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Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)

Meeting No. 3

Monday, April 19, 2004

The Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) met on Monday, April 19, 2004, Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Adam Giambrone, Co-Chair
Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair
Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair
Chris Benjamin
Ole D. Calderone
Steve Crossman
Adrian Currie
Peter Fraser
Ron Hart
Martin Koob
Crawford Murphy
Martin Reis
John A. Sherk
Ian Wheal

Others Present:

Constable Steve Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
Sergeant Devin Kealey, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning
Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning

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 March 22, 2004, were confirmed.

3.1 2004 Cycle Right Campaign

Sergeant Devin Kealey and Constable Steve Burns, Traffic Services – Traffic Programs, Toronto Police Service, appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee and made a presentation regarding the 2004 Cycle Right Campaign scheduled for June 7 to 20, 2004.

As part of their presentation, the following documents were distributed:

- (a) Brochure headed “You and Your Bicycle”; and
- (b) Toronto Police Service Traffic Fatalities Statistics for the years 2000 to 2003 inclusive.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (April 12, 2004) from Mr. Martin Koob, TCC Member and Representative, Toronto Bicycling Network, providing comments regarding the focus of the 2004 Cycle Right Campaign.

Sergeant Devin Kealey and Constable Steve Burns also advised the Toronto Cycling Committee that they will appear before the committee at its meeting scheduled for Monday, July 12, 2004, in order to provide an update on the 2004 Cycle Right Campaign.

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

- (1) the presentation from Sergeant Devin Kealey and Constable Steve Burns, and the communication (April 12, 2004) from Mr. Martin Koob, be received with thanks; and
- (2) Sergeant Devin Kealey and Constable Steve Burns be invited to attend the July 12, 2004 meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, in order that they may provide an update on the results of the 2004 Cycle Right Campaign.

(Sent To: Superintendent Stephen Grant, Traffic Services, Toronto Police c: Sergeant Devin Kealey and Constable Steve Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, April 22, 2004)

3.2 St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class EA Study

Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee and provided a verbal update regarding the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment.

Ms. Musters also distributed a copy of the Neighbourhood Update Newsletter (No. 2, March 2004).

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the verbal update from Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, regarding the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class EA Study, be received with thanks.

(Sent To: Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, April 22, 2004)

3.3 Letter from Mr. George A. Anthony RE: Winter Maintenance of the Waterfront Trail running through Colonel Samuel Smith Park and Extension of Cycling Path along Lake Shore Boulevard

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 14, 2004) from Mr. George A. Anthony, requesting that the City of Toronto provide winter maintenance of the waterfront trail, which runs through Colonel Samuel Smith Park; and also requesting the City of Toronto to consider extending the cycling path along

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Lake Shore Boulevard

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a further communication (April 15, 2004) from Mr. George A. Anthony, addressed to Councillor Mark Grimes, regarding:

- (i) Winter maintenance of the Waterfront Trail running through Colonel Samuel Smith Park; and
- (ii) the extension of the cycling path along Lake Shore Boulevard.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that TCC Support Staff be requested to prepare and forward a response to Mr. George A. Anthony.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling
Infrastructure and Parks & Recreation Planner,
Policy & Development c: Councillor Mark Grimes,
April 22, 2004)

3.4 Bike Week at High Park and 1st Annual High Park Classic Bicycle Race

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 25, 2004) from Mr. Ole D. Calderone, Co-Chair, Communications and Promotions Subcommittee, forwarding the following motion, as considered by the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee at its meeting held on March 25, 2004:

“The Communications and Promotions Subcommittee is asking for volunteers from TCC and elsewhere to assist with marshalling at a professional cycling race planned for Bike Week at High Park on the morning of Sunday May 30th. Volunteers should contact Sean Wheldrake (416 392-7592) to notify him of their intent to assist with the event or if they need further details.”

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (April 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, requesting the assistance of the Toronto Cycling Committee in executing the new Bike Week event; and further advising that this year Bike Week has partnered with Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, McBride’s Powersports and Jet Fuel Racing to organize a professional bicycle race through the southern portion of High Park on May 30, 2004, 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. (three races are scheduled to take place).

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that:

- (1) the communication (March 25, 2004) from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee and the communication (April 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, be received; and
- (2) TCC members, who are able to provide assistance or know of other persons who would be able to volunteer, to contact the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator,
Transportation Planning c: Manager, Pedestrian and
Cycling Infrastructure, April 22, 2004)

3.5 Community Bicycle Festivals

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, advising that the City of Toronto is planning to hold four Community Bicycle Festivals. The festivals will inform the public about the Toronto Bike Plan and the proposed Bikeway Network, while gaining feedback about Toronto cycling initiatives.

On Motion by Mr. Sherk, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (March 1, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, be received.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator,
Transportation Planning c: Manager, Pedestrian and
Cycling Infrastructure, April 22, 2004)

3.6 Cycling on Sidewalks

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 15, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, providing responses to the questions raised by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on March 22, 2004, regarding Cycling on Sidewalks.

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

- (1) the communication (April 15, 2004) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, be received; and
- (2) the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee concurs with the position taken by the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, which is, that the level of fine for sidewalk cycling by bicycles with wheels greater than 24 inches in size, be set at \$50.00.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, April 22, 2004)

3.7 Joint Meeting of Existing TCC Members and the New TCC Members

The Toronto Cycling Committee held a discussion regarding the feasibility of having the June 14, 2004 Toronto Cycling Committee meeting host a joint meeting/workshop between the current TCC members and the newly appointed TCC members.

The joint meeting would be held in order to discuss such issues as past experiences and thoughts from existing TCC members, ideas for improvement of committee structure/work undertaken, expectations/directions the committee should take in the future, etc.

The Toronto Cycling Committee requested:

- (1) TCC members to submit their suggestions to the Committee Secretary; and

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- (2) Councillor Giambrone, the Co-Chairs and TCC Support Staff, at the TCC Agenda meeting, to review the suggestions received and prepare a report for presentation at the next meeting of the TCC scheduled for Monday, May 17, 2004.

(Sent Electronically To: TCC Members, TCC Support Staff and City Clerk's Agenda File, April 21, 2004.)

3.8 Toronto Cycling Committee Subcommittee Minutes

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

- (a) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee dated March 25, 2004;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee dated March 29, 2004; and
- (c) Road and Trail Subcommittee dated March 31, 2004.

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee meeting dated March 25, 2004, the Education and Safety Subcommittee meeting dated March 29, 2004 and the Road and Trail Subcommittee meeting dated March 31, 2004, be received.

3.9 Upcoming Toronto Cycling Committee 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, April 22, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 3, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee, Monday, April 26, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 3, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West; and
- (c) Road and Trail Subcommittee, Wednesday, April 28, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

3.10 Work Group Report

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

3.11 May 25, 2004 Event Sign Up List for Toronto Cycling Committee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, providing an Event Task Sign Up List for Toronto Cycling Committee members.

The Sign Up List was circulated amongst the members, and those interested were requested to sign the same.

3.12 Bremner Boulevard Extension – Intersection Modification and Bridge Rehabilitation – Notice of Public Meeting and Open House

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (undated) from Ms. Judy Tse, Transportation Services, Works & Emergency Services, advising that the first Public Meeting and Open House for the Bremner Boulevard Extension – Intersection Modification and Bridge Rehabilitation, will be held on the following date, time and location:

Date: April 29, 2004
Time: Open House 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Presentation 7:00 p.m.

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Location: The Blue Barracks, Historic Fort York
100 Garrison Road

Fort York is located on Garrison Road off Fleet Street (between Bathurst Street and Strachan Avenue.)

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (undated) from Ms. Judy Tse, Transportation Services, Works & Emergency Services, be received.

3.13 Toronto Bikes Cycling Guide

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 19, 2004) from the Bicycle Safety Planner, advising that the Bicycle Safety Partnership is working to publish the first annual Toronto Bikes Cycling Guide as a special perspectives section in the Thursday May 20th edition of the Toronto Star. This initiative will allow the city to encourage cycling and safety on an unprecedented scale and to provide a marketplace for cycling enthusiasts and retailers.

On Motion by Mr. Reis, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that:

- (1) the communication (April 19, 2004) from the Bicycle Safety Planner, be received; and
- (2) the noted communication be forwarded to the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee and the Road and Trail Subcommittee for review and provide any comments they may have directly to the Bicycle Safety Planner.

(Sent To: Bicycle Safety Planner, Manager,
Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure and Bicycle
Promotions Co-ordinator, April 22, 2004)

3.14 Comments from Mr. Stephen Fisher

Mr. Stephen Fisher advised that this was his last meeting as the presiding Chair of the

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Toronto Cycling Committee.

Mr. Fisher thanked the members for their support during his two terms on the committee and wished the Toronto Cycling Committee continued success on their future endeavours.

The members of the Toronto Cycling Committee thanked Mr. Stephen Fisher for his work with the committee and extended a round of applause to him.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Co-Chair