

TORONTO CYCLING COMMITTEE

AGENDA

MEETING NO. 7

Date of Meeting: Monday, September 22, 2003 Enquiry: Frank Baldassini

Time: 7:00 p.m. Committee Secretary

Location: Committee Room No. 2 (416) 395-7352
Toronto City Hall fbalda@toronto.ca

100 Queen Street West

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST PURSUANT TO THE MUNICIPAL CONFLICT OF INTEREST ACT.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES – July 14, 2003

PRESENTATIONS

1. Toronto Police Service – Process to Deal with Recovered Bicycles (15 Minutes)

Mr. Brenda Radix, Manager, Property Bureau, Toronto Police Service, will be in attendance and provide an update with regard to the process Toronto Police Service undertakes for dealing with recovered bicycles.

2. Toronto Police Service – Police Officers on Bicycles (15 Minutes)

Training Constable Hugh Smith and Police Constable Jon Reid, Police Vehicle Operations, Toronto Police Service, will be in attendance and provide information with regard to the number of police officers using bicycles and the distribution of officers on bicycles in each division.

3. Toronto Cycling Committee – Establishment of the Nomination Subcommittee (15 Minutes)

Ms. Helen Smith, Nominations and Appointments Administrator, City Clerk's Office will be in attendance and assist the committee with regard to the establishment of the Toronto Cycling Committee Nominations Subcommittee.

4. Crother's Woods Environmentally Sensitive Area

(15 Minutes)

Ms. Keri McMahon, Bring Back The Don Task Force, will be in attendance and will make a presentation with regard to the Crother's Woods Environmentally Sensitive Area.

4(a). Communication (July 14, 2003) from Ms. Kyla Z. A. Dixon-Muir, regarding concerns about the mountain biking activity which has been taking place in the Crother's Woods/Beechwood Wetlands area of the Lower Don Valley, over the past few years.

5. Review of 2003 Cycling Map: Proposed Changes for 2004 Map (30 Minutes)

Presentation from Mr. Daniel Egan, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, regarding the changes which have been made to the Cycling Map; and requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to critique the 2003 Cycling Map (likes and dislikes), and provide their input with regard to the preparation of the 2004 Cycling Map.

6. Toronto Cycling Committee – Updates to the Website

(15 Minutes)

Brent Marshall, Cycling Website/Database Developer and Administrator will provide an update regarding the recent changes made to the Toronto Cycling Committee Website.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

7. Toronto Atmospheric Fund – Response RE: Sustainable Transportation and Cycling Initiatives

(10 Minutes)

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on July 14, 2003 requested the Toronto Atmospheric Fund to attend its next meeting and provide information with regard to:

- (1) due to the fact that the Toronto Atmospheric Fund represents an important source of funding for community-based cycling projects, which projects have received funding for 2004;
- (2) the results of TAF's recently completed strategic planning process and the refocused granting goals and priorities; and
- (3) the direction the Toronto Atmospheric Fund is headed towards with regard to the issue of Sustainable Transportation.

Mr. Daniel Egan, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, will be providing an update to committee based on the information received from Ms. May Wong, Acting Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, who will be unable to attend due to a scheduling conflict.

8. The Cycling Ambassadors 2003 Summary Report

(15 Minutes)

Memorandum (August 29, 2003) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing a Year End Summary Report (April to August 2003) for the Cycling Ambassador Program, and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee receive the noted report for information and recognize the Road and Trail Safety Ambassadors.

9. 911 Calls to Park Areas

(10 Minutes)

Communication (September 2, 2003) from Mr. Clay McFayden, regarding the routing of emergency services vehicles, as a result of a 911 call, to injured cyclists/pedestrians within City parks.

10. Opening of the Bayview Area BMX Track

(5 Minutes)

Communication (August 26, 2003) from Mr. Clay McFayden, advising that Toronto's first BMX Track will be opening on September 13, 2003 behind the Bayview Arena at 3230 Bayview Avenue.

11. Bikeway Network Information System (BNIS) – Project Update (5 Minutes)

Communication (September 12, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that staff is currently evaluating the results of two surveys conducted during the month of August:

- 1) a short general survey contained in a brochure available on the internet and at libraries and bike shops throughout the city; and
- 2) a detailed assessment of volunteers navigating the test area using a prescribed route; and

further advising that staff plan to present preliminary results of the surveys at the October 1, 2003 Roads and Trails Subcommittee; and that the results of the entire BNIS Phase 1 will be presented to the Toronto Cycling Committee near the end of this year.

12. Use of Cobblestone for Walkways, Paths and Roads

(10 Minutes)

Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, has requested that the issue of using cobblestone pavers in the construction of walkways, paths and roads, be examined by committee with regard to the potential safety hazard that they create for cyclists and pedestrians.

Attached to the agenda is an article (August 12, 2003) from the Toronto Star headed, "Lakeside to reflect elegance of Paris".

13. Ramp Hazard at 278 King Street East

(5 Minutes)

Communication (August 27, 2003) from Mr. Bill Eadie, advising that a new asphalt ramp has been installed at on the north side of 278 King Street East, which leads to the parking lot, and is a hazard to cyclists; and requesting the appropriate City staff to investigate the matter.

14. Subcommittee Minutes

(15 Minutes)

- (i) Road and Trail Subcommittee dated June 18, 2003;
- (ii) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee dated July 17, 2003; and
- (iii) Education and Safety Subcommittee dated July 21, 2003.

15. Report from Working Groups

(5 Minutes)

16. Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee will be held on:

Monday, November 17, 2003 7:00 p.m. Committee Room No. 2 Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West

The noted meeting is being held in order to consider the following items:

- (a) Nomination Process;
- (b) Bike Plan Progress Report; and
- (c) Budget Approval Process.