

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 5

Monday, May 27, 2002.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, May 27, 2002, 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. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. David Meslin
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Rick Nelson
Mr. Allan Stokell
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. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on April 22, 2002, were confirmed.

5.1 Leave of Absence.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following:

- (1) a communication (April 23, 2002) from Ms. Jessica Tivy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting a leave of absence from the Toronto Cycling Committee for approximately three (3) months, while she is in British Columbia; and
- (2) a verbal request from Ms. Liane Gillies, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, for a three (3) month leave of absence from the Toronto Cycling Committee, while she is a seasonal laborer with the City of Toronto.
 - A. On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication (April 23, 2002) from Ms. Jessica Tivy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee. (Carried.)

(Ms. Jessica Tivy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee;
c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Committee;
Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Ms. Helen Smith, Administrator, Nominating Committee – June 5, 2002)

- B. On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee:
 - (1) recognized that Ms. Liane Gillies, was a valued member, in good standing, with the Toronto Cycling Committee;

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- (2) was advised by Ms. Liane Gillies, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee:
 - (a) that she had accepted seasonal employment with the Parks Division, City of Toronto;
 - (b) that her employment with the City of Toronto was not related, in any way, to her volunteer work, as a member of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (c) that she would not participate, as a voting member, in the business of the Toronto Cycling Committee, while an employee of the City of Toronto;
- (3) recognized that current City Council policy does not allow an employee of the City of Toronto to be a member of its Agencies, Boards and Commissions; and
- (4) requested the Planning and Transportation Committee, grant Ms. Liane Gillies, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, a three (3) month leave of absence from the Toronto Cycling Committee, while she is a seasonal laborer with the City of Toronto. (Carried.)

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Committee; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Ms. Helen Smith, Administrator, Nominating Committee - May 28, 2002)

5.2 Update – Sidewalk Cycling and Safety For Pedestrians and Cyclists.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 3, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit,

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providing, for information, a discussion paper on sidewalk cycling and safety for pedestrians and cyclists, being presented to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, Toronto Cycling Committee, and Traffic Operations Managers, to build a consensus for presentation to the Works Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication.

5.3 Cycling News!.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 3, 2002) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, providing, for information, to the Toronto Cycling Committee, the current issue of Cycling News!.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication.

5.4 “Watch For Bikes” Stickers On Taxicabs.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 3, 2002) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, advising that City Council, at their meeting to be held on June 18, 2002, will deal with the recommendation from the Planning and Transportation recommending the adoption of “Watch for Bikes” Sticker Program, as recommended by the Licensing Sub-Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the July 15, 2002 , meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner - May 28, 2002)

5.5 Bike Week 2002 Update.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 14, 2002) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing, for information, an update on the activities for Bike Week 2002.

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

5.6 1998 Coroners Report on Cycling Fatalities.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 9, 2002) addressed to Mayor Mel Lastman from Dr. W.J. Lucas, Regional Supervising Coroner, requesting feedback from the City of Toronto, on the recommendations made to the City of Toronto, in the 1998 Coroners Report on Cycling Fatalities.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication.

**5.7 Unsafe Condition – Parking in Bike Lanes
Beverley Street, South of Dundas Street West.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2002) from Dr. William McCuaig, Resident, City of Toronto, advising of an unsafe condition, where buses are parking in the bicycle lanes, on Beverley Street, south of Dundas Street West, near the Art Gallery of Ontario.

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

- (1) requested the Works Committee to request the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services to:
 - (a) explore the development of a uniform By-law making it illegal to park and stop a vehicle in a Bike Lane;
 - (b) report on strategies for reducing the incidence of illegal parking and stopping of vehicles in a Bike Lane; and
 - (c) develop an enforcement and education strategy

to alert drivers of motor vehicles of the dangers to cyclists resulting from parking and stopping of vehicles in a Bike Lane; and

(Sent To: Works Committee; c: Dr. William McCuaig, Resident, City of Toronto; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – May 29, 2002)

5.8 Unsafe Conditions – OMG Recycling Containers and Dogs On Long Leashes.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 2002) from Mr. Doug Sidney, Resident, City of Toronto, advising of personal injury resulting from the unsafe conditions of OMG Recycling Containers and dogs on long leashes.

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

- (1) requested a status update from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services on what has been done by the City of Toronto to ensure that OMG Recycling Containers do not open into traffic and bike lanes, causing injury to cyclists, in response to the report (October 24, 2001) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, entitled, “OMG Recycling Containers”; and
- (2) advised the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services that the Toronto Cycling Committee continues to receive complaints from cyclists that there are inherent problems with the latching mechanism of OMG Recycling Containers.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; c: Mr. Doug Sidney, Resident, City of Toronto ; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - May 29, 2002)

5.9 Drive-Through Restaurants.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it Clause No. 7, Report No. 6, of the Planning and Transportation Committee, providing, for information, Clause No. 7 contained in Report No. 6, of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed, "Proposal to Amend the Zoning By-law for the former City of Toronto Regarding Development Standards to Address Drive-Through Restaurants and Other Drive-Through Operations", which was adopted on April 29, 2002 by the Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Stokell, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Clause.

5.10 Appointments to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 22, 2002) from the City Clerk, providing, for information, Clause No. 12 contained in Report No. 4, of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed, "Appointments to Toronto Cycling Committee", which was adopted, without amendment, by City Council.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Minutes.

5.11 Sale of Hydro One Lands.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 4, 2002) from the City Clerk, Policy and Finance Committee, providing, for information,

a detailing of the actions taken by the Policy and Finance Committee, at their meeting held on April 4, 2002, regarding the sale of the Hydro One lands.

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

**5.12 Further Preliminary Report
Elderbrook Developments
Finch Avenue Between York Gate Boulevard
And Norfinch Drive.
(York West, Ward 8)**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 22, 2002) addressed to the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee from the City Clerk, North York Community Council, providing, for information, Clause No. 32(g) of Report No. 3, of the North York Community Council, adopted on April 3, 2002.

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

5.13 Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – June 5, 2002 and June 26, 2002, City Hall, Committee Room No. 3, 7:00 p.m.;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – May 21, 2002 and June 24, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.; and
- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – June 20, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

5.14 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – May 1, 2002;
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – April 25, 2002; and
- (iii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – April 29, 2002.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Minutes.

5.15 Working Group Reports.

- (i) Waterfront Redevelopment Working Group;
- (ii) Bike Map Working Group;
- (iii) Mimico Trail Working Group;
- (iv) Car Free Day Working Group; and
- (v) Nominations Working Group; and
- (vi) Trailer Park Festival.

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

5.16 Bike Lanes – Gerrard Street East.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 19, 2002) from Ms. June MacDonald, Resident, City of Toronto, advising of an unsafe condition with the bike lanes on Gerrard Street East approaching Church Street and Jarvis Street.

On Motion by Mr. Stokell, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Co-Chair.