THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Office Minutes of the Meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Meeting 16

Monday, March 8, 2010

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, March 8, 2010 in Committee Room 3, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

<u>Attendance</u>

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	Х
Paulette Blais, Co-Chair	(Regrets given)
Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti (Co-Chair)	Х
Chris Hardwicke	Х
Aaron Hershoff	Х
David McElroy	Х
Megan Meaney	(Regrets given)
Tammy Thorne	Х
Donald Wiedman	(Regrets given)

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

Councillor Heaps, Chair, assumed the Chair.

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 January 18, 2010, were confirmed.

16.1 Amendments to the City of Toronto Comprehensive Zoning By-law (7:00 p.m. to 7:20 p.m.)

Ugo Popadic, Papazian Heisey Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, made a deputation on behalf of the Toronto Cyclists Union requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to endorse the proposed further changes to the City of Toronto Comprehensive Zoning Bylaw that have been proposed in the letter (March 3, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, Papazian Heisey Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, addressed to Councillor Norm Kelly, Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it the following:

- a. E-mail (February 3, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, Solicitor, Papazian Heisey Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, advising that he has been retained by the Toronto Cyclists Union to provide comments on the new Toronto Comprehensive Zoning By-law and in particular, the provisions of the new Zoning By-law affecting the provision of bicycle parking and measures affecting cyclist safety;
- Letter (December 22, 2009) from A. Milliken Heisey, Solicitor, Papazian Heisey Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, addressed to Councillor Norm Kelly, Chair, Planning and Growth Management Committee, headed "Draft Toronto Comprehensive Zoning By-law – Cycling Related Provisions"; and
- c. Letter (March 3, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, Solicitor, Papazian Heisey Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, advising that the Toronto Cyclists Union has had an opportunity to meet with City Planning staff to discuss the Toronto Cyclists Union's proposed amendments to the City's draft Zoning By-law; and as a result of that meeting and the input from City Planning staff, the Toronto Cyclists Union has further refined and developed its position.

On motion moved by Aaron Hershoff, seconded by Chris Hardwick the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

 Requested Planning and Growth Management Committee to direct the Director, Zoning By-law & Environmental Planning, City Planning Division, to meet with the Toronto Cyclists Union, in order to address the issues presented in the letter (March 3, 2010) from the Toronto Cyclists Union, and report back to Planning and Growth Management Committee at its meeting on June 16, 2010.

16.2 Separating St. George Street/Beverley Street Bicycle Lanes from Traffic

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it the following:

- a. Letter (February 22 ,2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to endorse a proposal to relocate the St. George Street/Beverley Street bicycle lanes so that both bicycle lanes, north and south bound, be moved to the east side of Beverley Street and St. George Street, from Queen Street West to Prince Arthur Street north of Bloor Street West; and the parallel north and south bound bicycle lanes would then be physically separated from traffic by bollards or a curb;
- b. Letter (March 5, 2010) from Councillor Adam Vaughan, advising that he has no objection to Transportation Services Division staff conducting a study to determine the feasibility of providing protected bike lanes on St. George Street and Beverley Street, including:
 - i. how the streets would need to be redesigned;
 - ii. how traffic signals would be adjusted;
 - iii. how other uses of the street would be affected; and
 - iv. the overall cost of this proposal;
- c. E-mail (March 4, 2010) from Matt Mulholland supporting the creation of protected bike lanes on St. George Street and Beverley Street; and
- d. E-mail (March 4, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, forwarding a communication (March 4, 2010) from George Luste, President, University of Toronto Faculty Association and a petition supporting the creation of protected bike lanes on St. George Street and Beverley Street.

The Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, advised that a RFP will be issued sometime later in 2010, which will be 6 to 8 months in length, and will review the feasibility of creating a City policy and standards regarding protected bike lanes and how they will be integrated into the bikeway system.

He further advised that specific locations, regarding the inclusion of protected bike lanes, should be reviewed once the City has established a City policy on this matter.

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

1. Received the deputation from Ugo Popadic, on behalf of A. Milliken Heisey, and the communications listed above as 2 a, b, c and d, for information.

The following persons addressed the Committee:

- Ugo Popadic, on behalf of A. Milliken Heisey
- Hamish Wilson

16.3 Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services – Road Safety Campaign at the end of Bike Month

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee considered a request from Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, seeking the support/endorsement of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee for an outreach/education campaign targeted to cyclists for one or two weeks prior to the road safety campaign week that Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services tends to set up in the week following Bike Month.

Constable Hugh G. Smith, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service, advised the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, that Traffic Services, in partnership with City of Toronto and other agencies and organizations, is developing an education program which will be used by police officers when dealing with cyclists, as well as issuing a ticket for an offence, if deemed necessary by the police officer at that time.

On motion moved by Dr. Chris Hardwicke, seconded by Tammy Thorne, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Enendorsed the request from Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, for a focused outreach/education campaign targeted to cyclists for one or two weeks prior to the road safety campaign week that Toronto Police Service, Traffic Services tends to set up in the week following Bike Month.

Yvonne Bambrick addressed the Committee.

16.4 Toronto Bike Plan Update

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee considered the following presentations:

- i. Presentation by the Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, on the Bikeway Network State of Good Repair.
- ii. Presentation by Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, on RINC (Recreation Infrastructure Canada) - Bikeway Trail Projects in the Gatineau and Hydro Corridors, and the CN Leaside Trail.
- Presentation by the Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, on the summary of comments received on the Bikeway Network Downtown 2010 Program, Public Open House held on 1 February 2010.

On motion moved by Dr. Tammy Thorne, seconded by David McElroy, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

 Received the presentations from the Manager and Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, for information.
Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

16.5 Intersection of Front Street and Bay Street

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it the following:

- Communication (February 10, 2010) from Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, addressed to Councillor deBaeremaeker, Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, regarding the intersection of Front Street and Bay Street; and
- b. Communication (March 5, 2010) from Ellen Vera Allen, Chair, Toronto Island Community Association, advising of their support for the proposals of the Toronto Cyclists Union contained in their letter (February 10, 2010) addressed to Councillor deBaeremaeker, Chair, Public Works and Infrastructure Committee, regarding the intersection of Front Street and Bay Street.

The Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, again advised (as in Item No. 16.2 of the March 8, 2010 TCAC minutes) that specific locations, regarding the inclusion of protected bike lanes, should be reviewed once the City has established a City policy on this matter.

On motion moved by Dr. Aaron Hershoff, seconded by David McElroy, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the communication from (February 10, 2010) from Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, and the communication (March 5, 2010) from Ellen Vera Allen, Chair, Toronto Island Community Association, for information.

Yvonne Bambrick addressed the Committee.

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:15 p.m.

Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair

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