

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting 6

Monday, June 20, 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, June 20, 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 9:55 p.m.
Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	x
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	
Nikki Rendle, Co-Chair	x
Dr. Judy Adler	x
Craig Barnes	
Derek Chadbourne	x
Steve Crossman	x
Peter Michael Dziak	
Nancy Grieveson	
Martin Koob	x
Justin Lafontaine	
Clay McFayden	x
Mike McLean	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 Division

Sean Harvey, Park Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division

Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Co-ordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division

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 May 16, 2005, were confirmed.

6.1 Union Station Revitalization Initiative

Tim Laspa, Program Manager and Jeff Bateman, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, made a Power Point presentation regarding the Union Station Revitalization Initiative.

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

- (1) the Power Point presentation from Tim Laspa, Program Manager and Jeff Bateman, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, be received with thanks;
- (2) the Promotions Subcommittee, the Safety Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group, be requested to review the Union Station Revitalization Initiative and forward their comments to Clay McFayden, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (3) Clay McFayden, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, be requested to receive the comments, consolidate and report to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Clay McFayden, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, Bikeway Network Subcommittee, Safety Subcommittee, Promotions Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Tim Laspa, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, June 22, 2005)

6.2 Development Infrastructure Policy and Standards (DIPS)

Brian Lee, Project Manager, Development Review Process Improvement Project, Technical Services Division, made a Power Point presentation regarding the work being undertaken to establish standardized designs for new residential streets and lanes.

The Toronto Cycling committee also had before it a communication (June 3, 2005) from the Public Consultation Coordinator, Support Services, Communications, providing background information regarding the development of new standards for development infrastructure (residential streets and lanes), and providing information regarding the upcoming workshop meetings.

On motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the Power Point presentation from Brian Lee, Project Manager, Development Review Process Improvement Project, Technical Services Division, be received with thanks.

(Sent To: Brian Lee, Project Manager, Development Review Process Improvement Project, Technical Services Division c: Councillor Adam Giambrone and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, June 20, 2005)

6.3 Nathan Phillips Square Redesign Competition

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 27, 2005) from Ian Thomson, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, recommending that the following motion be adopted by the Toronto Cycling Committee and forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for their consideration and approval:

“The Toronto Cycling Committee recommends to the Planning and Transportation Committee that the terms of reference for the Nathan Phillips Square Redesign Competition include criteria for improved bicycle facilities, which, in accordance with the City’s *Toronto Bike Plan*, would include but not limited to:

- (1) more bicycle parking;
- (2) sheltered bicycle parking and/or bicycle lockers;
- (3) improved access to the Square for cyclists; and
- (4) a full-service “Bikestation”, which could provide bicycle parking, repairs, rentals, bike-sharing, change rooms, and route information.”

On Motion by Mr. Wood, the Toronto Cycling Committee deferred the communication to its next meeting on July 18, 2005.

Nikki Rendle in the Chair.

6.4 Toronto Bike Plan – Year 3 Progress Report (2004)

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, providing the third annual progress report on the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan and to outline a strategy for reviewing and accelerating the Toronto Bike Plan schedule of implementation.

On Motion by Dr. Judy Adler, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, be forwarded to the Board of Health for information.

On Motion by Andrew Wood, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the Board of Health request the Medical Officer of Health to:

- (1) assist the Toronto Cycling Committee in promoting cycling as one of the means to reduce smog and improve air quality; and
- (2) arrange a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee by Toronto Public Health staff regarding:
 - (a) air quality;
 - (b) fitness;
 - (c) injury prevention; and
 - (d) disease prevention

as it relates to promoting cycling as one of the tools to help improve the quality of life for the citizens of Toronto.

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

- (1) the Works Committee, the Economic Development and Parks Committee and the Planning and Transportation Committee be advised that the Toronto Cycling Committee endorses the proposed work plan to develop the Strategy for Accelerating the Toronto Bike Plan as outlined in the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division;
- (2) City Council be requested to address the shortfalls in capital funding, the insufficient human resources and the difficulties in the bicycle lane approval process that have stalled the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan;
- (3) the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, and the General

Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be requested to incorporate the strategy proposed in the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, into their 2006 budget process, in order to assist in the acceleration of the implementation of the Toronto Bike Plan;

- (4) the report (June 13, 2005) from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division and the issue specific recommendations presented by Martin Koob, be forwarded to the Promotions Subcommittee, the Safety Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group, requesting that they review and prepare their list of recommendations, regarding the 2006 Transportation Services, City Planning and Parks, Forestry and Recreation Divisional Cycling Budgets, and forward their recommendations to the special Toronto Cycling Committee meeting in August, 2005; and
- (5) the Promotions Subcommittee be requested to prepare a Press Release regarding the Toronto Bike Plan – Year 3 Progress Report (2004) and the recommendations adopted by the Toronto Cycling Committee at its meeting on June 20, 2005.

(Sent To: Works Committee, Planning and Transportation Committee, Economic Development and Parks Committee, Board of Health, Promotions Subcommittee c: Deputy City Manager Fareed Amin, Deputy City Manager Sue Corke, Medical Officer of Health, Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division and General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, Councillor Adam Giambone and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, June 22, 2005)

6.5 Meeting with the Mayor's Office about Implementing the Bikeway Network

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 7, 2005) from Nikki Rendle and Ian Thomson, Co-Chairs, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding a meeting held on May 13, 2005, with Cara-Marie O'Hagan, Special Assistant to the Mayor, to discuss some of the barriers the City is facing in implementing the Bikeway Network, and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) refer this report to the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and request that the subcommittee take action on Suggestions #1, #2 and #4 and report back to the full committee;
- (2) refer this report to the Promotions Subcommittee and request that the subcommittee take action on Suggestion #3 and report back to the full committee; and
- (3) direct the committee co-chairs to take action on Suggestion #5 and report back to the full committee.

On Motion by Mr. McLean, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the recommendations contained in the communication (June 7, 2005) from Nikki Rendle and Ian Thomson, Co-Chairs, Toronto Cycling Committee, be adopted.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee, Bikeway Network Subcommittee, Co-Chairs, Toronto Cycling Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, June 22, 2005)

6.6 Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 26, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising of the following action taken by the Works Committee on May 26, 2005:

“The Works Committee:

- (1) endorsed the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project; and
- (2) requested the Toronto Cycling Committee to include high schools as part of this Project, with particular consideration being given to the following schools in Scarborough:
 - (a) Sir Winston Churchill;
 - (b) Wexford Collegiate; and
 - (c) Thomson Collegiate.”

On Motion by Mr. Murphy, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 26, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

6.7 Subcommittee and Workgroup Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated May 18, 2005;
- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated May 25, 2005;
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated may 25, 2005; and
- (d) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated June 14, 2005.

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

- (1) the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated May 18, 2005, be received;
- (2) a group of Toronto Cycling Committee members to begin discussion on policy for the Toronto Act as soon as possible;
- (3) Toronto Cycling Committee members read the agenda (before the meeting) and try and resolve any questions or concerns they have about an item before the meeting; and
- (4) the City Clerk arrange for one of the Toronto Cycling Committee meetings to be held in one of the smaller meeting rooms at City Hall, in order to make the meetings more engaging, subject to space availability.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee, Toronto Cycling Committee Members and the City Clerk c: Councillor Adam Giambone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, June 22, 2005)

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

- (1) the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated May 25, 2005, be received;
- (2) the request for the Toronto Cycling Committee to discuss subcommittee names to determine if the current names are the most accurate and effective, be deferred to the next meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee on July 18, 2005.

(Sent To: Toronto Cycling Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, June 22, 2005)

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated April 27, 2005, be received.

On Motion by Mr. Sherk, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated June 14, 2005, be received.

6.8 Outstanding Items List

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 7, 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 (June 7, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

6.9 The Door Prize

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a brochure, with sticker, which will be distributed to bring awareness to the “dooring” issue - cyclists being injured by riding into opening doors of motorists.

The Bicycle Safety Planner advised that the campaign was launched on Monday, June 20, 2005

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.

6.10 West Don Lands and East Bayfront Flood Protection – CNR Kingston Rail Bridge Expansion Bridge – Don Valley Multi-Use Trail Improvements and Temporary Closure

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 13, 2005) from the Parks Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, advising that later this year from approximately September/October 2005 through to early Spring/late Summer 2006, the Don Valley Trail system from Queen Street to Lakeshore Boulevard will be closed to public use while CNR's Kingston Rail Bridge over the Don River is expanded. As part of this project, the trail system will be improved, however during the construction period trail users will be required to divert to alternate routes to by-pass the construction zone. Signage informing of the closure and providing details on alternate routes will be posted later this summer.

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

- (1) the communication (May 9, 2005) from the Parks Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, be received; and
- (2) the Bikeway Network Subcommittee be requested to review and recommend possible street level detour routes and signage requirements, and report to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Bikeway Network Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Parks Planner, Policy and Development, City Planning Division, Parks Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, June 22, 2005)

6.11 Cycling Trends and Policies in Canadian Cities

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 18, 2005) from the City Clerk, forwarding the following recommendation from the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting on May 16, 2005:

“The Toronto Cycling Committee on May 16, 2005 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.’”

At the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting on May 16, 2005, 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. Wood, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended 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: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, and
Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation
Services Division, June 22, 2005)

6.12 Fostering a Positive Attitude Towards Cyclists within Toronto Police Service

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 15, 2005) from Councillor Giambrone addressed to Councillor McConnell, Chair, Toronto Police Service Board, regarding the fostering of a positive attitude towards cyclists within Toronto Police Service.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (June 15, 2005) from Councillor Giambrone addressed to Councillor McConnell, Chair, Toronto Police Service Board, be received.

(Sent To: Councillor Adam Giambrone c: Manager, Pedestrian and
Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division,
June 22, 2005)

6.13 New Bicycle Sign in Victoria, B.C.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 17, 2005) from Susanna Grimes, Chair, Victoria Cycling Advisory Committee, forwarding a photograph of the new bicycle sign used in Victoria, B.C., and further advising that the sign is a first in

Victoria and also in Canada.

On Motion by Ms. Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the Works Committee request the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division to report to the Toronto Bicycle Committee – Bikeway Network Subcommittee, on the feasibility of incorporating a similar sign in the City of Toronto.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, June 22, 2005)

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

Toronto Cycling Committee Monday, July 18, 2005 7:00 p.m. Committee Room 1 Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West	Bikeway Network Subcommittee Wednesday, June 29, 2005 7:00 p.m. Committee Room 2 Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West
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Promotion Subcommittee Wednesday, May 18, 2005 7:00 p.m. Committee Room 3 Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West	Safety Subcommittee Tuesday, June 27, 2005 7:00 p.m. Committee Room 3 Toronto City Hall 100 Queen Street West
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Cycling and Transit Working Group
Tuesday, July 12, 2005
(Location to be confirmed)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:55 p.m.

Chair

Co-Chair