

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)**

**Meeting No. 4**

**Monday, May 17, 2004**

The Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) met on Monday, May 17, 2004, Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

**Members Present:**

Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair  
Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair  
Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair  
Ole D. Calderone  
Rick Conroy  
Steve Crossman  
Peter Fraser  
Ron Hart  
Martin Koob  
Crawford Murphy  
Rick Nelson  
John A. Sherk  
Ian Wheal

**Others Present:**

Councillor Olivia Chow  
Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit  
Ric Rangel-Bron, Senior EMS Planner, Toronto Emergency Medical Services  
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning  
Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning  
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning

Councillor Adam Giambrone in the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, held on April 19, 2004, were confirmed.

#### **4.1 Toronto Emergency Services Medical Calls to Parks Areas**

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a presentation from Mr. Ric Rangel-Bron, Senior EMS Planner, Program Development, Toronto Emergency Medical Services, regarding response times to emergency calls within the City's parkland system, and introducing the concept of a Geo-Location Safety Post System.

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 communication (September 29, 2003) from the City Clerk, which advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on September 22, 2003 had before it a communication (September 2, 2003) from Mr. Clay McFayden, regarding the routing of emergency service vehicles, as a result of a 911 call, to injured cyclists/pedestrians within City parks.

On a motion by Mr. Fraser, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Economic Development & Parks Committee:

- (1) be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee supports the Geo-Location Safety Post System; and
- (2) request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, in consultation with the Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services, Emergency Medical Services staff and the Parks Sign Committee, to report back to the Economic Development & Parks Committee on the feasibility of developing a plan to provide route geo-location identification and a signage system in the City's parkland system, in order for Emergency Services vehicles to respond to emergency calls in a timely manner.

(Sent To: Economic Development and Parks Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture & Tourism, Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services, EMS Chief/General Manager, Emergency Medical

Services, Works & Emergency Services, Manager, Program Development, Emergency Medical Services, Works & Emergency Services, Mr. Ric Rangel-Bron, Senior EMS Planner, Program Development, Emergency Medical Services, Works & Emergency Services, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, May 19, 2004)

#### **4.2 Safety Measures Arising Out of the Death of a Cyclist**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 13, 2004) from Councillor Olivia Chow, regarding the recent death of a cyclist at the intersection of Dundas Street West and Dupont Street, and recommending two changes that may prevent further deaths of cyclists.

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

- (1) request the Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services to report to the Works Committee in the Fall 2004 on:
  - (a) an examination of the intersection of Dundas Street West, Dupont Street and Annette Street, to determine how the area can be made safer for cyclists, including the feasibility of reducing the number of traffic lanes to accommodate bicycle lanes on Dupont Street, as recommended in the Toronto Bike Plan; and
  - (b) the feasibility of establishing a safe bridge crossing and underpass (by dividing the sidewalk between pedestrians and cyclists) at the following two locations:
    - (i) Dundas Street West and Dupont Street; and
    - (ii) Bathurst Street, between Front Street and Lake Shore Boulevard West; and

- (2) request City Council to request the Federal Minister of Transport to implement the recommendations from the Coroner's Report on Cycling Fatalities regarding mandatory side-guards for trucks.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Olivia Chow, Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Commissioner, Works & Emergency Services, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, May 19, 2004)

#### **4.3 Road Reconstruction Protocol and 2004 Road Reconstruction Projects**

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on May 17, 2004, had before it the attached two communications:

- (1) (May 5, 2004) from Ms. Anne Hansen, regarding the dangerous circumstances faced by cyclists throughout the reconstruction of the College Street streetcar tracks; and
- (2) (May 13, 2004) from Mr. Martin Koob, TCC member, regarding the Road Reconstruction Protocol and 2004 Road Reconstruction Projects.

On motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Works Committee request the Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services to:

- (1) review the feasibility of placing temporary inserts on streetcar tracks, in order to make the streetcar tracks safer for cyclists to cross during construction; and
- (2) review possible changes to the signs posted at major road reconstruction zones, in order that cyclist and motorists can share the road.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also reports having requested TCC support staff to provide the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting to be held on July 12, 2004,

the current list of Toronto Bike Plan related 2004 Capital Projects and the Preliminary List for 2005.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Commissioner of Works & Emergency Services, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, May 19, 2004)

#### **4.4 City of Toronto, Community Bicycle Network (CBN) Courier Classic at Trinity Bellwoods Park**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 4, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, advising that Bike Week has partnered with The Bike Joint and Community Bicycle Network (CBN) to present a Bike Week event at Trinity Bellwoods Park; advising that the event will consist of heat races scheduled to take place in the afternoon; and that the goal of the event is to host an accessible bicycle event to support local community programs in Toronto

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (May 4, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, be received.

#### **4.5 Don Valley Corridor Transportation Plan**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 29, 2004) from Mr. Ron Hart, Co-Chair, Road and Trail Subcommittee, advising that the Road and Trail Subcommittee at its meeting held on April 28, 2004, adopted the following motion:

“The Toronto Cycling Committee request that Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Urban Development Services, inform the Toronto Cycling Committee on how the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan Study will affect the proposed Bikeway Network, specifically, but not exclusively, the Bayview Extension, and the Finch Hydro Corridor.”

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a copy of Newsletter No. 3 (April

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2004) from Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Urban Development Services, providing an update on the work completed to-date and advising of the next steps.

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to:

- (1) incorporate references contained in the Toronto Bike Plan in the preparation of the staff report regarding the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Plan; and
- (2) consult with the Co-Chairs of the Toronto Cycling Committee on a plan to ensure future cycling needs are met and report to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Urban Development Services c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Ms. Joanna Musters, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, May 19, 2004)

#### **4.6 2004 Cycling Ambassadors Program**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 4, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, advising that the Cycling Ambassador Program for 2004 will have 10 staff; that the program will start on Monday, May 10, 2004; and that the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator will provide an overview of the 2004 Cycling Ambassador Program to committee.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (May 4, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, be received.

#### **4.7 Letter of Resignation – Mr. Donald Jantz**

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The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 22, 2004) from Mr. Donald Jantz, submitting his letter of resignation from the Toronto Cycling Committee, and advising that he very much enjoyed working with the other members and continues to believe in the importance of the work being done by the committee.

On Motion by Mr. Murphy, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (April 22, 2004) from Mr. Donald Jantz, be received.

#### **4.8 Format for the June 14, 2004 Toronto Cycling Committee Meeting**

The Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on April 19, 2004 requested TCC Members to submit their suggestions regarding the set-up/format of a joint meeting between the current TCC members and the newly appointed TCC members.

The Toronto Cycling Committee held a general discussion on the subject, and at its conclusion, directed Councillor Adam Giambrone and TCC support staff, to take into account the suggestions made and prepare an agenda for the June 14, 2004 TCC meeting at the next TCC Agenda Briefing meeting.

#### **4.9 Toronto Cycling Committee Subcommittee Minutes**

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

- (a) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee dated April 22, 2004;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee dated April 26, 2004; and
- (c) Road and Trail Subcommittee dated April 28, 2004.

On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee meeting dated April 22, 2004, the Education and Safety Subcommittee meeting dated April 26, 2004 and the Road and Trail Subcommittee meeting dated April 28, 2004, be received.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee also reports having requested TCC support staff to report to the July 12, 2004 Toronto Cycling Committee meeting with regarding the Canadian National Leaside Branch lands and the Canadian Pacific P. S. Lead lands.

(Sent To: Mr. Alex Shevchuk, Parks and Recreation Planner, Policy and Development c: Manager, Pedestrian & Cycling Infrastructure, June 4, 2004)

#### **4.10 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:

- (a) Communications and Promotions Subcommittee, Thursday, May 17, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee, Monday, May 31, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 3, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West; and
- (c) Road and Trail Subcommittee, Wednesday, June 2, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 4, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

#### **4.11 Work Group Report**

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

#### **4.12 Announcements/Items for Information**

- (a) *Cosburn Avenue Bicycle Lanes Open House*

Mr. Daniel Egan announced the Cosburn Avenue Bicycle Lanes Open House, which will be held on Wednesday, May 26, 2004, 5:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., at The Foyer of the East York Civic Centre, 850 Coxwell Avenue. Mr. Egan further advised that a copy of the invitation would be forwarded to TCC



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Members by electronic mail.

(b) *Bicycle Friendly Business Awards 2004*

Mr. Sean Wheldrake distributed the Bicycle Friendly Business Awards 2004 Information Brochure and Nomination Form to TCC Members and the public.

(c) *Bike Week 2004 Information Brochure*

Mr. Sean Wheldrake distributed public the Bike Week 2004 Information Brochure to TCC Members and the public, which highlights the events and activities, which will take place from May 24, 2004 to June 6, 2004.

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

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Chair