent To: Mayor Mel Lastman; c. Councillor Olivia Chow, Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner - November 27, 2001)

9.2 2002 Budget Discussions.

The following persons gave a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the 2002 Budget:

- Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning; and

- Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks and Recreation Planner, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

9.3 Bicycle Safety Challenge.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 31, 2001) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, providing information, at the request of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee at their meeting held on October 22, 2001, on a Bicycle Safety Challenge as a planned event by staff at for 2002 Bike Week; and requesting direction from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

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

9.4 Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 2, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing information on the 2001 program of the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

9.5 A New Bicycle Policy For The Region of Peel.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (undated) from Councillor Patricia (Pat) Mullin, City of Mississauga, providing information on a new bicycle policy for the Region of Peel, as prepared by Mr. Phillip Green, Vice-Chair, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, September 27, 2001.

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

- (1) recognized that the New Bicycle Policy for the Region of Peel emphasized cycling growth in the greater Toronto area; and

- (2) congratulated the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee on the New Bicycle Policy for the Region of Peel and expressed encouragement that the Region of Peel would adopt the policy.

(Sent To: Councillor Patricia (Pat) Mullin; c: Mr. Phillip Green, Vice Chair, Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – November 27, 2001)

9.6 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 2, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising that the Bicycle Friendly Business Awards were presented at a special ceremony hosted by Mountain Equipment Co-op on October 24, 2001; and that the City of Toronto recognized five Bicycle Friendly Business for their contributions to Toronto for encouraging their customers, clients, and/or employees to choose cycling as a form of transportation; and that there were 50 nominations received; requesting that the Toronto Cycling Committee recognize the efforts of those companies and people who submitted nominations, and the private sector in achieving the goals of the Toronto Bike Plan; and recommending the report be received for information.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested that a letter of thanks be sent to the sponsors, Judges and staff for their support and volunteer efforts that directly contributed to the success of the Bicycle Friendly Business Awards held on October 24, 2001.

(Sent To: Councillor Olivia Chow; Mr. Keith Berens, Live Metal Works; Mr. Bob Matheson, Mountain Equipment C-op; Ms. Dufflet Rosenberg, Dufflet Pastries; Benjamin Sadavoy, Pedal Magazine; Mr. David Robinson, Mountain Equipment Co-op; Ms. Avril Benoit, CBC Toronto; Mr. Ron Neville, Toronto Board of Trade; Mr. Rod McPhail, Director Transportation Planning; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – November 27, 2001)

9.7 Toronto Waterfront Redevelopment Plan.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 30, 2001) from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of the Public Forums to be held concerning Toronto's Waterfront.

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

9.8 College Street Redevelopment.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 1, 2001) from Dr. Bob Frankford, Co-Chair, College Street Sub-Committee, Harbord Village Residents Association, advising that the Harbord Village Residents Association has commissioned a design plan by Brown and Storey, Architects, for College Street, between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, to improve the quality of life and local economy along the street; and requesting a deputation before the Toronto Cycling Committee to present the design plan for College Street redevelopment, between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street.

Dr. Bob Frankford, Co-Chair, College Street Sub-Committee, Harbord Village Residents Association, Ms. Kim Storey and Mr. James Brown, Brown and Storey Architects, gave a presentation on the College Street design plan.

On Motion by Mr. Meslin, the Toronto Cycling Committee supported the initiative of the Harbord Village Residents Association for a design plan for the redevelopment of College Street, between Spadina Avenue and Bathurst Street, to create a new streetscape that would take into account the needs of cyclists and pedestrians, and transit, in the City of Toronto, and expressed its interest to working closely with the Harbord Village Residents Association for a design plan concerning the redevelopment of College Street.

(Sent To: Dr. Bob Frankford, Co-Chair, College Street Sub-Committee, Harbord Village Residents Association; c: Administrator, Toronto East York Community Council; Committee Secretary, Toronto Pedestrian Committee; Ms. Kim Storey and Mr. James Brown, Brown and Storey Architects; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – November 13, 2001)

Mr. Cromie abstained from Voting on this matter.

9.9 Toronto Cycling Committee Co-Chairs and Sub-Committee Co-Chairs.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following:

- (1) communication (October 25, 2001) from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee discuss the appointment of Co-Chairs for the Sub-Committees and the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting to be held on November 12, 2001; and
- (2) Terms of Reference – Composition of Toronto Cycling Committee, explaining that the Toronto Cycling will be composed of 21 members, including a Councillor and 2 citizens, as Co-Chairs.

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

- (1) approved Elections for the positions of Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee and its Sub-Committees to be done by Ballot voting at the December 3, 2001 meeting of the Committee; and
- (2) requested that members of the Toronto Cycling Committee notify the Committee Secretary, Mr. Brad Bartlett, of their intentions to seek a nomination to the position of either a Committee Co-Chair, and/or a Sub-Committee Co-Chair, prior to the December 3, 2001 meeting of the Committee, and the voting thereon.

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9.10 Car Free Day.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 9, 2001) from Councillor Olivia Chow (Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20), advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of the success of the City of Toronto's first Car Free Day; and the participation of City Councillors, staff, volunteers, and community organizations in the event, and recommending that:

- (1) the City of Toronto declare the annual Car Free Day a City sponsored event;
- (2) those interested Councillors are invited to join a Car Free Day Working Group, including the Corporate Special Events Department, and interested community organizations, in the organizing effort for Car Free Day 2002; and
- (3) the Car Free Working Group create a work plan for the event and submit the plan for approval in December 2001, the report shall include any necessary budget requirements.

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

- (1) requested that the City of Toronto declare the annual Car Free Day a City sponsored event;
- (2) invited those interested Councillors to join a Car Free Day Working Group, including the Corporate Special Events Department, and interested community organizations, in the organizing effort for Car Free Day 2002;
- (3) requested the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services to include funds in the 2002 Operating Budget submission for organizing Car Free Day on

- September 22, 2002; and
(4) appointed Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, to the Car Free Day Working Group.

(Sent To: Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services; c: Councillor Olivia Chow, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee (Trinity-Spadina, Ward 20); Councillor Joe Mihevc (St.Paul's, Ward 21); Councillor Jane Pitfield (Don Valley West, Ward 26); Councillor Betty Disero (Davenport, Ward 17); Councillor David Soknacki (Scarborough East, Ward 43); Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - November 13, 2001)

9.11 Appointments to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 11, 2001) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council, at their meeting held on October 2, 3 and 4, 2001, adopted, as amended, Clause No. 9, Report No. 10 of the Planning and Transportation Committee.

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

9.12 Bike Signage At City Hall.

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the need for bike signage at Toronto City Hall to direct cyclists to bicycle parking facilities in the underground parking lot at Toronto City Hall.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Commissioner, Corporate Services to install appropriate bike signage at Toronto City Hall that would direct cyclists to bicycle parking facilities in the underground parking lot at Toronto City Hall.

(Sent To: Commissioner, Corporate Services; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – November 16, 2001)

9.13 2002 Meeting Dates – Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, seeking to approve from the Committee the following 2002 meeting dates for the Committee:

Monday, January 21, 2002;
Monday, February 18, 2002;
Monday, March 25, 2002;
Monday, April 22, 2002;
Monday, May 27, 2002;
Monday, June 17, 2002;
Monday, July 15, 2002;
Monday, September 23, 2002;
Monday, October 21, 2002;
Tuesday, November 12, 2002; and
Monday, December 2, 2001.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the aforementioned 2002 meeting dates for the Committee.

(Sent To: Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian
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9.14 Media Monitoring.

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the need for a Media Monitor for the Toronto Cycling Committee to review local media and make information on cycling available to the members of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee appointed:

- (1) Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee as the Media Monitor to the Toronto Cycling Committee; and

- (2) Mr. Stephen Smylie, Volunteer, Toronto Cycling Committee to assist the Media Monitor.

(Sent To: Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; c: Mr. Stephen Smylie, Volunteer, Toronto Cycling Committee; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator – November 16, 2001)

9.15 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – October 24, 2001;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – October 22, 2001;
- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – October 4, 2001; and October 18, 2001

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes, as amended.

9.16 Pending Items Report.

Waterfront Revitalization Plan
McCowan Avenue
Budget Discussions
Bicycle Safety Messaging

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Pending Items Report.

9.17 Sub-Committee Meeting Dates

- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – November 21, 2001, 7 p.m.;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – November 19, 2001, Room No. 313A, Metro Hall, 7 p.m.; and

- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee
- November 15, 2001, Room No. 3, City Hall, 7 p.m.
On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

9.18 Working Group Reports.

- (i) Waterfront Redevelopment Working Group;
(ii) Bike Map Working Group;
(iii) Mimico Trail Working Group; and
(iv) Budget Working Group.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Working Group Reports.

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

Co-Chair.