

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)

Meeting 8

Monday, October 18, 2004

The Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) met on Monday, October 18, 2004, Committee Room No. 1, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	Member of Toronto City Council
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	Citizen Member
Dr. Judy Adler	Citizen Member
Craig Barnes	Citizen Member
Pino Di Mascio	Citizen Member
Nancy Grieveson	Citizen Member
Martin Koob	Toronto Bicycling Network
Justin Lafontaine	Citizen Member
Clay McFayden	Citizen Member
Jennifer McMartin	Citizen Member
Crawford Murphy	Toronto Catholic District School Board
J. Richard Nelson	Toronto Pedestrian Committee
Brigitte Nowak	Citizen Member
Michael Paulin	Citizen Member
Nikki Rendle	Citizen Member
John A. Sherk	Toronto District School Board
Levi Waldron	Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC)
Stephen Ward	Citizen Member

Regrets:

Steve Crossman	Citizen Member
Daya Lye, Co-Chair	Citizen Member
Brent Marshall	Community Bicycle Network
Rob Rogers	Citizen Member

Others Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning
Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning
Andrew Wood, Alternate Citizen Member

Councillor Adam Giambrone in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, held on September 20, 2004, were confirmed.

8.1 Cycling on Public Sidewalks – Ward 41 – Scarborough-Rouge River

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a memorandum (May 28, 2004) from Councillor Bas Balkissoon (Scarborough Rouge-River, Ward 41), advising that he has been contacted by constituents concerned about the increase in cycling on public sidewalks.

Councillor Bas Balkissoon appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On motion by Ms. McMartin, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that:

- (1) the deputation from Councillor Bas Balkissoon, (Scarborough Rouge-River – Ward 41), be received with thanks; and
- (2) the memorandum (May 28, 2004) from Councillor Bas Balkissoon (Scarborough Rouge-River, Ward 41), be referred to the Safety Subcommittee for review and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Safety Subcommittee c: Councillor Bas Balkissoon (Scarborough Rouge-River, Ward 41), Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, WES and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, UDS, October 21, 2004)

8.2 2004 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (October 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, advising that on October 7, 2004, the City of Toronto announced the winners of the 2004 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards at a ceremony that took place in the Rotunda at Toronto City Hall.

On motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the report (October 7, 2004) from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator be received.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator,
Transportation Planning, City Planning, UDS c:
Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services, WES and, September 23,
2004)

8.3 Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk forwarding a copy of Policy and Finance Committee Report 7, Clause 34, headed "Simplified Procedures for Advisory Bodies".

The Committee Secretary made a verbal presentation regarding this matter.

On Motion by Mr. Lafontaine, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (October 4, 2004) from the City Clerk be received.

8.4 Information Dissemination

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a verbal presentation regarding Information

Dissemination from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator.

On Motion by Mr. Thomson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the presentation regarding Information Dissemination from the Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator be received and referred to the Promotions Subcommittee for review and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services and Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning, October 21, 2004)

8.5 Union Station

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 4, 2004) from Mr. Tim Laspa, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, advising that he will arrange for a presentation before the Toronto Cycling Committee, in early 2005, with representatives from Union Pearson Group (UPG), once the City of Toronto and UPG have entered into a Master Agreement for UPG to operate and maintain Union Station.

Mr. Laspa further advised that planning for the Union Station revitalization would then take place through 2005. During this time, it will be necessary to consider specific details of a variety of Station elements, including bicycle facilities.

On Motion by Mr. Paulin, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (October 4, 2004) from Mr. Tim Laspa, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, be received.

(Sent To: Mr. Tim Laspa, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, October 21, 2004)

8.6 St Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Environmental Assessment – Yonge Street to Gunns Road

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a copy of Policy and Finance Committee Report 7, Clause 1, recommendations, which were adopted, as amended, by City Council on September 28, 29, 30 and October 1, 2004.

On Motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Commissioner of Urban Development Services be requested to present to the Toronto Cycling Committee, the design alternatives, for the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvement Environmental Assessment – Yonge Street to Gunns Road project, when available.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Urban Development Services c: Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Urban Development Services, Ms. Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Urban Development Services and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, October 21, 2004)

8.7 Bicycle Racks on Toronto Transit Commission Buses

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 18, 2004) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 – Davenport, and Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, addressed to Mayor David Miller and the Commissioners, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, the following two recommendations have been presented for their consideration:

- “(1) That the TTC initiate a 12-month pilot of bike racks on buses. The pilot should include a minimum of four routes, to be determined in consultation with the Toronto Cycling Committee. Every bus on these routes shall be outfitted with

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a bike rack, and a small budget should be allocated to promote the pilot on the website, and at key outdoor locations, such as adjoining subway stations and bus shelters on the routes, and on the bike rack-equipped buses; and

- (2) That the TTC should meet with the TCC within one month to identify proposed routes, and develop a proposed budget and timeline for the November commission meeting. This group should meet monthly, and report back to the Commission on its progress at monthly intervals.”

On Motion by Ms. Grievson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the two recommendations contained in the communication (October 18, 2004) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 - Davenport, be endorsed and that Councillor Adam Giambrone be requested to present the proposal outlined in the noted communication to the Toronto Transit Commission.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair,
Toronto Cycling Committee c: Carmen Smith,
Special Assistant, Office of the Mayor and
Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure,
Transportation Services, September 23, 2004)

8.8 TCC Subcommittee and Working Group Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes from the TCC Subcommittees:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated September 23, 2004
- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated September 27, 2004
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated September 29, 2004
- (d) Transit and Cycling Working Group Minutes dated September 28, 2004

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On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated September 23, 2004, the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated September 27, 2004, the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated September 29, 2004, and the minutes of the Transit and Cycling Working Group dated September 28, 2004, be received.

8.9 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submission

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the Budget Working Group minutes dated October 4, 2004.

Each subcommittee, from their September meetings, forwarded their budget requests to the Budget Working Group for consideration.

Mr. Martin Koob, Chair, Budget Working Group, made a verbal presentation regarding the deliberations and recommendations presented as part of the October 4, 2004 Budget Working Group minutes.

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

- (1) the Works Committee be requested to consider the following recommendations from the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submissions:
 - (a) that the base budget for cycling infrastructure in the Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget be increased to \$2 million; and
 - (b) that the Works and Emergency Services Operating Budget be increased by an amount that would allow

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for the addition of 2 positions to the staff compliment of the Cycling Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit of Transportation Services, to allow the development of the bikeway network to proceed according to the timelines as set out in the Toronto Bike Plan;

- (2) the Economic Development and Parks Committee be requested to consider the following recommendations from the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submissions:
- (a) that \$1.5 million be budgeted in the Pathway Upgrades budget item in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Capital Budget, in order to enhance the bikeway network;
 - (b) that \$48,500.00 be budgeted in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Capital Budget, to allow for Bikeway Network Route Signs to be erected along the Don Trail, Humber Trail, Taylor Creek Trail and the Beltline Trail;
 - (c) that a staff position be created in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Operating Budget, to be responsible for planning Bikeway Network Trails in the Parks system and co-ordinating the work of the Parks and Recreation Department in implementing the Bikeway Network;
 - (d) that the Economic Development and Parks Committee request the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to prepare a report which identifies and consolidates all budget line items, in both the Capital and Current Budgets, that relate to cycling issues, such as pathway maintenance/upgrades, parks

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signage, trails, etc.; and that the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism also be requested to report on the feasibility of including all the cycling related issues as a single line item in the Capital and Current Budgets, to allow for easier tracking; and

- (e) that the Economic Development and Parks Committee be requested to consider increasing the resources allocated in the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Parks and Recreation Current Budget, for the delivery of the CAN-Bike program through the Parks and Recreation Department; and
- (3) the recommendations from the Budget Working Group regarding the Urban Development Services Toronto Cycling Committee 2005 Budget Submission, be referred back to the Budget Working Group and that the Budget Working Group forward their recommendations directly to Planning and Transportation Committee; and that the Budget Working Group take into account the comments and suggestions made by members of the Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (4) the Chair be requested to present the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget Submission to the Works Committee, the Planning and Transportation Committee and Economic Development and Parks Committee.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Works Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee and Economic Development and Parks Committee c: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Acting Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Urban Development Services, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City

Planning, Parks and Recreation Planner, Parks and Recreation Planning, Policy and Development and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, September 23, 2004)

8.10 Car-Free Day

Dr. Judy Adler gave a verbal update advising that the first meeting of the Car-Free Day Working Group had been held.

Dr. Adler further advised that discussions will be held regarding education/promotion, community events and street closures, and that she will provide future reports on any further developments.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the verbal update from Dr. Judy Adler regarding Car-Free Day Working Group be received with thanks.

The next meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee has been scheduled for:

Monday, November 15, 2004, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 1, Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Chair