

December 4, 2003

To: Planning and Transportation Committee

From: City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee

Subject: 2004 Budget Allocations

**Recommendation:**

**It is recommended that the following Resolution No. (2) be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration:**

**Resolution No. (2)**

**WHEREAS the City of Toronto Official Plan envisions and encourages cycling as an alternative mode of transportation, in order to reduce dependency on the use of automobiles and improve air quality; and**

**WHEREAS the Toronto Bike Plan outlines a plan to expand the cycling infrastructure within the city in order to increase the number of trips taken by bicycles; and**

**WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments are open to a new urban agenda and possible funding of municipal infrastructure;**

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, in its negotiations with the federal and provincial governments, request that a percentage of the infrastructure and transit funds be dedicated to the relevant Toronto Bike Plan budgets in order to complete the Bike Plan within its ten year time frame.**

**Background:**

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on Monday, November 17, 2003 had before it the following outline (November 17, 2003) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that the 2004 Works and Emergency Services – Transportation Services, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Cycling Infrastructure Capital Budget Submission, contained a total funding amount of \$1 million, distributed as follows:

Bicycle Parking	-	\$200,000
Bicycle Lockers	-	30,000
Bicycle Lanes	-	390,000
Eglinton West Path	-	150,000
Bicycle Routes	-	100,000
Bicycle Map	-	50,000
Lower Bayview Study	-	0
Cycling Survey	-	40,000
Bicycle Detection Pilot	-	40,000
TOTAL	-	\$1,000,000

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it the following three Resolutions from Mr. Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee:

*Resolution No. (1)*

WHEREAS City Council at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, in adopting Clause No. 3 of Planning and Transportation Committee Report No. 8, approved in principle the report headed "Strategic Plan for Cycling in Toronto: The 'Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears'"; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Bike Plan projected that \$1.2 million would be required to be budgeted in the 2004 Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget, in order to complete the Toronto Bike Plan, within the stated 10 year time frame;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Economic Development and Parks Committee to recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that \$1.2 million be allocated in the 2004 Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget for the infrastructure requirements, as stated in the Toronto Bike Plan.

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, in its negotiations with the federal and provincial governments, request that a percentage of the infrastructure and transit funds be dedicated to the relevant Toronto Bike Plan budgets in order to complete the Bike Plan within its ten year time frame.

*Resolution No. (3)*

WHEREAS City Council at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, in adopting Clause No. 3 of Planning and Transportation Committee Report No. 8, approved in principle the report headed “Strategic Plan for Cycling in Toronto: The ‘Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears’”; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Bike Plan projected that \$3 million would be required to be budgeted in the 2004 Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget, in order to complete the Toronto Bike Plan, within the stated 10 year time frame; and

WHEREAS additional staff would be required to implement the Bikeway Network portion of the Toronto Bike Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Works Committee to recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that \$3 million be allocated in the 2004 Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget for the infrastructure requirements, as stated in the Toronto Bike Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT additional staff be provided, in order to implement the Bikeway Network portion of the Toronto Bike Plan.”

The Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the outline (November 17, 2003) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, be received;
- (2) Resolution No. (1) be forwarded to the Economic Development and Parks Committee for consideration;
- (3) Resolution No. (2) be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration; and
- (4) Resolution No. (3) be forwarded to the Works Committee for consideration.

Ulli S. Watkiss  
City Clerk

Item No. 8.3(1)

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism  
Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services  
Commissioner of Urban Development Services  
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure