

THE CITY OF TORONTO
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Minutes of the Meeting of the
Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Meeting 5

Monday, April 14, 2008

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, April 14, 2008 in Committee Room 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 9:35 p.m. (Including Closed Session)
Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair	X
Paulette Blais, Co-Chair	X
Chris Cavacuitti	X
Chris Hardwicke	Regrets given
Margaret Hastings-James	X
Aaron Hershoff	X
Sonia Khan	X
Fred Sztabinski, Co-Chair	X
Tammy Thorne	X

The following persons were also in attendance:

Constable Steve Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division
Caroline Law, Administrative Assistant to Councillor Heaps
Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Coordinator, Transportation Planning, City Planning Division

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Tammy Thorne, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, held on January 21, 2008, were confirmed.

Ontario Award of Excellence

The Chair gave a brief oral report on the City of Toronto Kids CAN-BIKE Camp winning the 2007 Parks and Recreation Ontario Award of Excellence and advising that:

- this award honours the camp for demonstrating new innovative activities and programs advancement of sport, recreation and leisure;
- last year 80 kids took part in the camp at Jimmie Simpson Recreation Centre and perfected their bike safety skills;
- generous sponsorship provided every kid with a new fully equipped bike, helmet, lock, back pack and reflective safety sash;
- kids are registered through community agency partners only; and
- to learn more about the camp visit: <http://www.toronto.ca/cycling/canbike/camp.htm>.

5.1 Toronto Police Service - Bikes and Wheel Sport Safety Campaign (Presentation - 7:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.)

Constable Stephen Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, provided an update regarding their upcoming Bikes and Wheel Sport Safety Campaign.

The Committee had before it a report (April 14, 2008) from Constable Stephen Burns, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, headed "Toronto Police Service – Bikes & Wheel Sport Safety Program – June 16-22, 2008".

The Committee also had before it an e-mail communication (March 31, 2008) from Aaron Hershoff, Member, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, providing some points of discussion regarding the Bikes and Wheel Sport Safety Campaign.

On motion moved by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, seconded by Ms. Paulette Blais, the Committee:

1. requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request City Council to request Toronto Police Service to:
 - a. change the date of the Bikes & Wheel Sport Safety Campaign, scheduled from June 16 to 22, 2008, to another date in order to not conflict with the City of Toronto 2008 Bike Month event, which will take place in June, 2008, and to schedule the Bikes & Wheel Sport Safety Campaign outside of Bike Month (typically June) in all subsequent years; and

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- b. partner with the City of Toronto, through the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, in developing a cycling education and safety program, which would commence one month prior to the cycling season and run from the months of May to September; and
2. requested City program staff to include an announcement, as part of the 2008 Bike Month Group Commute event, regarding the need for bicycles to include lights and other cycling safety issues.

**5.2 Toronto Bike Plan Update
(7:20 p.m. to 7:40 p.m.)**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 3, 2008) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, providing an update on Toronto Bike Plan programs and initiatives.

On motion by Dr. Chris Cavacuitti, seconded by Ms. Sonia Khan, the Committee received for information the communication (April 3, 2008) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division.

**5.3 Avenues of Communication Available to Members of the Public to Connect with the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee
(7:40 p.m. to 7:50 p.m.)**

The TCAC at its meeting on January 21, 2008, requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, in consultation with appropriate City staff, to report to the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee at its next meeting on March 17, 2008, on:

1. how to make the Cycling webpage more accessible to members of the public;
2. the feasibility of establishing a virtual suggestion box;
3. updating the Cycling e-mail addresses;
4. updating the information contained on the Cycling webpage; and
5. how members of the public can put an item onto the agenda.

The Committee had before it a communication (March 31, 2008) from Aaron Hershoff, Member, TCAC, providing some options on avenues of communication available to members of the public to connect with the TCAC.

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On motion moved by Mr. Aaron Hershoff, seconded by Ms. Tammy Thorne, the Committee:

1. received for information the Communication (March 31, 2008) from Aaron Hershoff, Member, TCAC; and
2. requested City program staff to include information in the Cyclometer newsletter on how members of the public can get their items and issues considered for inclusion on the TCAC agenda.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphries addressed the Committee.

**5.4 Winter Snow Removal on Bike Lanes
(7:50 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.)**

The Chair, at the TCAC meeting on March 17, 2008, requested Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee members to provide a listing at the next Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting on April 14, 2008, of key priority bike lanes that, in their opinion, should be kept clear of snow.

The purpose of the lists from the members will be to prepare one final list and request that appropriate funding be allocated in the 2008/2009 Transportation Services Division Operating Budget, snow clearing operations, to ensure that the identified priority bike lanes are kept clear of snow during 2008/2009 snow season.

TCAC Members provided the following list of key priority bike lanes for consideration:

- a. Harbord Street;
- b. St. George Street/Beverley Street;
- c. Davenport Road/ Dupont Street;
- d. Sherbourne Street; and
- e. Lakeshore Bike Path from the Beaches to downtown Toronto.

The Committee had before it the following communications:

- (March 17, 2008) from Kelly Carmichael, Co-Chair, East Toronto Community Coalition, requesting the TCAC to consider including the Lakeshore Bike Lane on the list of key priority bike lanes for winter snow removal; and
- (April 13, 2008) from John MacMillan, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to consider adding the Bloor Street Viaduct to the list of priority bike lanes.

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On motion moved by Ms. Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, the Committee:

1. requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division to:
 - a. review and report on all bike lanes and trail paths under the jurisdiction of Transportation Services Division, in order to determine and advise which bike lanes can be identified as priority bike lanes in order to ensure the snow is removed from those bike lanes rather than the snow being cleared only; and
 - b. as part of the review and report, consider identifying the following bike lanes as priority bike lanes, as identified by the Toronto Cycling and Advisory Committee:
 - i. Harbord Street;
 - ii. St. George Street/Beverley Street;
 - iii. Davenport Road/Dupont Street;
 - iv. Sherbourne Street;
 - v. Lakeshore Bike Path from the Beaches to downtown Toronto;
 - vi. Dundas Street East;
 - vii. Danforth Avenue Viaduct; and
 - viii. College Street; and
2. requested the Parks and Environment Committee to request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review and report on the feasibility of removing the snow from the Martin Goodman Trail in the west end of Toronto.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphries addressed the Committee.

5.5 Holding a Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee at the North York Civic Centre (8:00 p.m. to 8:05 p.m.)

The TCAC at its meeting on December 10, 2007, recommended that 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.

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The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, advised that community workshops will be held later in 2008 in order to receive community input regarding the 2009 Transportation Services Division program, and that the community workshops will be held in various areas of the City and members of the TCAC are welcomed to participate, and local community cycling and pedestrian groups will be invited to participate in the workshops.

On motion moved by Ms. Tammy Thorne, seconded by Ms. Paulette Blais, the Committee recommended that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meetings be held at Toronto City Hall.

**5.6 Cycling and Transit Working Group
(8:05 p.m. to 8:15 p.m.)**

The Committee had before it the minutes (April 10, 2008) from the Cycling and Transit Working Group.

Fred Sztabinski, Member, Cycling and Transit Working Group, provided an oral update to the Committee.

On motion moved by Ms. Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, the Committee received for information the minutes (April 10, 2008) from the Cycling and Transit Working Group.

**5.7 Toronto Urban Renewal Network (TURN) – South Kingsway-The Queensway Interchange (SKQI) Cycling Issues
(8:15 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.)**

The Committee had before it a communication (April 3, 2008) from Sheila Brazel, Member, TURN, requesting the TCAC to support the following three motions:

- a. to support the SKQI Link Road alternative – or any alternative other than “minor” modifications;
- b. to prevent the City of Toronto Transportation Services Division’s SKQI report from being submitted to Etobicoke York Community Council but rather submit it to the Planning and Growth Management Committee (which had requested it) or the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee; and
- c. support the coordination of a 1-2 day charette where both new and old residents can agree on a safe intersection that is cycling, pedestrian and transit friendly.

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On motion moved by Ms. Paulette Blais, seconded by Ms. Aaron Hershoff, the Committee requested the Etobicoke York Community Council to request City Council to:

1. support the Transportation Services Division recommendation for the inclusion of a continuous bike lane through the South Kingsway-The Queensway Interchange;
2. support a re-design of the South Kingsway-The Queensway Interchange that will enhance accessibility and safety for pedestrians and cyclists; and
3. request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to hold a 2-day Charette with members of the public, interested stakeholders and the Ward Councillor, on various options available to create a safe interchange that is cycling, pedestrian and transit friendly.

The following persons addressed the Committee:

- Mr. Marty Collier; and
- Mr. Anthony M. Humphries.

5.8 Toronto Transit Commission – Scarborough RT Extension and Sheppard LRT Environmental Assessment (EA)

The Committee had before it a communication (April 4, 2008) from Rich Thompson, Project Manager (SRT) and Gary Carr, Chief Engineer – Operations Planning (Sheppard), Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto have initiated two separate Environment Assessment studies; the Scarborough RT Extension and the Sheppard East LRT; enclosing a summary of each of the projects; and giving the TCAC an opportunity to participate in one, or both, of these studies.

On motion moved by Ms. Sonia Khan, seconded by Ms. Tammy Thorne, the Committee recommended that the Toronto Transit Commission be advised, through the Cycling and Transit Working Group, that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee would like to participate in the two Environmental Assessment studies: the Scarborough RT Extension and the Sheppard East LRT.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:35 p.m.

Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair

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