

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting 2

Monday, February 14, 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, February 14, 2005, Committee Room No. 1, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

Attendance:

Members were present for some or all of the time period indicated.

	7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.
Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	x
Daya Lye, Co-Chair	
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	x
Dr. Judy Adler	
Craig Barnes	x
Derek Chadbourne	
Steve Crossman	x
Adrian Currie	
Pino Di Mascio	x
Nancy Grievesson	
Martin Koob (Owen Rogers)	x
Justin Lafontaine	x
Clay McFayden	x
Jennifer McMartin	
Crawford Murphy	x
J. Richard Nelson	
Brigitte Nowak	x
Michael Paulin	x
Nikki Rendle	x
Rob Rogers	
John A. Sherk	x
Stephen Ward	

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Others Present:

Constable Stephen Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
David Dunn, Engineer/Co-ordinator, 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. Paulin, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on January 17, 2005, were confirmed.

2.1 Bike Week 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a verbal presentation from Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, regarding Bike Week 2005, and provided information regarding past Bike Week activities.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it the following:

- (a) communication (February 2, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services, providing information on the Bike Week activities for 2004, which are part of the Toronto Bike Plan and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee receive the report for information; and
- (b) communication (February 2, 2005) from Councillor Paula Fletcher, requesting that the Dundas Street West/Cosburn Bike Lanes be considered as a route for this year's Bike Week/Bike to Work Day event.

On Motion by Mr. Barnes, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended to the Planning and Transportation Committee that:

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- (1) Dundas Street East be added as an official starting point for the 2005 Bike Week Annual Group Commute and that Toronto Cycling Committee Support staff be directed to consult with Councillor Fletcher to determine the exact location on Dundas Street East to commence the Annual Group Commute, in order to arrive at Toronto City Hall by 8:30 a.m.; and
- (2) the following three recommendations, as contained in the Promotions Subcommittee minutes (December 1, 2004) and as approved by the Toronto Cycling Committee on January 17, 2005, regarding Bike Week 2005, be adopted:
 - (a) on May 30, 2005, the Toronto Cycling Committee Group Commute will continue as it has in the past with 3 start points converging at Yonge Street and Bloor Street. The start points will be: Bloor Street and High Park, Yonge Street and Lawrence Avenue, and Danforth Avenue and Woodbine Avenue. Once the rides converge at Yonge Street and Bloor Street, the whole group will ride together to the free breakfast at Nathan Philips Square;
 - (b) the Toronto Cycling Committee request BUGS and community groups to organize 'feeder routes' with additional start points to those organized by the Toronto Cycling Committee. These 'feeder routes' are encouraged to time their rides so as to link up with the Toronto Cycling Committee rides (likely along Yonge Street, south of Bloor Street). 'Feeder Routes' will be a new component of the Bike Week calendar of events; and
 - (c) the Toronto Cycling Committee request any group organizing a 'feeder route' to evaluate how their ride went and present the information to the Toronto Cycling Committee. We are asking for this information so that we can explore the idea of the Toronto Cycling Committee including more start points as part of the City of Toronto annual Group Commute; and
- (3) the report (February 2, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services and the communication (February 2, 2005) from Councillor Fletcher, Toronto-Danforth, Ward 30, be received.

The following persons appeared before the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- W. E. Brown; and
- Paul Young, South Riverdale Community Health Centre.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee c: Councillor

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Giambrone, Councillor Fletcher, Director, Transportation Planning, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, February 15, 2005)

2.2 Functions and Priorities of the Toronto Cycling Committee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 4, 2005) from Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, providing a discussion document regarding the Functions and Priorities of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee held a general discussion and presented various suggestions and ideas for consideration.

On motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the Chair and Co-Chairs forward a list of all suggestions and ideas received to-date to TCC members for their review and that TCC members be requested to forward any further suggestions, ideas or comments to the Chair and Co-Chairs; and
- (2) the Chair and Co-Chairs review the suggestions, ideas and comments and prepare a report for presentation to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

2.3 Toronto Cycling Committee – 2005 Budget Update

The Toronto Cycling Committee heard a verbal update from the Chair regarding the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it the attached communication (February 14, 2005) from Martin Koob, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, forwarding further information on the 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee Budget and presenting the following recommendation for consideration:

Recommendation:

That The TCC direct the Chair of the Committee to make a motion at P&F meeting of February 15th, or at the City Council Budget debate, that \$48,000 be transferred to the appropriate Parks budget to allow for the installation of Bikeway Network Route signs along the Don Trail, Humber Trail, Beltline Trail and Taylor Creek Trail. (The TCC would have to decide which budget to request the transfer from, the Bikeway Network City Wide Expansion budget \$400,000, or the CP-

PS lead budget \$500,000.)

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended the Chair be requested to make a motion at the Policy and Finance meeting on February 15, 2005 or at the City Council Budget debate, that \$48,000.00 be transferred to the appropriate Parks Department budget to allow for the installation of Bikeway Network Route signs along the Don Trail, Humber Trail, Beltline Trail and Taylor Creek Trail.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning and Parks and Recreation Planner, Parks and Recreation Planning, Policy and Development, February 15, 2005)

2.4 Women's Health Matters Forum and Expo

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (January 31, 2005) from the Bike Safety Project/Event Coordinator, advising that on January 14 and 15, 2005, the Bike Safety Planner's Office had a CAN-BIKE/Cycling Freedom for Women booth at the Women's Health Matters Forum and Expo at the Metro Toronto Convention Centre.

On Motion by Mr. Lafontaine, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (January 31, 2005) from the Bike Safety Project/Event Coordinator, be received.

(Sent To: Bike Safety Project/Event Coordinator c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, February 15, 2005)

2.5 Outstanding Items List

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 1, 2005) from the City Clerk, providing a listing of the outstanding items presently under consideration by the Toronto Cycling Committee.

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On Motion by Mr. Rogers, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (February 1, 2005) from the City Clerk be received.

2.6 Subcommittee Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated January 19, 2005;
- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated January 24, 2005;
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated January 26, 2005; and
- (d) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated January 25, 2005.

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

- (1) the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated January 19, 2005 be received;
and
- (2) Urban Development Services staff be requested to contact Councillors, school trustees, MPP's and MP's to participate in the launch of Bike Week the Group Commute on May 30, 2005.

On Motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated January 24, 2005 be received;
- (2) representatives of Eucan be invited to make a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee (to include the proposed design of EcoMupi garbage containers, addressing issues associated with size, sightlines, and safety ramifications, and that a process be implemented regarding an evaluation process), prior to formulating a policy statement on the new EcoMupi containers;

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- (3) Parks and Recreation staff be invited to attend a TCC meeting in order to present proposals and options for appropriate signage on kiosks in parks in order to provide safety information, as well as directional/guidance signage; and
- (4) the Toronto Cycling Committee booth, at the Toronto International Bike Show, given competing priorities and short timelines, be comprised of the following campaigns using existing materials:
 - (a) "watch for bikes" anti-dooring campaign;
 - (b) sidewalk safety campaign; and
 - (c) CAN-BIKE promotion; and
- (5) Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, be invited to attend the next Toronto Cycling Committee meeting to discuss the 2005 Cycle Right Campaign and that a copy of suggestions and comments contained in the draft communication from Ian Thomson, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, be forwarded to Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, for information.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated January 26, 2005 be received; and
- (2) Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, be requested to appear before the Toronto Cycling Committee and provided as update regarding the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment project.

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

- (1) the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated January 25, 2005 be received; and
- (2) the following items, pending availability, should be part of the Toronto Cycling Committee display booth at the Toronto International Bike Show:
 - (i) video demonstrating how to operate bus bike racks;
 - (ii) a bike rack be on display; and
 - (iii) printed material available detailing information on bike racks and how they are used.

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(Sent To: Sergeant Devin Kealey, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, Rolando Garcia, Chief Executive Officer, Eucan – Urban Equipment of Canada Inc., Edward Fearon, Parks and Recreation and Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Services, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, Parks and Recreation Planner, Parks and Recreation, Policy and Development, February 16, 2005)

2.7 Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) – Tommy Thompson Park Advisory Committee (TTPAC)

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (February 7, 2005) from Alex Phillips, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) requesting a representative from the Toronto Cycling Committee to be a member of the TRCA's Tommy Thompson Park Advisory Committee (TTPAC).

On Motion by Mr. Sherk, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that Nikki Rendle and Justin Lafontaine be appointed as the Toronto Cycling Committee representatives on the TRCA's Tommy Thompson Park Advisory Committee (TTPAC).

(Sent To: Alex Phillips, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority c: Nikki Rendle, Justin Lafontaine and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, February 16, 2005)

2.8 Next Meeting Dates for the Toronto Cycling Committee, Subcommittees and Working Groups

Toronto Cycling Committee
Monday, March 14, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 1
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Bikeway Network Subcommittee
Wednesday, February 23, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Promotion Subcommittee
Wednesday, February 16, 2005

Safety Subcommittee
Monday, February 21, 2005

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7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2
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7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 3
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:00 p.m.

Chair