

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting 9

Monday, September 19, 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, September 19, 2005, Committee Room No. 2, 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 9:50 p.m.
Councillor Adam Giambrone, Chair	x
Ian Thomson, Co-Chair	
Nikki Rendle, Co-Chair	
Dr. Judy Adler	
Craig Barnes	
Derek Chadbourne	
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:

Constable Stephen Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division

Alex Shevchuk, Parks and Recreation Planner, Policy & Development, Parks, Forestry & Recreation

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

Councillor Giambrone in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On Motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Minutes of the meetings of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on July 18 and August 22, 2005, were confirmed.

9.1 Toronto Public Health – Collaboration on Public Health and Cycling Programs

Lorraine Fung, Health Promotion Consultant, Environmental Protection Office, Policy and Planning, Denise De Pape, Manager, Injury Prevention/Substance Abuse Prevention, Healthy Communities, Healthy Living, and Donna Howard, Physical Activity Consultant, Health Promotion/Healthy Living, Planning and Policy, Toronto Public Health, made a Power Point presentation and provided resource materials, regarding the programming opportunities available to collaborate with the Toronto Cycling Committee on public health and cycling programs; and the joint presentation to the Committee included the following components as it relates to promoting cycling:

- (i) air quality and health;
- (ii) physical activity and its health benefits; and
- (iii) injury prevention.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (July 11, 2005) from the Secretary, Board of Health advising of the following action taken by the Board of Health on July 11, 2005:

Action taken by the Board of Health:

The Board of Health requested the Medical Officer of Health to:

- (1) discuss the promotion of cycling as one of the means to reduce smog and improve air quality with the Toronto Cycling Committee; and
- (2) arrange a presentation to the Toronto Cycling Committee by Toronto Public Health staff regarding:
 - (i) air quality;
 - (ii) fitness;
 - (iii) injury prevention; and
 - (iv) 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 Mike McLean, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

- (1) the Toronto Public Health Power Point presentation document and resource materials be forwarded to the Promotions Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group, requesting their review of programming opportunities available to collaborate between Toronto Public Health and the Toronto Cycling Committee on public health and cycling programs, and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting on November 21, 2005; and
- (2) Toronto Public Health staff be invited to work with Toronto Cycling Committee support staff, subcommittees and working group, on possible partnerships opportunities.

(Sent To: Medical Officer of Health, the Promotions Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and the Cycling and Transit Working Group c: Lorraine Fung, Health Promotion Consultant, Environmental Protection Office, Policy and Planning, Denise De Pape, Manager, Injury Prevention/Substance Abuse Prevention, Healthy Communities, Healthy Living, Donna Howard, Physical Activity Consultant, Health Promotion/Healthy Living, Planning and Policy, 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 & Recreation Planner, Area Landscape & Planning Initiatives, Policy & Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, September 27, 2005)

Martin Koob in the Chair.

9.2 “Driving with Bikes” CD ROM

Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner and Chad Price, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, presented an overview of the “Driving with Bikes” animated CD ROM under development. “Driving with Bikes” is an educational CD ROM for drivers and driver trainers. Cycling Committee members who wish to become more involved in this project can do so through the Education and Safety Subcommittee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 15, 2005) from

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the Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, providing further information regarding the “Driving with Bikes” CD ROM, and including the following forms:

- (a) Driving with Bikes Permission Form; and
- (b) Driving with Bikes Material Form.

On Motion by Brigitte Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the presentation from Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner and Chad Price, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and the communication (September 15, 2005) from Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division be received and forwarded to the Education and Safety Subcommittee for further development.

(Sent To: Education and Safety Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, September 21, 2005)

9.3 Update on Toronto Bike Plan – 3-Year Strategy

Toronto Cycling Committee Support Staff presented a verbal update regarding the Toronto Bike Plan – 3-Year Strategy report that was before the Works Committee on September 14, 2005. A copy of the decision from the Works Committee will be made available to the Toronto Cycling Committee, once it has been considered and received final approval from City Council on September 28, 29 and 30, 2005.

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

- (1) the Budget Working Group be established and Toronto Cycling Committee members interested in participating be requested to contact Andrew Wood or Martin Koob; and
- (2) the bike lane approval process be reviewed by the Bikeway Network Subcommittee and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Budget Working Group (attn: Andrew Wood and Marting Koob), Bikeway Network Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and Parks & Recreation Planner, Area Landscape & Planning Initiatives, Policy & Development, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, September 21, 2005)

9.4 City of Toronto's Newly Designed Recycling/Litter Bin Test

Kevin Vibert, Senior Analyst, Waste Diversion Planning Unit, Solid Waste Management Services and Michelle Carruthers, Public Consultation Coordinator, Public Consultation Unit, Support Services Division, were in attendance and advised that the City of Toronto's newly designed recycling/litter bin test is now underway and are requesting feedback from the Committee regarding the newly designed bins.

They also advised that the feedback (along with feedback from other committees, community groups and business associations) will be included in a report to Works Committee and Council once the test is completed.

They further advised that the website, www.toronto.ca/bintest, further explains the test, provides a listing of the test bin locations and provides an on-line survey for feedback.

A copy of the on-line survey, test bin locations and self-addressed stamped envelopes were distributed to Toronto Cycling Committee members and members of the public in attendance.

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

- (1) the Promotions Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee, the Cycling and Transit Working Group and Toronto Cycling Committee Members, review the City of Toronto's Newly Designed Recycling/Litter Bins and forward their comments to the Toronto Cycling Committee meeting on October 17, 2005; and
- (2) the Toronto Cycling Committee on October 17, 2005 prepare a response regarding the City of Toronto's Newly Designed Recycling/Litter Bins and forward the response to the Works Committee and to the Senior Analyst, Waste Diversion Planning Unit, Solid Waste Management Services, in order that the response can be incorporated into the Waste Management Division report, which will be presented to the Works Committee.

(Sent To: Senior Analyst, Waste Diversion Planning Unit, Solid Waste Management Services, the Promotions Subcommittee, the Bikeway Network Subcommittee, the Education and Safety Subcommittee, the Cycling and Transit Working Group and Toronto Cycling Committee Members 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, September 21, 2005)

9.5 Appointments to the Toronto Cycling Committee - Nominating Subcommittee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 7, 2005) from the City Clerk, advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee on April 18, 2005, approved the report (April 6, 2005) from the City Clerk regarding the process to establish the Nominating Subcommittee (three to five members need to be appointed by the Toronto Cycling Committee) and appoint new members to the Toronto Cycling Committee to fill all vacancies that presently exist for the remainder of the current term.

Included as part of the communication (September 7, 2005) from the City Clerk are the following documents:

- (a) Application Form;
- (b) Information Package; and
- (c) Draft News Release.

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

- (1) in accordance with Section (7) of the Toronto Cycling Committee Terms of Reference, Rob Rogers and Jennifer McMartin, be deemed to have resigned from the Toronto Cycling Committee, due to their absence for more than three consecutive meetings and without providing the Committee with written or verbal notification and reason for such absence;
- (2) in view of the fact that these appointments are interim until the completion of the current term on November 30, 2006, or until their successors are appointed, the Terms of Reference nominating appointment requirements of Section (14) (f), be waived, in order to allow all members of the Toronto Cycling Committee to stand for nomination to the Nominating Subcommittee;

- (3) the following Toronto Cycling Committee members be appointed to the Nominating Subcommittee:
 - (a) Councillor Adam Giambrone or his designate;
 - (b) Steve Crossman;
 - (c) Brigitte Nowak; and
 - (d) Clay McFayden;

- (4) the Nominating Subcommittee be directed to appoint three citizen members and two alternate citizen members, in order to fulfil the citizen membership compliment of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and

- (5) the Nominating Subcommittee prepare a report and forward directly to the Works Committee on November 8, 2005.

(Sent To: Nominating Subcommittee c: Administrator, Works Committee, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, September 21, 2005)

9.6 Meeting with Members of Council

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (August 31, 2005) from Nikki Rendle, Judy Adler and Andrew Wood, Members, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding the recent meetings held with Councillor Lindsay Luby and Councillor Filion, and recommending that this report be referred to the Promotions Subcommittee with a request that the subcommittee organize future meeting of Toronto Cycling Committee members with City Councillors and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by Brigitte Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the report (August 31, 2005) from Nikki Rendle, Judy Adler and Andrew Wood, be referred to the Promotions Subcommittee with a request that the subcommittee organize future meetings of Toronto Cycling Committee members with City Councillors and report back to the Toronto Cycling Committee.

(Sent To: Promotions Subcommittee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division and Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, September 21, 2005)

9.7 Outstanding Items List

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 7, 2005) from the City Clerk, providing the Outstanding Items List for the information of the Toronto Cycling Committee.

On Motion by J. Richard Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (September 7, 2005) from the City Clerk, be received.

9.8 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards 2005

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (September 7, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, inviting Toronto Cycling Committee members to the Bicycle Friendly Business Awards on October 6, 2005, at 6:00 p.m., Rotunda, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West.

On Motion by John Sherk, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the communication (September 7, 2005) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, be received.

9.9 Subcommittee and Workgroup Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following minutes:

- (a) Promotions Subcommittee Minutes dated July 20, 2005;
- (b) Education and Safety Subcommittee Minutes dated August 8, 2005;
- (c) Bikeway Network Subcommittee Minutes dated July 27, 2005, and including a communication (September 19, 2005) from Andrew Wood, forwarding two additional recommendations for consideration; and
- (d) Cycling and Transit Working Group Minutes dated September 13, 2005.

On Motion by Andrew Wood, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Promotions Subcommittee dated July 20, 2005, be received.

On Motion by Brigitte Nowak, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Education and Safety Subcommittee dated August 8, 2005, be received.

On Motion by Clay McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that:

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- (1) the minutes of the Bikeway Network Subcommittee dated July 27, 2005 and the communication (September 19, 2005) from Andrew Wood, be received;
- (2) the Works Committee request City staff to improve cycling conditions on the portions of Beverley Street and Dundas Street West affected by the Art Gallery of Ontario reconstruction;
- (3) the Works Committee request City staff to report on the changes necessary to City policy and by-laws which would ensure that:
 - (a) private developers undertaking construction projects near existing bikeway network facilities ensure that those facilities are maintained and remain open throughout the construction process; and
 - (b) when the nature of construction makes it impossible to maintain and/or keep open bikeway network facilities, that a development surcharge be levied based on the length of bikeway network impacted and that any revenue raised be used to either construct a temporary (but equally safe detour) or be used for construction of additional cycling facilities elsewhere in the city.
- (4) the following Resolution from Andrew Wood be forwarded to the Works Committee:

“WHEREAS Bike Route No. 35 is one of the city's main north-south cycle routes and is heavily used by cyclists; and

WHEREAS conditions along the route have been severely compromised by construction at the AGO, construction and road maintenance within the University of Toronto campus and by the lack of enforcement of no-stopping by laws along the portion of the route within the University of Toronto campus; and

WHEREAS the Corporation of the City of Toronto was recently found partially liable for failure to maintain a signed cycling route on Queen Street West;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Works Committee request City staff to undertake a complete safety audit of Bike Route No. 35 between Bloor Street and the route's terminus at Queen Street West; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT if the route is found to be less than

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safe, City staff be requested to propose a list of possible remediation measures, including but not limited to, road resurfacing, detours and education of drivers.

On Motion by Crawford Murphy, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommended that the minutes of the Cycling and Transit Working Group dated September 13, 2005, be received.

(Sent To: Works Committee c: Councillor Adam Giambrone, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division and Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division, September 21, 2005)

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

Toronto Cycling Committee
Monday, October 17, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Bikeway Network Subcommittee
Wednesday, September 28, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 2
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Promotion Subcommittee
Wednesday, September 21, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 4
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Education and Safety Subcommittee
Monday, September 26, 2005
7:00 p.m.
Committee Room 3
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

Cycling and Transit Working Group
Tuesday, October 11, 2005
6:30 p.m.
Committee Room 4
Toronto City Hall
100 Queen Street West

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Chair

Co-Chair