

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 7

Monday, September 23, 2002.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, September 23, 2002, in Committee Room No. 1, 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. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. Donald Jantz
Mr. Martin Koob
Mr. Dave Meslin
Mr. Rick Nelson
Mr. Allan Stokell
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. Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on June 17, 2002, were confirmed.

7.1 2003 Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on September 23, 2002, heard a presentation on the 2002-2003 Budget, from:

- Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit;
- Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning; and
- Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks and Recreation Planning.

A. On Motion by Councillor Chow, The Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, to report to the Road and Trail Safety Sub-Committee on the Department of Works and Emergency Services' 2002-2003 Budget, regarding:

- (1) how much is to be spent in the current year, listing those projects that have been completed, and those projects that have been delayed;
- (2) a review of bike plans proposed for 2002-2003; and
- (3) a review of the difference. (Carried.)

(Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c: Mr. Ron Hart, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee; Mr. Steve Crossman, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee – September 26, 2002)

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- B. On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Frank Kershaw, Director, Parks Planning,, to report back to the Committee for its meeting to be held on October 21, 2002, on the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism's 2002-2003 Budget, regarding:
- (1) how much is to be spent in the current year, listing those projects that have been completed, and those projects that have been delayed;
 - (2) what plans are proposed for 2002-2003 concerning cycling related activities; and
 - (3) what is the budget for the upcoming year concerning cycling related activities.
(Carried.)

(Sent To: Mr. Frank Kershaw, Director, Policy and Development, Parks and Recreation Planning; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks and Recreation Planning – September 26, 2002)

- C. On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, to report back to the Committee, for its meeting to be held on October 21, 2002, on:
- (1) restoring the same bike Planners complement, as the beginning of the new City of Toronto (1999); and
 - (2) a business case on how the Bike Plan can be successfully implemented for 2003, such as:
 - (a) bringing the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors program back to former 1999 strength;

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- (b) developing expertise on planning cycling infrastructure;
- (c) liaising with the Toronto Transit Commission, and GO Transit, so as cycling and public transit operates with a seamless transition; and
- (d) promoting cycling as a clean mode of transportation and connecting with and outreaching support to the cycling community.

(Sent To: Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – September 23, 2002)

Councillor Olivia Chow in the Chair.

7.2 “Watch For Bikes” Sticker Program.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it Clause No. 6 of Report No. 7 of the Planning and Transportation Committee, as adopted by the Council of the City of Toronto, at its meeting held on June 18, 19 and 20, 2002.

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

7.3 Bike Week 2002 Review.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (August 2, 200) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising that Bike Week 2002 provided the City of Toronto with a series of highly visible events that have promoted both the Toronto Bike Plan and the Toronto Official Plan; and that staff worked diligently to promote these plans and the City’s commitment to cycling to the widest possible audience; and that Bike Week 2002 created an opportunity to plan and execute events designed to raise awareness of Toronto’s cycling infrastructure, policies, and programs, promote diversity in the City’s cycling culture, and spawn a series of self-funded community events; and that

the objectives that were set out for this year's event and have been achieved and the staff have established a solid framework on which to build for next year; and recommending that the report be received and forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for information.

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

- (1) referred the aforementioned report to the Planning and Transportation Committee, for their information; and
- (2) expressed its appreciation to staff of the Department of Urban Development Services, and the volunteers, for a successful Bike Week 2002.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; c: Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - September 30, 2002)

7.4 Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors Year End Summary April to August, 2002.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 10, 2002) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing a summary of the 2002 Road and Trail Safety Ambassador program; advising that the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors conducted a study on cyclist behavior over the last four years, including the ratio of female to male cyclists, helmet and mask use, bicycle choice, and trip purpose; and that the numbers collected will assist help staff to develop and change cycling programs based on cycling trends; and recommending that the report be received.

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

7.5 Toronto Bike Plan Display.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 11, 2002) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee strike a Toronto Bike Plan Display Working Group to design and find funding for a permanent display that can be used year-round at locations throughout the City of Toronto.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee The Toronto Cycling Committee approved a Toronto Bike Plan Display Group to find funding for a permanent display that can be used year-round, at locations throughout the City of Toronto, consisting of the following members:

Ms. Jessica Tivy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; and
Mr. Clay McFayden, City of Toronto.

(Sent To: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner;
c: Ms. Jessica Tivy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee;
Mr. Clay McFayden, City of Toronto)

7.6 Can-Bike.

The Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on September 23, 2002, had before it a communication (September 11, 2002) from Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary, recommending that the following recommendations of the Education and Safety Sub-Committee, approved at their meeting held on June 24, 2002, require endorsing by the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) that Parks increase the number of CAN-BIKE flyers printed to ensure that flyers can be sent to all Community Centres, Libraries, Bike Shops, Bike Show and Civic Centres to inform the public on an on-going basis about the CAN-BIKE program.
- (2) that all CAN-BIKE courses for 2003 be scheduled and posted in the FUN Guide and in the CAN-BIKE flyer for the whole season (end of April - mid October).
- (3) that all CAN-BIKE cycling courses be listed together in the sports section under Cycling; and
- (4) that Parks and Recreation be asked to report back on these recommendations and to take part in further review of the CAN-BIKE program with both CAN-BIKE instructors and the Toronto Cycling Committee in order to make improvements to course delivery and marketing (including finding better ways to accommodate waitlists and people turned away due to course cancellations).

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the recommendation in the aforementioned Communication.

(Sent To: Ms. Liane Gillies, Co-Chair, Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner – September 30, 2002)

7.7 Bikes On GO Transit Buses.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 20, 2002) addressed to Mr. Gary McNeill, Managing Director, GO Transit, from Ms. Arlene Clement, Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists, requesting an explanation from Go Transit on their “no bicycles on GO Transit buses” policy.

On Motion by Mr. Duckworth-Pilkington, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested the Planning and Transportation Committee to approve the following motion:

“Whereas the Greater Toronto Area is the only large urban centre that does not have bike racks on transit buses;

And Whereas part of the Toronto Bike Plan promotes a seamless partnership between cyclists and public transit;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the Mayor of the City of Toronto, as a representative to Go Transit, request the Authority:

- (a) to promote a bicycle friendly policy;
- (b) to consider purchasing transit buses complete with bike racks; and
- (c) to implement a consistent policy across Go Transit dealing with bicycles on transit buses.”

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee;
c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian
Infrastructure Unit; Ms. Arlene Clement, Advocacy
for Respect for Cyclists – October 7, 2002)

7.8 1998 Report On Cycling Fatalities In Ontario.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication addressed to W.J. Lucas, MD, CCFP, from the Commissioner of Urban Development Services, and the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, writing, in response to a communication (July 184, 2002) addressed to His Worship, Mayor Mel Lastman, regarding an update on the actions undertaken by the City of Toronto, to enhance cycling safety, in response to the recommendations contained in the 1998 Report on Cycling Fatalities in Toronto.

On Motion by Mr. Duckworth-Pilkington, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested that Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, consult with Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, to implement the Bike Collision Study.

(Sent To: Mr. Duckworth-Pilkington; c: Mr. Daniel Egan,
Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
- October 7, 2002)

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

7.9 Car Free Day.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (June 25, 2002) addressed to the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on June 25, 2002, referred the communication (April 11, 2002) from the City, Toronto Cycling Committee, and the submission (June 25, 2002) from Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, to the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, with a request that he report back to the Works Committee, in consultation with the business community, on the

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feasibility of a Car Free Day for one Sunday in the summer, such report to include:

- (a) a detailed cost analysis;
 - (b) identification of which streets could be blocked off to vehicular traffic;
 - (c) Car Free Days in other Cities; and
 - (d) in consultation with the Toronto Transit Commission, the possibility of free transit for that day; and
- (2) (May 28, 2002) addressed to the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on May 28, 2002:
- (a) received the communication (April 11, 2002) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee; and
 - (b) deferred consideration aforementioned communication from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, to the June 25, 2002 meeting of the Works Committee, for a deputation from Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested the Budget Advisory Committee to plan for an ambitious program for a Car Free Day in the budget year 2003 – 2004, and provide adequate human and financial resources to make it a reality; and
- (2) expressed its appreciation to the organizers and the many volunteers that made various Car Free Day activities possible, such as the twelve street activities.

(Sent To: Budget Advisory Committee; c: Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee – October 7, 2002)

Councillor Olivia Chow in the Chair.

7.10 Various Bicycle Issues.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 25, 2002) addressed to the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee, at its meeting held on June 25, 2002, received the report (June 5, 2002) from the Commissioner, Works and Emergency Services, entitled "Various Bicycle Issues", and the communication (May 29, 2002) from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Duckworth-Pilkington, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, make a presentation to the next meeting of the Road and Trail Sub-Committee, regarding motor vehicle and bicycle separated pathways for the City of Toronto.

(Sent To: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c: Mr. Ron Hart, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee; Mr. Steve Crossman, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee – October 7, 2002)

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

7.11 Request For Proposals To Restore, Develop and Operate Union Station.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before a communication (August 8, 2002) from the City Clerk, providing, for information, Clause No. 1, contained in Report No. 11, of the Administration Committee, headed, "Request for proposals to Restore, Develop and Operate Union Station (Ward 28 – Toronto Centre-Rosedale), which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002; and advising that City Council has adopted a recommendation that discussions with the proponent include the development of an ambitious plan for cycling facilities, cycling rentals and service, modeled on best practices from Europe, and further, that there be consultation with the City's Cycling Committee and staff of the Works and Emergency Services Department.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested the Administration Committee for an opportunity to review the site plan of Union Station for bicycle facilities, when it is available; and
- (2) requested the Administration Committee to give favorable consideration to the aforementioned recommendation.

(Sent To: Administration Committee; c: Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – October 7, 2002)

Councillor Olivia Chow in the Chair.

7.12 Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established by Standing Committees and City Council, Since December 2000.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication addressed to the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, providing, for information, Clause No. 4, contained in Report No. 9, of the Planning and Transportation Committee, headed, "Review of Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces Established by Standing Committees and City Council Since December 2000", which was adopted, as amended, by City Council on July 30, 31 and August 1, 2002

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

7.13 Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – October 2, 2002, City Hall, Committee Room No. 3, 7:00 p.m.;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – September 30, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.; and

- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – September 26, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

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

7.14 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – June 24, 2002

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

7.15 Working Group Reports.

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

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

B. On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested that the Bike Map be referred to the Road and Trail Sub-Committee, to be approved. (Carried.)

(Sent To: Mr. Ron Hart, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee; Mr. Steve Crossman, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Sub-Committee; c: Mr. Allan Stokell, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – October 7, 2002)

**7.16 Informal Group Discussion – Strategic Planning
Priorities and Strategies.**

Referred to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

7.17 Cycling Infrastructure Project Updates.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (September 23, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, regarding an update on cycling infrastructure projects.

The Toronto Cycling Committee requested Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, to report to the Road and Trail Sub-Committee on the proposal for the College Street redevelopment, when it is available.

7.18 The Kyoto Accord.

The Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting held on September 23, 2002, had a discussion on the Kyoto Accord led by Mr. Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Planning and Transportation Committee to approve the following motion:

“Whereas increasing the cycling modal split in the City of Toronto will help to reduce greenhouse gas emissions and help Canada meet its Kyoto targets;

And Whereas the Toronto Bike Plan outlines a clear plan to increase the percentage of cycling trips, and has been approved by Toronto City Council;

Therefore Be It Resolved That the City of Toronto, in its negotiations with senior levels of government regarding funding agreements for transportation infrastructure projects, Kyoto accord implementation, and other jointly funded projects related to transportation and/or the environment, include specific requests for funds to augment the cycling

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infrastructure, planning and promotions budgets to accelerate the realization of the goals of the Toronto Bike Plan.”

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee;
c: Mr. Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee
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The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:45 p.m.

Co-Chair.