

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

Meeting 18

Monday, June 7, 2010

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, June 7, 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 9:30 p.m. (Including Closed Session)
Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair	X
Paulette Blais, Co-Chair	X
Dr. Chris A. Cavacuiti (Co-Chair)	X
Chris Hardwicke	X
Aaron Hershoff	X
David McElroy	(Regrets given)
Megan Meaney	(Regrets given)
Tammy Thorne	X
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

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 March 8, 2010 and April 12, 2010, were confirmed.

18.1 Presentation – Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) – TTC Bicycle Initiatives

Tim Lawson, Transportation Engineer, Toronto Transit Commission, made a 10-minute Power Point presentation regarding TTC Bicycle Initiatives.

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

1. Received the presentation from Tim Lawson, Transportation Engineer, Toronto Transit Committee, for information.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

18.2 Presentation – Front Street Reconfiguration – Environmental Assessment Study

Uwe C. Mader, Transportation Engineer, Infrastructure Planning Unit, Transportation Services Division, made a 10-minute presentation regarding the Front Street Reconfiguration Environmental Assessment Study.

Mr. Mader provided the following information:

Purpose: The re-configuration of Front Street West, from Bay Street to York Street, that best addresses the planning, operational and urban design objectives as envisioned in the Union Station District Plan.

Primary Study Location: Front Street West, between York Street and Bay Street, including the intersections at York Street and Front Street and the intersection of Bay Street and Front Street.

Mr. Mader also advised that a Public Information Session will be held on Monday, July 5, 2010, from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., at which time the preferred alternative design option will be presented.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee also had before it a letter (March 5, 2010) from the Toronto Island Community Association.

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, seconded by Paulette Blais, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the presentation from Uwe C. Mader, Transportation Engineer, Infrastructure Planning Unit, Transportation Services Division, for information.
2. Directed the Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, to receive, no later than Friday, June 18, 2010, all comments from Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Members, organize and prepare a synopsis of the same and forward to the appropriate City Officials as the

submission from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union, addressed the Committee.

18.3 Presentation – Clean Air Partnership – Bike Lanes, On-Street Parking and Business, Year 2 Report: A Study of Bloor Street in Toronto's Bloor West Village

Nancy Smith-Lea, Clean Air Partnership, made a 10-minute presentation on the report headed "Bike Lanes, On-Street Parking and Business, Year 2 Report: A Study of Bloor Street in Toronto's Bloor West Village".

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, seconded by Paulette Blais, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the presentation from Nancy Smith-Lea, Clean Air Partnership, for information.
2. Advised the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, as part of the upcoming Bloor/Danforth RFP process, supports the establishment of a continuous bike lane along the entire Bloor/Danforth corridor and that the noted bike lane be added to the Bikeway Network.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

18.4 Toronto Bike Plan Update

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee heard an update from Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, on the following matters:

- a. 2010 Bikeway Approvals;
- b. Installation Status of Approved Projects; and
- c. Trail (RInC) Projects.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a memorandum (June 7, 2010) from the Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division.

On motion moved by Paulette Blais, seconded by Aaron Hershoff, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received the update by Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division for information.

The following persons addressed the Committee:

1. Hamish Wilson
2. Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union

18.5 Province of Ontario - Private Members Bill – 3 Foot Passing Law

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a draft copy of a letter (undated), together with background materials, from Dr. Chris Cavacuiti, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to endorse the 3 Foot Passing Law that is presently before the Ontario Legislature as a Private Members Bill.

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

1. Requested the Chair to forward the draft letter of support to The Premier of Ontario and The Minister of Transportation.

18.6. Request for Updates from Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Program Staff

The Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, provided a verbal report on the following matters which were brought forward by Members of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee and Interested Parties:

- a. Improve Conditions for all trail users – inquiry regarding the feasibility, for this summer, to improve the conditions of the trails (use of paint for lines, symbols, etc.), which would enhance the overall safety for people using the busy trails this summer; and
- b. Repaving Schedule for Queen Street, from Sherbourne Street to Gladstone Avenue and Dundas Street West, from University Avenue to Lansdowne Avenue – inquiring what can be done to improve these two major east/west cycling routes in terms of cycling infrastructure as quickly as possible, as both of these roads have been damaged by multiple utility cuts/patches, which pose a threat to the safety of cyclists.

On motion moved by Paulette Blais, seconded by Tammy Thorne, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to consider the following motion at its meeting on June 15, 2010:

"That due to the high volume of cyclists on Queen Street, from Sherbourne Street to Gladstone Avenue and on Dundas Street West, from University Avenue to Lansdowne Avenue; with no existing cycling infrastructure in place; and the imminent danger to cyclists because of the existing poor condition of the two noted roadways, both where the concrete streetcar bed meets the asphalt and in the curb lane; the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee be requested to include the two noted roadways in the State of Good Repairs audit and direct the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to

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immediately take the necessary measures to repair the two noted roadways."

The following persons addressed the Committee:

1. Hamish Wilson
2. Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union

7. Items Brought Forward from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting on April 12, 2010 Meeting

The following items from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting on April 12, 2010 have been brought forward for information as a result of the lack of quorum present at the noted Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting:

1. 2010 Bike Month Event

Christina Bouchard, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, will make a presentation regarding Bike Month 2010.

(A copy of the presentation from Christina Bouchard regarding the 2010 Bike Month Event will be made available at the commencement of the meeting and will be posted on the City's website on April 13, 2010.)

2. Chronology of Bike Plan Activities and Related Dates

The Chair will make a presentation regarding the planned cycling activities for the months of April, May and June, 2010.

(A detailed listing of the planned activities and corresponding dates will be made available at the commencement of the meeting and will be posted on the City's website on April 13, 2010.)

3. Bike Plan Update

- a. Lukasz Pawlowski, Senior Engineer, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, will make a presentation regarding the 2010 Bikeway Update report, which will be reported to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

- b. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, will make a presentation regarding the proposed Public Bicycle Program, which will be reported to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on Tuesday, April 20, 2010.

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*(Note: The above noted two reports will be available on-line as of Tuesday, April 13, 2010 on the City's website, listed as part of the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee agenda, on the following link:
<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2010/agendas/pw.htm>.)*

4. Toronto Cyclists Union – Draft Comprehensive Toronto Zoning By-law, Bicycle Parking Regulations – Planning and Growth Management Committee of April 21, 2010

Letter (April 1, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, Papazian/Heisey/Myers, Barristers & Solicitors, on behalf of the Toronto Cyclists Union and addressed to Councillor Norm Kelly, Chair and Members of the Planning and Growth Management Committee, and requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to endorse the proposals contained in the noted letter and advise the Planning and Growth Management Committee at its meeting on April 21, 2010.

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, seconded by Aaron Hershoff, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested that the Planning and Growth Management Committee be advised that the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee endorses the proposals put forward by the Toronto Cyclists Union in the letter (April 6, 2010) from A. Milliken Heisey, Barristers & Solicitors, Papazian/Heisey/Meyers.

The following persons addressed the Committee:

1. Hamish Wilson
2. Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union

Adjournment

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:30 p.m.

Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair