

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

Meeting 15

Monday, January 18, 2010

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, January 18, 2010 in Committee Room 3, 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 9:15 p.m. (Including Closed Session)
Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair	(Regrets given)
Paulette Blais, Co-Chair	X
Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti (Co-Chair)	X
Chris Hardwicke	X
Margaret Hastings-James	X
Aaron Hershoff	X
David McElroy	X
Tammy Thorne	(Regrets given)
Donald Wiedman	X

The following persons were also in attendance:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division
Jennifer Kowalski, Planner, Community Design & Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation

Lukasz Pawlowski, Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division

Constable Hugh G. Smith, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service

Barb Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Education Coordinator, Community Research, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division

Graham Wright, Administrative Assistant to Councillor Heaps

Paulette Blais, Co-Chair, assumed the Chair.

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Confirmation of Minutes

On motion by Aaron Hershoff, seconded by Chris Hardwicke, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, held on October 29, 2009, were confirmed.

15.1 Cycling in Harbord Village

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee heard a presentation from Eleanor Levine regarding Cycling in Harbord Village.

Eleanor Levine submitted a copy of her presentation to the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Aaron Hershoff, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, to review the written presentation from Eleanor Levine, regarding Cycling in Harbord Village, as part of the visioning work to be undertaken regarding the 2010 Bikeway Network.

15.2 Presentation from the Ward 20 Cycling Committee

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee heard a presentation from Dale Duncan, Constituency Assistant to Councillor Vaughan, Andrew Keenan, Member, Ward 20 Cycling Committee and Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, regarding the report (undatd)from the Ward 20 Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a report (undated) from the Ward 20 Cycling Committee, presenting suggestions for improvements to cycling infrastructure and conditions in Ward 20. Its purpose is to provide feedback to Councillor Vaughan's office and City staff who can work in cooperation with the broader community to implement changes that reflect the needs of cyclists travelling in this section of the city.

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On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Chris Hardwicke, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, to consult with representatives of the Ward 20 Cycling Committee and report back to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

15.3 Changes to the Official Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Driver's Handbook

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee heard a presentation from Yvonne Bambrick, Project Lead, Handbook Update Working Group and Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union and Margaret Hastings-James, Member, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, regarding the attached report (January, 2010) from the Handbook Update Working Group headed "The Official MTO Driver's Handbook – Handbook Update Working Group – Proposed Changes re: Cyclists & Pedestrians"

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Donald Weidman, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Advised the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee that:
 - a. The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee endorses the recommendations contained in the report (January, 2010) from the Handbook Update Working Group headed "The Official MTO Driver's Handbook – Handbook Update Working Group – Proposed Changes re: Cyclists & Pedestrians"; and
 - b. The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee also endorses any further revisions that may be made to the noted report that further promotes cyclist and pedestrian safety.
2. Requested Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee members to forward any further comments that they may have to Yvonne Bambrick, Project Lead, Handbook Update Working Group and Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, in order that she may present the said comments to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on February 2, 2010.

15.4 Presentation of the 2009 Cycling Survey

The Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, made a presentation regarding the 2009 Cycling Survey that was conducted in 2009 by Ipsos Reid.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a News Release dated January 18, 2010 together with a Backgrounder report providing highlights from the 2009 Cycling Survey.

On motion moved by Chris Hardwicke, seconded by David McElroy the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the presentation from the Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs and the News Release dated January 18, 2010 regarding the 2009 Cycling Survey, for information.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

15.5 Presentation of the 2010 Bikeway Program

The Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, made a Power Point presentation regarding the 2010 Bikeway Network.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was informed that a Bikeway Network Public Consultation Open House is going to be held on Monday, February 1, 2010, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Room 308, Metro Hall, 55 John Street.

On motion moved by Margaret Hastings-James, seconded by Dr. Chris Cavacuiti, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the presentation from the Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, regarding the 2010 Bikeway Network, for information.
2. Established the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee – Bikeway Network Working Group, with David McElroy, Member, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee as the Chair.

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3. Requested the Bikeway Network Working Group to:
 - a. hold its first meeting following the February 1, 2010 Bikeway Network Public Consultation meeting; and
 - b. meet on an ad hoc basis and report back to the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, when necessary.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

15.5a Lower Sherbourne Promenade Plan

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on January 18, 2010 heard a presentation from Alan Heisey regarding the Lower Sherbourne Promenade Plan.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it the following:

1. E-mail (January 8, 2010) from Alan Heisey to Councillor Heaps, Chair, Toronto Advisory Committee, headed " Sherbourne Street Pedestrian Promenade Plan – Physically Separated Contra flow Bicycle Lanes on Sherbourne Street"; and
2. Memorandum (January 18, 2010) from Councillor McConnell, to the Toronto Advisory Committee, which contained the following recommendation:

"I recommend that a physically separated bicycle lane for Sherbourne Street be considered as one of the options by Community Planning during the consultation process for the Lower Sherbourne Promenade Plan."

On motion moved by Donald Weidman, seconded by Chris Hardwicke, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Director, Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, to consider:
 - a. a physically separated bicycle lane for Sherbourne Street as the preferred option by Community Planning, Toronto and East York District, during the consultation process for the Lower Sherbourne Promenade Plan; and
 - b. reviewing the feasibility of including a continuous bike lane on Sherbourne Street, from Bloor Street East to Queens Quay East.

15.6 Presentation of the Bikeway Network State of Good Repair

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee deferred consideration of this matter to its next meeting on Monday, March 8, 2010.

15.7 Letter of Resignation – Margaret Hastings-James

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a letter (January 18, 2010) from Margaret Hastings-James, tendering her resignation from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

The Co- Chair, on behalf of the Committee, thanked Margaret Hastings-James for her work and dedication and wished her continued success on her future endeavours.

Margaret Hastings-James thanked the Co-Chair for her kind words, thanked the Members and City Program staff for the opportunity of having worked closely with them, wished the Committee continued success in serving the cycling needs of the citizens of the City of Toronto and advised that she will keep in touch.

On motion moved by Paulette Blais, seconded by Dr. Chris Cavacuiti, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Advised the Planning and Growth Management Committee, for information only, of the resignation of Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Citizen Member Margaret Hastings-James and that Meagan Meaney, the next Alternate Candidate, as appointed by City Council on September 26 and 27, 2007, fill the vacancy created, until November 30, 2010, or until her successor is appointed.

Adjournment

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

Paulette Blais, Co-Chair