

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting 7

Monday, July 18, 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, July 18, 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 9:30 p.m.
Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	x
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	x
Nikki Rendle, Co-Chair	x
Dr. Judy Adler	x
Craig Barnes	x
Derek Chadbourne	
Steve Crossman	x
Peter Michael Dziak	x
Nancy Grieveson	
Martin Koob	x
Justin Lafontaine	
Clay McFayden	x
Mike McLean	x
Jennifer McMartin	
Crawford Murphy	x
J. Richard Nelson	x
Brigitte Nowak	
Michael Paulin	
Rob Rogers	
John A. Sherk	
Andrew Wood	x

Others Present:

Sergeant Brian K. Bowman, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Pauline Craig, Cycling and Transit Project Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division
Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services 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 June 20, 2005, were confirmed.

7.1 The 2005 Cycling Ambassadors

The Cycling Ambassadors made a verbal presentation regarding their program for 2005 and advised that more information on the project and events attended by the Cycling Ambassadors could be obtained by visiting the website at www.toronto.ca/cycling/ratsa/.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising that the Cycling Ambassador Program is under way and 10 staff have been hired and that the project has an east and west team of 5 members each.

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

- (1) the verbal presentation from the Cycling Ambassadors, be received with thanks; and
- (2) the communication (May 3, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, be received.

7.2 Toronto Transit Commission Bike Rack On-line Survey

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 6, 2005) from the Cycling and Transit Project Organizer, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission has posted an on-line survey on their website http://www.toronto.ca/ttc/bike_racks.htm to collect comments on their bike rack pilot project, and recommending that the communication be received for information.

On motion by Ms. Rendle, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (July 6, 2005) from the Cycling and Transit Project Organizer, be received.

7.3 Reconstruction of Royal York Road Between Mimico Creek and Usher Avenue – Pavement Width (Ward 5, Etobicoke-Lakeshore)

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, made a Power Point presentation regarding bike lane designs.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 25, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005, considered Works Committee Report 5, Clause 1, and has forwarded a copy to the Toronto Cycling Committee with a request that the Toronto Cycling Committee provide comments on the design of these pavement markings.

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

- (1) Royal York Road, between Mimico Creek and Usher Avenue, be marked using shared-lane markings, as a pilot project;
- (2) the use of an edge-lane marking on Royal York Road, between Mimico Creek and Usher Avenue, or as a method to mark a bicycle lane, not be used;
- (3) the Toronto Cycling Committee reiterate to the Works Committee that the minimum width of a bicycle lane should be 1.5 metres and that bicycle lanes are the preferred option regarding bike route pavement markings; and
- (4) the Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, forward a communication giving background information regarding the position taken by the Toronto Cycling Committee, together with a copy of the Power Point presentation from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, and a copy of the report from the Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division, which will be presented to the Works Committee on September 14, 2005, to the Mayor and Members of Council for their information.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Councillor Peter Milczyn, Acting General Manager, Transportation Services Division and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, August 9, 2005)

7.4 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. Thomson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the following motion be adopted and forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration:

“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:

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

- (2) the Promotions Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group, be requested to review the Nathan Phillips Square Redesign Competition and develop follow-up positions and/or more detailed recommendations and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee, the Promotions Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Acting Executive Director, Facilities and Real Estate Division, Director, Business & Strategic Innovation, Facilities and Real Estate Division, Manager, Strategic Policy & Projects (MAP), Business & Strategic Innovation, Facilities and Real Estate Division, Project Manager, Strategic Policy & Projects (MAP), Business & Strategic Innovation, Facilities and Real Estate Division and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, August 9, 2005)

7.5 Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 19, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, advising the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan and its accompanying Staff Report were adopted by City Council on May 18, 2005, and further advising that the City of Toronto, along with the Toronto Transit Commission, will be initiating an Individual Environmental Assessment for High-Order Transit Service on Don Mills Road, High Priority Element #v, later in 2005.

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

- (1) the communication (May 19, 2005) from the Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, be received; and
- (2) Toronto Cycling Committee Support Staff report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee on how cycling issues can be presented as part of the up-coming review process for the Don Valley Corridor Transportation Master Plan.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and Parks Planner, Policy and Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Program Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, August 9, 2005)

7.6 GO Transit Georgetown Corridor Rail Expansion Environmental Assessment Study – From Bathurst Street to the Bramalea GO Station (Including the Air Rail Link Between Union Station and Lester B. Pearson Airport)

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (May 24, 2005) from the City Clerk advising that City Council on May 17, 18 and 19, 2005 considered Works Committee Report 5, Clause 5, and adopted this Clause without amendment, and in doing so, recommended that GO Transit be requested to:

- (a) include in the GO Transit Georgetown Corridor Rail Expansion Environmental Assessment Study the following recommendations of the Toronto Cycling Committee contained in the communications (March 31 and April 20, 2005) from the Committee:
 - (1) the Toronto Bike Plan be accommodated with access for cyclists at all crossings being maintained;
 - (2) access for cyclists at rail stations (e.g., Union, Dundas, Airport) and new bicycle facilities be provided (bike parking, lockers, racks);
 - (3) the new trains allow for bicycles at all times of the day;
 - (4) a new bicycle trail be created, which will run parallel to the rail line;
 - (5) all existing bicycle crossings of the Georgetown Rail corridor be included in the recommended design alternative; and
 - (6) all new bridges/underpasses include bicycle lanes; and
- (b) undertake responsibility for litter pick-up along the GO Transit Georgetown Corridor Rail Expansion route from Bathurst Street to the Bramalea GO Station.

On Motion by Mr. Murphy, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (May 24, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

7.7 Outstanding Items List

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

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (July 4, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

7.8 Subcommittee and Workgroup Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated June 22, 2005;
- (b) Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated June 27, 2005;
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated June 29, 2005; and
- (d) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated July 12, 2005.

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

- (1) the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated June 22, 2005, be received;
- (2) the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator survey Bike Week event coordinators to get their feedback on events and potential changes to format for next year; and
- (3) the draft Press Release, as prepared by Andrew Wood, be received and that:
 - (a) the draft Press Release be forwarded to Toronto Cycling Committee members and support staff requesting that they review the draft Press Release and provide their feedback to Andrew Wood; and

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- (b) the draft Press Release be forwarded to the Promotions Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group, requesting that:
 - (i) talking points be prepared which can be used by deputants before the Works Committee meeting on September 14, 2005; and
 - (ii) volunteers be sought who will be able to attend and depute at the Works Committee meeting on September 14, 2005.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee, Education and Safety Subcommittee, Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Cycling and Transit Working Group and Toronto Cycling Committee Members and TCC Support Staff (via e-mail) c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, July 19, 2005)

On motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the minutes of the Safety Subcommittee dated June 27, 2005, be received; and
- (2) the name of the Safety Subcommittee be changed to the Education and Safety Subcommittee.

On motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated June 29, 2005, be received.

On motion by Ms. Rendle, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated July 12, 2005, be received.

7.9 Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 29, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that the Works Committee on June 29, 2005 referred the communication from Councillor Suzan Hall to the Toronto Cycling Committee for consideration; and further that the following schools also be considered for inclusion as part of the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project:

- L'Amoureux Collegiate; and
- Bethune Collegiate.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also 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. McLean, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the communications (May 26, 2005 and June 29, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received; and
- (2) Toronto Cycling Committee support staff be requested to prepare a direct response, on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, to Councillor Thompson, Councillor Hall and Councillor Del Grande, on whether or not the suggested schools can be accommodated within the terms of the Bicycle Friendly Campuses Project.

(Sent To: Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Councillor Thompson, Councillor Hall, Councillor Del Grande, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotion Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, August 9, 2005)

7.10 Appointment of Councillor Giambrone

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (June 17, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that City of Toronto Council at its meeting on June 14, 15 and 16, 2005, adopted Striking Committee Report 3, Clause 2, headed "Appointment of Members of Council as the Tree Advocate and to Advisory Committees for the Second Half of Council's Term; and also advising that Councillor Giambrone has been appointed to the Toronto Cycling Committee for a term of office ending November 30, 2006.

On Motion by Mr. Dziak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (June 17, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

7.11 Communication between Toronto Police Service and the Cycling Committee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 5, 2005) from Walter McCourt, Acting Superintendent, Toronto Police Service, to Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 – Davenport, providing a response to his letter dated June 15, 2005, addressed to Councillor Pam McConnell, Chair, Toronto Police Service Board, which outlined concerns in relation to the language used by members of the Toronto Police Service both individually and through various media outlets.

On Motion by Mr. Wood, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (July 5, 2005) from Walter McCourt, Acting Superintendent, Toronto Police Service, to Councillor Adam Giambrone, Ward 18 – Davenport, be received.

7.12 Communications for Information

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (a) Communication (June 29, 2005) from Dr. Judy Adler, addressed to the Works Committee regarding the Toronto Bike Plan – Year 3 Progress Report (2004);
- (b) Communication (June 26, 2005) from Ali Bahar, addressed to the Standing Committee on Social Policy, Legislative Assembly of Ontario, regarding his opposition to Bill 129;
- (c) Communication (July 3, 2005) from Ali Bahar, addressed to the Chief General Manager, Toronto Transit Commission, regarding cycling and transit integration; and
- (d) Communication (July 7, 2005) from Hamish Wilson, addressed to Councillor Chow, Ward 20 – Trinity-Spadina, regarding the dangerous and degrading cycling beside the Art Gallery of Ontario.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the noted communications, be received.

7.13 Union Station Revitalization Initiative

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (July 18, 2005) from Clay McFayden, presenting the following Union Station Revitalization Initiative ideas for consideration:

- (1) provide space for a multi-modal bicycle station with facilities such as, a yellow bike share station, bike rentals, bike repairs, and other facilities that would integrate cycling with other modes of transportation all centered at Union Station;
- (2) bicycle parking needs upgrading to provide a full range of options including, hundreds of post-and-rings racks, and many bike lockers for more long term needs. These should all be accessible from all expected bicycle arrival points;
- (3) bike lanes and bikeway signs should be installed on all streets leading to Union Station, including Bremner Avenue and Simcoe Street;
- (4) provide channels on all stairs for easier bike maneuvering around the site; and
- (5) the station must be accessible at all hours for commuters, tourists, and employees who cycle. It also needs to be accessible from all sides and via connected building entrances to the street.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the Union Station Revitalization Initiative ideas, contained in the communication (July 18, 2005) from Clay McFayden, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, be forwarded to the Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, the Chair, Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and the Project Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division.

(Sent To: Chief Planner and Executive Director, City Planning Division, the Chair, Union Station Revitalization Public Advisory Group, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and the Project Manager, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City

Planning Division, August 9, 2005)

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

Toronto Cycling Committee

Monday, September 19, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Committee Room 2

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Bikeway Network Subcommittee

Wednesday, July 27, 2005

7:00 p.m.

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Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Promotion Subcommittee

Wednesday, July 20, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Committee Room 4

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Safety Subcommittee

Monday, August 8, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Committee Room 3

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

Cycling and Transit Working Group

Tuesday, September 13, 2005

6:30 p.m.

Committee Room 2

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

NOTE: A special Toronto Cycling Committee meeting to review the 2006 budget submissions through Transportation Services Division, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division and City Planning Division, for Toronto Cycling Committee programs, has been scheduled as follows:

Special Toronto Cycling Committee

Monday, August 22, 2005

7:00 p.m.

Committee Room 1

Toronto City Hall

100 Queen Street West

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Chair