

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)

Meeting No. 2

Monday, March 22, 2004

The Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) met on Monday, March 22, 2004, Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Adam Giambrone, Co-Chair
Councillor Olivia Chow
Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair
Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair
Ole D. Calderone
Steve Crossman
Adrian Currie
Peter Fraser
Liane Gillies
Ron Hart
Martin Koob
Crawford Murphy
Rick Nelson
John A. Sherk
Nancy Smith-Lea
Ian Wheal

Others Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning
Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Services
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Services

Nina Koskenoja in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, held on February 23, 2004, were

confirmed.

2.1 Appointment of Councillor Adam Giambrone

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that City Council at its meeting held on March 1, 2, 3 and 4, 2004 appointed Councillor Adam Giambrone to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

Councillor Olivia Chow introduced Councillor Giambrone to the Toronto Cycling Committee and thanked the committee for their dedication and hard work on behalf of the City, and wished the committee continued success.

Councillor Giambrone thanked Councillor Chow for the introduction and advised that he is looking forward to working with the committee.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the communication (March 12, 2004) from the City Clerk.

Councillor Adam Giambrone in the Chair.

2.2 Status of the 2004 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works & Emergency Services, Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks & Recreation Planner, Parks & Recreation Planning, Policy & Development, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism and Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, gave a verbal update to the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the 2004 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee, for information and discussion purposes only, also had before it a communication (March 22, 2004) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works & Emergency Services, Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks & Recreation Planner, Parks & Recreation Planning, Policy & Development, Economic Development, Culture

& Toursim, regarding the 2004 Cycling Infrastructure – Preliminary Bikeway Network Projects and the 2004 Trail Projects.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that that the Budget Advisory Committee request the Commissioner, Urban Development Services, the Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism and the Commissioner, Works & Emergency Services, to prepare a joint report detailing the human resources needed to implement the Toronto Bike Plan through the Operating Budget and report to the June 14, 2004 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Budget Advisory Committee, c: Commissioner, Urban Development Services, Commissioner, Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, Commissioner, Works & Emergency Services, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Parks & Recreation Planner, Policy & Development and Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, March 23, 2004)

2.3 Toronto Cycling Committee Nominating Subcommittee Update

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a verbal update from the Committee Secretary and the Bicycle Safety Planner, regarding the work being undertaken by the Toronto Cycling Committee Nominating Subcommittee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee Nominating Subcommittee had scheduled the following three meetings:

- (1) Tuesday, March 23, 2004, 5:30 p.m., to review applications received and create short list for interviews;
- (2) Tuesday, March 30, 2004, 6:00 p.m., to conduct interviews; and
- (3) Tuesday, April 13, 2004, to complete interviews and prepare a slate of

nominees for consideration by the Works Committee at its meeting to be held on April 28, 2004.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the verbal presentation from the Committee Secretary and the Bicycle Safety Planner.

2.4 Parks Signage Committee

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a verbal presentation from Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks & Recreation Planner, Policy & Development, regarding the work being undertaken by the Parks Signage Committee.

On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the verbal presentation from Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks & Recreation Planner, Policy & Development.

2.5 Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Roundtables and Other Bodies

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 1, 2004) from the City Clerk, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on Monday, February 23, 2004 had before it a communication (February 5, 2004) from the City Clerk headed "Sub-Committees, Advisory Committees, Roundtables and Other Bodies"; advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee has been re-established for the new term of Council, and will now report to the Works Committee; and reporting that the Toronto Cycling Committee deferred consideration of the communication (February 5, 2004) from the City Clerk to the next meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee scheduled for Monday, March 22, 2004.

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the communication (March 1, 2004) from the City Clerk.

2.6 Routing of Emergency Vehicles within City Parks

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 4, 2004) from Mr. Bruce K. Farr, Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, responding to the request from the Toronto Cycling Committee for further information regarding the routing of emergency vehicles within City Parks; and, through his staff, verbally informing the Committee Secretary that he will make a

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presentation at the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2004.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the communication (March 4, 2004, 2004) from Mr. Bruce K. Farr, Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services and that a presentation from Mr. Farr be arranged for the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting to be held on May 17, 2004.

(Sent To: Mr. Bruce K. Farr, Chief and General Manager, Toronto Emergency Medical Services
c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure and City Clerk's Agenda File, March 29, 2004)

2.7 Sidewalk Cycling

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 2004) from the Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that in the spring 2002 there was discussion at both the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and the Toronto Cycling Committee on strategies for reducing the incidence of sidewalk cycling; and seeking confirmation that the Toronto Cycling Committee is still of the opinion that the fine should be harmonized.

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (March 12, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, be received.

The Toronto Cycling Committee reports having requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Committee to report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee once the Toronto Pedestrian Committee has also considered the issue, and such report to include, but not be limited to, information regarding the following matters:

- (a) rationale for harmonizing the fines throughout the City of Toronto;
- (b) address the different issues between the downtown core and the surrounding suburbs;

- (c) taking into account the different types of streets and the varying speed limits;
- (d) feasibility of having different fine structure dependant upon the nature of the offence, such as:
 - (i) riding on the sidewalk;
 - (ii) riding on the sidewalk and endangering pedestrians; and
 - (iii) riding on the sidewalk adjacent to a bicycle lane;
- (e) list and comparison of other fines, either through City by-laws or the Highway Traffic Act, for offences such as, crossing streets in mid-block, rollerblading, etc.;
- (f) feasibility of including a component in the fine structure that would take into account the age limit of the individual
- (g) suggested level(s) of the fine for sidewalk cycling; and
- (h) feasibility/need of holding a joint meeting with the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling
Infrastructure, March 29, 2004)

2.8 Don Valley/Rosedale Valley Paths

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 26, 2004) from Mr. John Schoales requesting a cycling/recreational trail along the Don River to the route along Rosedale Valley Road.

On Motion by Mr. Currie, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the received the communication (February 26, 2004) from Mr. John Schoales and requested TCC support staff to prepare a response and forward the same to Mr. John Schoales.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling
Infrastructure, March 29, 2004)

2.9 15th Annual Group Commute and Free Pancake Breakfast

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 10, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising that he will require the assistance of the Committee in executing this year's event; specifically, assistance distributing the free Bike Week T-shirts to the Group Commute participants at Yonge and Bloor; the co-chairs should be prepared to attend the event and receive the Mayor's proclamation; and committee members to assist in the preparations at Nathan Phillips

Square, including the breakfast set up and the distribution of food.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the communication (March 10, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator and requested members, who are able to offer assistance, to contact the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Coordinator c:
Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
March 29, 2004)

2.10 Subcommittee Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following Subcommittee Minutes:

- (a) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee, Thursday, February 19, 2004;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee, Monday, March 1, 2004; and
- (c) Road and Trail Subcommittee, Wednesday, March 3, 2004.

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the minutes from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee meeting dated February 19, 2004, the Education and Safety Subcommittee meeting dated March 1, 2004 and the Road and Trail Subcommittee meeting dated March 3, 2004.

2.11 Future Subcommittee Meetings

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised of the following future meetings of the Toronto Cycling Committee Subcommittees had been scheduled:

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- (a) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee, Thursday, March 25, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 4, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee, Monday, March 29, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West; and
- (c) Road and Trails Subcommittee, Wednesday, March 31, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

2.12 Work Group Report

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised that there were no Work Group reports to be presented at this time.

2.13 Leave of Absence – Mr. Alan Stokell

The Toronto Cycling Committee was advised by Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, that Mr. Alan Stokell has taken a leave of absence from the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the update from Ms. Nina Koskenoja regarding the leave of absence of Mr. Alan Stokell.

(Sent To: Mr. Alan Stokell c: Manager,
Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, March 29,
2004)

2.14 Bremner Boulevard Extension, Intersection Modification and Bridge Rehabilitation – Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Study Commencement

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 8, 2004) from Ms. Helen Noehammer, Acting Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, Works & Emergency Services, advising that Transportation Services Division of the City of Toronto has initiated an Environmental Assessment Study for the Bremner Boulevard extension from Bathurst Street to the future extension of Portland Street and the resulting intersection and structural modifications at its intersection with Bathurst Street/Fort York Boulevard; and requesting comments from the Toronto Cycling Committee on how this project may impact the Toronto Cycling Committee's facilities or programs.

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On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that:

- (1) the Fax Back Form, appended to the communication (March 8, 2004) from Ms. Helen Noehammer, Acting Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, be completed and returned; and
- (2) Mr. Ole D. Calderone and Mr. J. Richard Nelson be appointed the Toronto Cycling Committee representatives and attend any future meetings on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Ms. Helen Noehammer, Acting Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Transportation Services, Mr. Ole D. Calderone, Mr. Crawford Murphy and Mr. J. Richard Nelson, c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, March 29, 2004)

2.15 St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class EA Study – Phase 2 – Community Workshop No. 2

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 2004) from Ms. Joanna Musters, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Urban Development Services, extending an invitation for up to 3 representatives of the Toronto Cycling Committee to participate in the upcoming community workshop on the evaluation of alternative solutions as part of Phase 2 of the study.

The community workshop has been scheduled as follows:

Tuesday, March 30, 2004

6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (please arrive at 5:45 p.m. for registration)

Holy Rosary – Parish Centre

356 St. Clair Avenue West (near Bathurst Street)

On Motion by Mr. Shrek, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that Mr. Steve Crossman, Mr. Ian Wheal and Mr. Crawford Murphy attend the workshop on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

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(Sent To: Mr. Steve Crossman, Mr. Ian Wheal,
Mr. Crawford Murphy and Ms. Joanna Musters
Program Manager, Transportation Planning c:
Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
March 1, 2004)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Co-Chair