

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

Meeting 8

Monday, September 22, 2008

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, September 22, 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 9:05 p.m. (Including Closed Session)
Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair	X
Paulette Blais, Co-Chair	X
Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti	X
Chris Hardwicke	X
Margaret Hastings-James	(Regrets given)
Aaron Hershoff	(Regrets given)
Sonia Khan	X
Fred Sztabinski, Co-Chair	X
Tammy Thorne	X

The following persons were also in attendance:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division
Jennifer Kowalski,
Caroline Law, Administrative Assistant to Councillor Heaps
Alex Shevchuk, Supervisor Community Design & Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

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

Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, seconded by Ms. Sonia Khan, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, held on May 12, 2008, were confirmed.

8.1 Drivers Passing Cyclists on Hills of Two-Lane Roads

Mr. Erhard Kraus made a 10 minute Power Point presentation regarding Drivers Passing Cyclists on Hills of Two-Lane Roads.

The Committee had before it an e-mail communication (August 27, 2008) from Mr. Erhard Kraus.

On motion moved by Ms. Tammy Thorne, seconded by Ms. Paulette Blais, the Committee:

1. Received the presentation from Mr. Erhard Kraus regarding Drivers Passing Cyclists on Hills of Two-Lane Roads.
2. Requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, to review the information presented by Mr. Erhard Kraus, and provide recommendations, suggestions or best practices that may be deemed appropriate to the first Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting in 2009.

8.2a Toronto Bike Plan Update

The Committee had before it a memorandum (September 10, 2008) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, providing an update on the following Toronto Bike Plan programs:

- a. 2008 Bikeway Network Projects;
- b. Union Station Bicycle Station;
- c. Pro Walk/Pro Bike Conference; and
- d. Bicycle Friendly Business Awards.

8.2b Installation of Bikeways within Ontario Hydro Lands

The Committee heard a presentation from the Supervisor, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, regarding the major off-road bikeways needed to complete the Toronto Bike Plan Network, for information.

On motion by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, seconded by Ms. Sonia Khan, the Committee:

1. Received the memorandum (September 10, 2008) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, for information.

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2. Received the presentation from the Supervisor, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, regarding the major off-road bikeways needed to complete the Toronto Bike Plan Network, for information.
3. Requested the Chair, with the assistance City Program Staff, to write to Mayor David Miller, advising of the current situation regarding the desire of the City to install bikeways within Ontario Hydro lands and the requirement proposed by the Province for the City to pay part or all of the annual assessed property taxes for those Ontario Hydro lands; and request Mayor Miller, with the assistance of Councillor Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, and appropriate City Program Staff, to communicate with the appropriate Provincial Officials on this matter.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.3a Cycling and Transit Working Group

The Committee had before it a report (August 27, 2008) from the Cycling and Transit Working Group regarding the meeting held by the Cycling and Transit Working Group on Wednesday, August 27, 2008.

On motion from Mr. Fred Sztabinski, seconded by Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, the Committee:

1. Requested the Chair, in consultation with the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, to prepare a communication and forward the recommendations detailed by the Cycling and Transit Working Group in their report (August 27, 2008), as follows:
 - a. Recommendation Nos. 1, 2 and 3 to each Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Transit City Project Manager and the General Manager, Transportation Services Division;
 - b. Recommendation No. 4 to each TTC Transit City Project Manager and the Transit City Manager; and
 - c. Recommendation Nos. 5, 6 and 7 to the General Manager, Transportation Services Division.

8.3b Eglinton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project

The Committee had before it an e-mail communication from Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, Member, Toronto Cycling and Advisory Committee:

1. advising that the above ground section of the Eglinton LRT project will study how to incorporate bike lanes, while the below ground section does not have any special plans in terms of bike lanes;
2. advising that a strong case can be made that with the removal of Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) traffic above ground on Eglinton Avenue between Keele Street and Leslie Street, it would provide an excellent chance to install bikeways on this section of Eglinton Avenue; and
3. requesting City Program Staff and the TTC Representative to provide a brief report on the impact of the LRT on bikeways and specifically on how burying the LRT may free up space for bikeways.

On motion moved by Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, seconded by Ms Tammy Thorne, the Committee:

1. Requested the Chair to prepare a communication and forward the three recommendations from Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, regarding the Eglinton Light Rail Transit (LRT) Project, to the TTC Eglinton LRT Project Manager.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.4 Education and Safety Subcommittee

Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, Member, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, provided an update regarding the Education and Safety Subcommittee meeting held on Friday, August 22, 2008, and presented a report (September 22, 2008) headed "Action Plans" for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

On motion moved by Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, seconded by Ms. Tammy Thorne, the Committee:

1. Requests the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to:
 - a. consult with Toronto Police Service and report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on strategies to reduce illegal parking in bike lanes, such report to include,

but not be limited to, a survey of other jurisdictions, enactment of any new by-laws necessary to improve enforcement and consideration to increasing the fine for illegally parking in the bike lane; and

- b. consult with Toronto Police and report to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on strategies to reduce dooring-related collisions, such report to include, but not be limited to, a survey of other jurisdictions, enactment of any new by-laws necessary to improve enforcement and consideration to increasing the fine for dooring collisions.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.5 Toronto Coalition for Active Transportation (TCAT) – Update on the TCAT Public Forum regarding Public Bikes

Mr. Fred Sztabinski, Project Coordinator, TCAT, provided an update on the public forum and stakeholders roundtable meetings regarding public bikes that TCAT hosted on Thursday, September 18, and Friday, September 19, 2008.

On motion moved by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, seconded by Mr. Chris Hardwicke, the Committee:

1. Received the update from Mr. Fred Sztabinski, Project Coordinator, TCAT, with thanks.
2. Requested Mr. Fred Sztabinski, Project Coordinator, TCAT, to forward a copy of the report that is being prepared resulting from the Public Forum and Stakeholders Roundtable meetings to the Chair, in order for the Chair to present the same at the scheduled meeting being held on Saturday, October 18, 2008 regarding Public Bike Sharing.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.6a Toronto Police Service - Use of the Approximately 2,500 Unclaimed Stolen Bicycles to Implement a Comprehensive City-wide Cycling Transportation Program

The Committee had before it an e-mail communication (August 2, 2008) from Alexandra Petre and Shawn Colle-Tripp, addressed to Councillor Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, requesting consideration be given to use the approximately 2,500 unclaimed stolen bicycles to implement a comprehensive City-wide Cycling Transportation Program.

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On motion moved by Ms. Sonia Khan, seconded by Ms. Paulette Blais, the Committee:

1. Received the e-mail communication (August 2, 2008) from Alexandra Petre and Shawn Colle-Tripp, for information.

8.6b Toronto Police Service - Donating the Approximately 2,500 Unclaimed Stolen Bicycles

The Committee considered a request to move a Motion to request Toronto Police Service to donate the approximately 2,500 stolen bicycles to those in need, rather than to sell the same through an auction.

The Committee had before it an e-mail (September 22, 2008) from Sergeant Tim Burrows, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, advising that there is no authority under the *Police Services Act* which allows the police to donate, re-allocate or otherwise give away property which is seized by the police; and that the two options that are available to Toronto Police Service are the sale or return to owner, notwithstanding a court order directing the disposition of the property.

On motion moved by Ms. Paulette Blais, seconded by Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti, the Committee:

1. Deferred this matter to its next meeting on Monday, November 3, 2008, in order to invite community groups to make a presentation on a proposal on how best to utilize the approximately 2,500 unclaimed bicycles as part of a community-benefit program.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.7 Provincial Level Citizen's Advisory Committee

The Committee considered a request for the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to move a motion to start a provincial level Citizen's Advisory Committee, which would include stakeholders from outside of the City and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on the proposed Citizen's Advisory Committee.

On motion moved by Ms. Tammy Thorne, seconded by Ms. Sonia Khan, the Committee:

1. Established a Provincial Issues Subcommittee with Ms. Tammy Thorne and Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti.

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2. Invited Ms. Eleanor McMahon to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, in order to make a presentation regarding a provincial overview on cycling issues.

Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

8.8 Bloor/Yorkville Streetscape Design

The Committee had before it communications (September 4 and 22, 2008) from Mr. Hamish Wilson, regarding the Bloor/Yorkville Streetscape Design.

On motion moved by Mr. Chris Hardwicke, seconded by Mr. Fred Sztabinski, the Committee:

1. Received the communications (September 4 and 22, 2008) from Mr. Hamish Wilson.

The following persons addressed the Committee:

- Mr. Anthony M. Humphreys; and
- Mr. Hamish Wilson.

8.9 Development of a Business Plan

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Chair advised that he had been invited by London Transport to London, England to speak to the City of London Council regarding cycling issues in the City of Toronto.

The Chair advised that the City of London, in some ways are more advanced on how they deal with cycling issues, and in some other ways, the City of Toronto is more advanced.

The Chair further advised that it became apparent that to advance cycling issues in the City of Toronto, the development of a business case model report is paramount.

The Chair stated that he will be working closely with the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure to prepare a business case model report for presentation to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee in the near future, and that he would keep the TCAC Members apprised of the development of the noted report.

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Adjournment

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:05 p.m.

Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair

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