



**THE TORONTO CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
DECISION DOCUMENT
MEETING 5**

Date of Meeting:	Monday, April 14, 2008	Enquiry: Frank Baldassini
Time:	7:00 p.m.	Committee Secretary
Location:	Committee Room 2	416-395-7352
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Minutes Confirmed –

Meeting of March 17, 2008 of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Communications/Reports:

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

Action taken by the Committee:

The Committee requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request City Council to request Toronto Police Service to:

1. **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**

2. **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.**

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Committee 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.

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.

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

Action Taken by the Committee:

The Committee received for information the communication (April 3, 2008) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division.

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.

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.)**

Action Taken by the Committee:

The Committee received for information the Communication (March 31, 2008) from Aaron Hershoff, Member, TCAC.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Committee 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.

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.

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

Action Taken by the Committee:

The Committee requested:

1. **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;**
 - 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. **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.**

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.

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

Action Taken by the Committee:

The Committee recommended that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meetings be held at Toronto City Hall.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

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.

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.

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

Action Taken by the Committee:

The Committee received for information 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.

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

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

Action Taken by the Committee:

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;**
- 3. request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to hold a 2-day Charette with members of the public, interested stakeholders, members and the Ward Councillor, on various options available to create a safe interchange that is cycling, pedestrian and transit friendly.**

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.
8. **Toronto Transit Commission – Scarborough RT Extension and Sheppard LRT Environmental Assessment (EA)**

Action Taken by the Committee:

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.

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.