

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**

**City Clerk's Office**

**Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee**

**Meeting 5**

**Monday, May 16, 2005**

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, May 16, 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 9:15 p.m.
Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	x
Nikki Rendle, Co-Chair	x
Dr. Judy Adler	x
Craig Barnes	x
Derek Chadbourne	x
Steve Crossman	x
Adrian Currie	x
Peter Michael Dziak	
Nancy Grieveson	
Martin Koob	x
Justin Lafontaine	x
Clay McFayden	x
Jennifer McMartin	
Crawford Murphy	x
J. Richard Nelson	x
Brigitte Nowak	x
Michael Paulin	
Rob Rogers	
John A. Sherk	x
Andrew Wood	x

**Others Present:**

Sergeant Brian K. Bowman, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service  
Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services  
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning, Forestry, Parks and Recreation  
Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning  
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning

Nikki Rendle in the Chair.

## **Confirmation of Minutes**

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on April 18, 2005, were confirmed.

### **5.1 Signage on Kiosks in Parks**

Alex Shevchuk, Parks and Recreation Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, made a presentation regarding the present proposals and options for appropriate signage on kiosks in parks in order to provide safety information, as well as directional/guidance signage.

Mr. Shevchuk distributed an information sheet describing the following signage which is being installed or is in the planning process at this time:

- (a) Information Boards
  - (i) Waterfront Regeneration Trust (WRT) Information Boards (Trailhead Signs);  
and
  - (ii) Further Waterfront Trail Signage;
- (b) Wayfinding/Directional Signage
- (c) Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Emergency Location Signage

On Motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the presentation from Alex Shevchuk, Parks and Recreation Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be received.

### **5.2 Cycling Trends and Policies in Canadian Cities**

Andrew Wood, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, made a presentation regarding the report (January 30, 2005) from John Pucher and Ralph Buehler, Rutgers University, titled "Cycling Trends and Policies in Canadian Cities".

On motion by Mr. Koob, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the following motion be sent to each Toronto Cycling Committee subcommittee with a request that they provide their comments on the motion to the next Toronto Cycling Committee meeting on June 20, 2005:

"The Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the Works Committee request City

Council to request the Province to become more deeply involved in cycling issues and provide funding for a range of programs to promote cycling, increase safety, coordinate local cycling efforts and fund infrastructure improvements.”

(Sent To: Bikeway Network Subcommittee, Safety Subcommittee and the Promotions Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, and Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, May 18, 2005)

### **5.3 Policy of Replacing Existing Street Signs**

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, made a presentation regarding the policy of replacing existing street signs.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it an extract from the Works Committee Decision Document Meeting 4, advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on April 27, 2005 requested Transportation Services Division to consult with the public and stakeholder groups, such as the Toronto Pedestrian Committee, the Disabilities Issues Committee, the Seniors' Assembly, and the Toronto Cycling Committee, on the street name sign replacement policy and report back to the Works Committee meeting on June 29, 2005.

On Motion by Mr. Lafontaine, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the presentation from Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, be received.

### **5.4 Reconstruction of Royal York Road between Mimico Creek and Usher Avenue – Pavement Width**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 27, 2005) from the City Clerk advising of the following actions taken by the Works Committee on April 27, 2005:

Action taken by the Committee:

The Works Committee requested:

- (a) the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Toronto Cycling Committee and the Works Committee on:
  - (i) the inclusion of a 1.25 metre signed bike route, identified by an edge line, on each side of Royal York Road between Mimico Creek and Usher Avenue

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within the recommended 9.1 metre pavement width; and

- (ii) since the City is encouraging cyclists to use Royal York Road, whether marking the road would provide a higher level of protection for cyclists than no marking;
- (b) the City Solicitor to report to the Toronto Cycling Committee and the Works Committee on the legalities and the risk factors if the City marks the edge line on Royal York Road below the standard for bicycle lanes; and
- (c) the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services to report to the Etobicoke York Community Council for its meeting on May 3, 2005, with a request that they report to Council on May 17, 2005, on the implementation of bicycle lanes on Stephen Drive and Norseman Road, west of Royal York Road, during reconstruction in 2006; and that this matter be considered with the Royal York Road reconstruction project.

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

- (1) the communication (April 27, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising of the actions taken by the Works Committee on April 27, 2005, be received; and
- (2) the Works Committee be advised of the extreme disappointment of the Toronto Cycling Committee regarding the Works Committee support for a road width of 9.1 metres on Royal York Road rather than a road width of 9.4 metres.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Councillor Peter Milczyn and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, May 18, 2005)

## **5.5 Bike Week 2005**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following:

- (1) communication (April 18, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising of the following recommendations contained in Clause 11, Planning and Transportation Committee Report 3, which was considered by City Council on April 12, 13 and 14, 2005:

“The Planning and Transportation Committee recommends that:

- (1) Council adopt the recommendations of the Toronto Cycling Committee in the communication (February 16, 2005) from the Committee; and

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- (2) that Bike Week 2005 be designated a community event.”; and
- (2) communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, providing the Toronto Bike Plan Events – TCC/Staff Sign-up Sheet and the Toronto Cycling Committee Bike Week Event Sign-Up Sheet.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (April 18, 2005) from the City Clerk, and the communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, be received.

## 5.6 Subcommittee Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated April 20, 2005;
- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated April 25, 2005;
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated April 27, 2005;

NOTE: As part of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated April 27, 2005, the Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a list summarizing the current Parks, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and the Toronto Waterfront Regeneration Corporation (TWRC) projects, which has been provided for information.

- (d) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated April 12, 2005;
- (e) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated May 3, 2005; and
- (f) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee Minutes dated April 14, 2005.

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

- (1) the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated April 20, 2005, be received;
- (2) a set of statements/themes be established for the Toronto Cycling Committee to use when talking to the media;

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- (3) the use [bikeaware@sympatico.ca](mailto:bikeaware@sympatico.ca) as a tool to organize people to participate in bicycle-related public meetings be endorsed and the following statement, which will be used by Bike Aware User Group, be received for information:

“The Bike Aware Bicycle User Group is seeking volunteers to increase the visibility of cycling issues at community meetings. Of particular importance, are speakers at meetings discussing bike lanes, which frequently are opposed by small but vocal groups in the communities where the lanes are planned. Often many community members who would support making their community more bicycle friendly are not aware that the issue is being decided upon, nor how they can have their say in the decision. It is our hope to show that there are cyclists and others in these communities who support the installation of lanes and other measures to improve the cycling environment. Two types of volunteers are needed:

- (1) People from all areas of the city to attend community meetings. If you are interested even if you can only occasionally make it out to a meeting, please send your name, contact details and location area within the city to [bikeaware@sympatico.ca](mailto:bikeaware@sympatico.ca). Bike Aware will keep track of volunteers, inform you of any meetings coming up within your area of the city and provide you, when possible, with information on the issue to be discussed; and
- (2) News monitors. In order to keep up to date on what is going on around the city; Bike Aware would like to have volunteers to monitor local community newspapers. Whenever an article or advertisement discusses a cycling issue or announces a community meeting on issue that affects cyclists, the item needs to be clipped and sent to Bike Aware. These items will be used both to keep up to date on what's going and to track changing trends in media coverage of cycling issues. If you regularly read your local newspapers, please forward your name and the name of the papers in your neighbourhood to the Bike Aware email address.”;
- (4) a September 2005 Toronto Cycling Committee member drive be held identifying people who would like to join the Toronto Cycling Committee in January 2006; and
- (5) a meeting be set-up between Toronto Police Service, the Toronto Cycling Committee, and Councillor Adam Giambrone’s office, to discuss the media outreach component of the 2005 ‘Cycle Right’ campaign.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee, Councillor Adam Giambrone

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and Andrew Wood, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, May 18, 2005)

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

- (1) the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated April 25, 2005, be received;
- (2) the various proposed recommendations from the Safety Subcommittee regarding Bill 129, be received; and
- (3) the following letter be sent to Toronto Cycling Committee members requesting that they forward any comments they may have to Ms. Nowak, and that once all comments have been received (no later than Sunday, May 22, 2005), the final draft of the letter be forwarded by the Chair to the school trustees for the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board:

“DRAFT FOR CONSIDERATION:

Dear

On behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, I would like to advise you that the City of Toronto's Bike Week will take place from May 30 to June 12, 2005, featuring over 120 cycling-related events taking place across the city.

I would like to encourage you, in your capacity as a school trustee, to take part in one or more of these events, and in particular, to use this period of increased cycling awareness, to support cycling in our schools whenever possible. It can be a viable alternative to many trips made by automobile. Cycling is also an excellent way to promote healthy activity and fitness, especially at a time when childhood obesity is a growing health concern.

The promotion of safety is an integral part of encouraging more bicycle use by our youth. The Toronto Police have a number of programs available to provide enhanced cycling safety information. There are several organizations that provide enhanced cycling safety information, including the Ministry of Transportation and Riskwatch. The City of Toronto offers CAN-BIKE courses, which teach safe and effective cycling and traffic interaction skills. The City's Cycling Ambassadors also promote safe cycling messages at public events in Toronto. In order to obtain information or arrange for a safe cycling presentation, please contact the City of Toronto at (416) 392-\_\_\_\_ .

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Basic cycling safety stresses the importance of visibility at all times, through the wearing of light and bright clothing and the use of lights and reflectors; riding predictably and following traffic rules; and wearing a correctly-fitted helmet (required by law for those under the age of 18). As well, teen and adult cyclists should ride on the road, with traffic, as riding on the sidewalk is illegal and hazardous to both cyclists and pedestrians.

Cycling is a healthy life skill and provides fitness and environmental benefits to its participants. As well, it is a fun activity. I hope that you will use your position to promote bike friendly schools and to encourage cycling by our young people, during Bike Week and throughout the year.”

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone and Brigitte Nowak, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, May 18, 2005)

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

- (1) the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated April 27, 2005, be received;
- (2) the development of a year-round mountain bike facility in Toronto be supported in principle; and
- (3) the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be requested to provide a report to the Toronto Cycling Committee - Bikeway Network Subcommittee on closing the gap in the Humber Trail from Cruikshank Park to Cardell Avenue given opportunities afforded by:
  - (a) the recent purchase of land by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA);
  - (b) the proposed GO Transit reconstruction in the area; and
  - (c) the possible twinning of the rail bridge over the Humber River.

(Sent To: Economic Development and Parks Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Parks and Recreation Planning, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and



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Recreation Division, May 18, 2005)

On Motion by Mr. Thomson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated April 12, 2005, be received.

On Motion by Mr. Thomson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated May 3, 2005, be received.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee dated April 14, 2005, be received.

### **5.7 Bike Show 2005**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bike Week Facilitator, advising that the 2005 Toronto International Bike Show took place between Friday, March 4, 2005 and Sunday, March 6, 2005 at the National Trade Centre, Hall A, Exhibition Place, and providing information regarding the booth that was established at the Bike Show, and thanking everyone who participated.

On Motion by Mr. Murphy, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bike Week Facilitator, be received.

### **5.8 Outstanding Items List**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 4, 2005) from the City Clerk, providing the Outstanding Items List for the information of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Chadbourne, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 3, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

### **5.9 CAN-BIKE Transit Shelter Posters**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 4, 2005) from the Bicycle Safety Planner, attaching the list of locations where you will find the CAN-BIKE transit shelter poster posted for the month of May.

On Motion by Mr. Currie, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 4, 2005) from the Bicycle Safety Planner, be received.

#### **5.10 Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project (BFCP)**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 9, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, addressed to Councillor Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that Environment Canada, ECO Action and Community Funding Program, have approved a grant of \$24,000.00 for the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project (BFCP) and requesting the Works Committee to endorse the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project (BFCP), which will be administered by support staff from Transportation Planning, City Planning Division.

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

- (1) the communication (May 9, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, addressed to Councillor Giambrone, Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, be received and
- (2) the Works Committee be requested to endorse the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project (BFCP).

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, May 18, 2005)

#### **5.11 CAN-BIKE/Cycling Display at Metro Hall Rotunda, April 18, 2005 to April 21, 2005; CAN-BIKE/Cycling Safety Display at Workplace Safety & Insurance Board (WSIB)/North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) at Simcoe Place, Thursday May 5, 2005; CAN-BIKE/Cycling Display for NAOSH week at Sears Department Store (former Eaton Centre), Monday May 2, 2005 to Saturday May 7,**

**2005.**

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 10, 2005) from the Bike Safety Project/Event Coordinator, advising that on April 18, 2005 till April 21, 2005 the Bike Safety Planner's Office had a CAN-BIKE display booth and other cycling display material(s) at the Metro Hall Rotunda. On Thursday May 5, 2005 the Office had a booth set up at Simcoe Place (200 Front Street West, Lower Concourse) for the 'Health and Safety Fair for Home & Play' for the North American Occupational Safety and Health Week (NAOSH) hosted by the Workplace and Safety & Insurance Board. A third display booth was set up at Sears at the former Eaton's Centre (main floor) for the NAOSH event from May 2, 2005 to May 7, 2005. The purpose of the displays was to promote cycling safety, CAN-BIKE Cycling Safety course and the benefits of cycling in general (i.e. for health, fitness and the environment).

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 10, 2005) from the Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, be received.

**5.12 International Ride of Silence**

Mr. Craig Barnes, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee and the Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, advised that on May 18, 2005, the Ride of Silence will commence at the southeast corner of Bloor Street East and Spadina Avenue. In more than 50 cities in the United States and Canada, cyclists will take to the roads in a silent procession to honour cyclists who have been killed or injured while cycling on public roadways.

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

Toronto Cycling Committee  
Monday, June 20, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Committee Room 1  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West

Bikeway Network Subcommittee  
Wednesday, May 25, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Committee Room 3  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West

Promotion Subcommittee  
Wednesday, May 18, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Committee Room 3

Safety Subcommittee  
Tuesday, May 24, 2005  
7:00 p.m.  
Room 313A

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Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West

Metro Hall  
55 John Street

Cycling and Transit Working Group  
Tuesday, June 14, 2005  
Committee Room 2  
Toronto City Hall  
100 Queen Street West

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

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Chair