

THE CITY OF TORONTO
City Clerk's Office
Minutes of the Meeting of the
Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Meeting 2

Monday, December 10, 2007

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, December 10, 2007 in Committee Room 4, 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 9:20 p.m. (Including Closed Session)
Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair	X
Paulette Blais	X
Chris Cavacuitti	X
Chris Hardwicke	X
Margaret Hastings-James	X
Aaron Hershoff	
Sonia Khan	X
Fred Sztabinski	X
Tammy Thorne	X

The following persons were also in attendance:

Christina Bouchard, Bike Week Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division
Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division
Peter Leiss, Supervisor, Parks, PFR Parks Toronto/East York Area 7, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division
Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division
Alex Shevchuk, Supervisor, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, PFR Parks Development and Infrastructure Management, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division
Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division

Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair, assumed the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Fred Sztabinski, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, held on October 15, 2007, were confirmed.

2.1 Election of Two Co-Chairs

The Chair called for nominations.

Fred Sztabinski and Paulette Blais, were nominated for the position of Co-Chair.

There being no further nominations, Fred Sztabinski and Paulette Blais, were both acclaimed for the position of Co-Chair for the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

2.2 Martin Goodman Trail Bollards at the Boulevard Club

Request to review the issues that cyclists have been complaining about since the bollards at the Boulevard Club were installed in the summer, 2007, and requesting the Committee to hear the concerns of cyclists and the opinion of City staff, and perhaps provide a recommendation.

The Supervisor, Parks, PFR Parks Toronto/East York Area 7, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, provided a verbal update regarding the Martin Goodman Trail Bollards at the Boulevard Club.

On motion moved by Paulette Blais, the Committee recommended a review alternative bollard configuration on the Martin Goodman Trail at the Boulevard Club.

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, the Committee recommended a review of possible traffic flow improvements in and around the entrance to the Boulevard Club, including the feasibility of restricting left turn in and left turn out to/from the Boulevard Club to Lakeshore Boulevard West.

On motion moved by Fred Sztabinski, the Committee recommended the removal of the second row of bollards.

On motion moved by Sonia Khan, the Committee recommended the development of a policy and standards regarding the installation of bollards in the City of Toronto.

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The consolidated motion, forwarded to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, reads as follows:

“The Committee requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report on:

1. the removal of the second row of bollards and review alternative bollard configuration on the Martin Goodman Trail at the Boulevard Club;
2. possible traffic flow improvements in and around the entrance to the Boulevard Club, including the feasibility of restricting left turn in and left turn out to/from the Boulevard Club to Lakeshore Boulevard West; and
3. the development of a policy and standards regarding the installation of bollards in the City of Toronto.”

The following persons addressed the Committee:

- Ed Treijs, who provided a written submission; and
- Michael Canzi, Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation, who provided a written submission.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee also had before it a communication (November 9, 2007) from Dr. Oliver Bajor headed “MGT Safety and Boulevard Club Manipulation of Metro Council: A Call to Action”.

2.3 Waterfront Toronto – Request for Representative on The Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place

Communication (November 13, 2007) from Antonio Medeiros, Planning & Design, Waterfront Toronto, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to consider appointing a representative to work with Waterfront Toronto in the development of the goals and design of The Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place project.

The Acting Supervisor, Area Landscape & Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, Mr. Fred Sztabinski and Ms. Margaret Hastings-James, Members, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, provided a verbal update regarding the recent meetings that have been held.

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On motion by Paulette Blais, the Committee recommended that:

1. Margaret Hastings-James and Fred Sztabinski, be appointed as the representatives from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to the Waterfront Toronto – The Martin Goodman Trail at Ontario Place project; that they coordinate their attendance to any future meetings that are held; and that they report back to Committee from time-to-time, as they may deem appropriate.

2.4 Appointment of a Representative to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee

Communication (October 16, 2007) from Councillor Saundercook, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee and Dylan Reid, Co-Chair, Toronto Pedestrian Committee, addressed to Councillor Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to appoint a representative to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

On motion moved by Chris Hardwick, the Committee recommended that:

1. Margaret Hastings-James be appointed as the representative from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

2.5 Toronto Police Service On-Line Bicycle Registration System

Communication (October 15, 2007) from William Blair, Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service, addressed to the City Clerk, advising that the Budget Sub-Committee of the Toronto Police Services Board has requested that the On-Line Bicycle Registration System briefing notes and associated appendices be disseminated to the members of Toronto City Council and members of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

On motion moved by Dr. Chris Cavacuiti, the Committee received for information the communication (October 15, 2007) from William Blair, Chief of Police, Toronto Police Service, addressed to the City Clerk.

2.6 Proposed 2008 Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule

The Chair, in consultation with City support staff, will be proposing the following 2008 Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Schedule:

Monday, January 21, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall
Monday, March 17, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall
Monday, May 12, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall
Monday, July 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall
Monday, September 22, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall
Monday, November 3, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 4, Toronto City Hall

On motion moved by Paulette Blais, the Committee approved the proposed 2008 Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee schedule, subject to moving the July 14, 2008 meeting to sometime at the end of June, 2008, if feasible with the scheduling requirements of the Chair.

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, the Committee approved an additional meeting for Monday, April 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m., Committee Room 2, Toronto City Hall.

2.7 GO-by-Bike

Donald Wiedman made a 10-minute presentation on the GO-by-Bike pilot project; creating a healthier community and environment by connecting active living, tourism and commuter cycling with rail, subway and bus services.

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, the Committee:

1. received for information the presentation from Mr. Donald Wiedman, regarding the GO-by-Bike pilot project; and
2. requested City program staff to review the feasibility of providing a link for the GO-by-Bike pilot project to the City of Toronto Cycling website.

2.8 Bicycle Trade Association of Canada (BTAC) – Proposals for 2008 Bike Month

Usman Valiante, Director of Cycling Advocacy, Bicycle Trade Association of Canada, made a 10-minute presentation regarding proposals for 2008 Bike Month.

On motion moved by Sonia Khan, the Committee received for information the presentation from Usman Valiante, Director of Cycling Advocacy, Bicycle Trade Association of Canada, regarding proposals for 2008 Bike Month.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Chair advised that on-going discussions are being held between the Chair, Usman Valiante and City staff to finalize all issues, funding requirements and in-kind services, for the proposed 2008 Bike Month proposal, which is composed of the following three events:

1. The Green Living Show in April 2008;
2. Toronto Bike to Work Day/Pancake Breakfast; and
3. The Toronto Criterium (Giro d'Toronto) on May 30, 2008.

The Chair further advised that once all matters have been dealt with, to the satisfaction of City Divisions and event partners, a report will be prepared and presented to the appropriate standing committee of City Council.

2.9 Toronto Bike Plan Progress Report and Presentation on Sharrow Pavement Markings

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, presented an update on the progress of the Toronto Bike Plan, following the Bike Plan Consultation Session held on July 23, 2007, and make a presentation on Sharrow pavement markings.

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services, provided a Glossary on various cycling terminology at the commencement of his presentation.

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, received for information the presentation by the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services.

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Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Chair advised that discussions have been held with all Members of Council and City staff to reach the goal of installing 50 kilometres of new Bike Lanes in 2008, and that a report will be presented to the Executive Committee on January 8, 2008, on a streamlined bicycle lane approval process.

2.10 Request from the North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee to hold a Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting at the North York Civic Centre

Communication (December 7, 2007) from on Hart, Chair, North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee, addressed to Councillor Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, requesting that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee hold one of its meetings at the North York Civic Centre.

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, the Committee recommended that:

1. the meetings of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, at the present time, be held at Toronto City Hall; and
2. further discussions be held by the Committee on the possibility of holding a future Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting at the North York Civic Centre.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair