

THE CITY OF TORONTO

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Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)

Meeting 9

Monday, November 15, 2004

The Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) met on Monday, November 15, 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
Nancy Grieveson	Citizen Member
Martin Koob	Toronto Bicycling Network
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)

Regrets:

Steve Crossman	Citizen Member
Pino Di Mascio	Citizen Member
Justin Lafontaine	Citizen Member
Daya Lye, Co-Chair	Citizen Member
Brent Marshall	Community Bicycle Network
Rob Rogers	Citizen Member

Others Present:

Stephen Burns, Traffic Services, Traffic Safety Programs, Toronto Police Service
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

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 October 18, 2004 were confirmed.

9.1 City of Toronto Corporate and City Council Structure

Councillor Adam Giambrone made a presentation regarding the City of Toronto Corporate and City Council structure and presented information regarding the role of City Council and the reporting structure of the Standing Committees.

On motion by Ms. McMartin, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the presentation from Councillor Adam Giambrone be received with thanks.

9.2 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following:

- (a) Communication (November 3, 2004) from the Committee Secretary, advising of the proposed 2005 City of Toronto Budget deliberation meeting schedule;
- (b) Budget Working Group Minutes dated October 26, 2004, including the draft transmittal letters, detailing the recommendations which were adopted by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting held on October 18, 2004, and will be sent to the Works Committee, the Planning and Transportation Committee and the Economic Development and Parks Committee; and
- (c) Communication (November 15, 2004) from the Parks and Recreation Planner, Policy and Development, Parks and Recreation, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism.

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

- (1) the Toronto Cycling Committee budget recommendations, as approved at its meeting held on October 18, 2004, be forwarded to the appropriate standing committees of City Council for their consideration; and
- (2) the following Recommendation 1, addressed to the Planning and Transportation Committee, be referred to the Councillor Adam Giambrone, the Chair of the Budget Working Group and TCC support staff, with a request that they review the recommendation, make any stylistic changes that they may deem appropriate and forward the recommendation to the Planning and Transportation Committee:

“(1) that \$60,000.00 be added to the Urban Development Services Cycling Programs budget for Cycling Safety Programs in order to develop and implement the Bike Bus Safety Program to provide education about safe cycling to children and youth, and to work towards the development of a Bike-to-School Program, as per Recommendation 7-2 of the Toronto Bike Plan; and”.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, Chair, Budget Working Group, TCC Support Staff, 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

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Services and Director, Transportation Planning,
City Planning, Urban Development Services,
November 19, 2004)

9.3 Eucan Bins

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it an extract from the Minutes of the Safety Subcommittee meeting dated September 27, 2004 forwarding the following recommendations regarding the pilot project to install 2,500 EcoMupi recycling/litter bins:

“The Safety Subcommittee recommends that the TCC consider the following recommendations:

- (a) That the TCC are opposed to the installation of the EcoMupi recycling/litter bins on streets and in parks due to the resulting visual pollution that will detract from the beauty of the city;
- (b) That the EcoMupi recycling/litter bins not be lit at night because drivers will be affected by the glare from the light and find it more difficult to see cyclists and pedestrians in the vicinity;
- (c) That EcoMupi recycling/litter bins be set back a minimum of 10 meters from the intersection in order to preserve sight lines to allow drivers to spot cyclists and pedestrians;
- (d) That EcoMupi recycling/litter bins, where possible be, set close to buildings, away from the curb; and
- (e) That other boxes currently situated at intersections (including postal boxes, newspaper boxes and silver boxes) be moved a distance of 10 meters from the intersection. Often these boxes present an impediment to cyclists by jutting out into the roadway. In addition, the placement of these boxes take up part of the escape route or space cushion that cyclists need in order to handle emergency situations, like being passed too closely by a passing motor vehicle. This space cushion is critically important at intersections, where low-speed handling of the bike requires more space and where the conflict between right turning motor vehicles and cyclists riding straight ahead are

highest.”

On Motion by Mr. Barnes, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the recommendations from the Safety Subcommittee be referred back to the Safety Subcommittee, with a request that the Safety Subcommittee take into account the suggestions and comments made by TCC members and report back to Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting to be held on January 17, 2005.

(Sent To: Safety Subcommittee, c: Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

9.4 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee and TCC Subcommittees Meeting Schedule

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 3, 2004) from the Committee Secretary, forwarding the proposed 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee and subcommittees meeting schedule.

On Motion by Ms. Grievson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee and subcommittees schedule be approved.

(Sent To: Toronto Cycling Committee Support Staff, November 19, 2004)

9.5 Subcommittee Minutes

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

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated October 20, 2004, and a report (November 2, 2004) from the Promotions Subcommittee headed “Focusing the TCC”:

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

- (i) the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated October 20, 2004 and the report (November 2, 2004) from the Promotions Subcommittee headed "Focusing the TCC", be received;

- (ii) the Promotions Subcommittee be requested to prepare a media event/launch to provide awareness of the Toronto Cycling Committee 2005 Budget Submissions; and

- (iii) as a follow-up to the report (November 2, 2004) from the Promotions Subcommittee headed "Focusing the TCC", and as a starting point to commence a discussion by TCC members, Councillor Adam Giambrone be requested to prepare a report detailing the function and priorities of the Toronto Cycling Committee and present the report to the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting to be held on January 17, 2005;

- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated October 25, 2004:

On Motion by Ms. McMartin, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated October 25, 2004 be received;

- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated October 27, 2004:

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated October 27, 2004 be received; and

- (d) Transit and Cycling Working Group Minutes dated October 14, 2004 and a communication (November 15, 2004) from Ms. Nikki Rendle, TCC Member, providing a copy of her presentation, which will be presented to the

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Toronto Transit Commission at its meeting to be held on November 17, 2004, regarding bike racks on TTC buses:

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

- (1) the minutes of the Transit and Cycling Working Group dated October 27, 2004 and the communication (November 15, 2004) from Ms. Nikki Rendle, be received; and
- (2) the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator be requested to provide background information to the Toronto Cycling Committee, at its meeting to be held on January 17, 2005, regarding background information on bike racks on TTC buses, and the feasibility of placing information regarding bike racks on TTC buses into the City of Toronto Bike Map.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Coordinator c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

9.6 Cycling on Sidewalks

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 2, 2004) from Ms. Susan Cuk, advising that her dog was injured by a cyclist on the sidewalk at the corner of Carlton Street and Jarvis Street.

On Motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (November 2, 2004) from Ms. Susan Cuk, be referred to the Safety Subcommittee for review and report back to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Safety Subcommittee c: Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, Urban

Development Services and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

9.7 Death of a Cyclist

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a Toronto Police Service News Release (October 28, 2004) advising that on Thursday, October 28, 2004 at approximately 6:15 a.m., a female cyclist was struck at the intersection of The Queensway and Southport Street.

On Motion by Mr. Waldron, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the issue regarding cycling fatalities be referred to the Promotions Subcommittee, and the subcommittee take into consideration the comments and suggestions made by TCC members and prepare recommendations for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Committee, establishing a protocol on how the TCC should deal with such occurrences.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

9.8 Bill 129, Highway Traffic Amendment Act, 2004 (Private Member's Bill)

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following:

- (a) Bill 129, which amends the *Highway Traffic Act* to make it an offence for any person to use a skateboard, a scooter, in-line skates or roller skates on a highway without wearing a helmet; and
- (b) Communication (November 11, 2004) from Velo Ontario Cycling Alliance,

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providing comments regarding Bill 129.

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

- (1) the Chair be requested to forward a letter to the Social Policy Committee, Province of Ontario, requesting that the Social Policy Committee consider holding public hearings on Bill 129; and
- (2) the Chair also be requested to prepare a position paper on Bill 129, and that the position paper be presented for discussion to the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting to be held on January 17, 2005.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone c: Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, Parks and Recreation Planning, Policy and Development, Parks and Recreation and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

9.9 Signs in Parks

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (November 14, 2004) from Ms. Helen Hansen, addressed to the Acting General Manager, Parks and Recreation, requesting information on when the City will be posting signs in parks.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the communication (November 14, 2004) from Ms. Helen Hansen be received.

(Sent To: Ms. Helen Hansen c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, November 19, 2004)

9.10 “Safety in Numbers” Redefines Road Safety

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it an article excerpt from Transportation Alternatives Magazine (Summer 2004), as presented by Mr. Craig Barnes, headed “Safety in Numbers Redefines Road Safety”.

On Motion by Mr. Barnes, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the article excerpt from Transportation Alternatives Magazine (Summer 2004) headed “Safety in Numbers Redefines Road Safety”, be received.

9.10 Road Safety Program Office – Discussion Paper – Power-Assisted Bicycles in Ontario

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a discussion paper (November 2004) from the Road Safety Program Office headed “Power-Assisted Bicycles in Ontario”.

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

- (1) TCC members be requested to forward their comments regarding the discussion paper (November 2004) from the Road Safety Program Office headed “Power-Assisted Bicycles in Ontario”, to the Safety Subcommittee; and
- (2) the Safety Subcommittee forward their recommendations to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Safety Subcommittee c: Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Works and Emergency Services, November 19, 2004)

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

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Monday, January 17, 2005, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room No. 1, Toronto City Hall,
100 Queen Street West

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Chair