

January 19, 2010

To: Public Works and Infrastructure Committee

From: Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Subject: **Changes to the Official Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Driver's Handbook**

Committee Decision:

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. **Advises 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. **Requests 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.**

Background:

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on January 18, 2010 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"

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on October 29, 2009 struck the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee – Handbook Update Working Group, to be chaired by Yvonne Bambrick, Toronto Cyclists Union, including interested members of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, a representative from Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service and program staff from Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division, in order to review the Official Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Driver's Handbook and prepare a set of recommendations for consideration by the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee and the Toronto Pedestrian Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on October 29, 2009 had before it the attached letter (October 6, 2009) from the City Clerk advising that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on October 6, 2009 referred the letter (September 25, 2009) from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee to the Toronto Pedestrian Committee and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee with the request that they provide advice to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee and City Council on potential changes to the Official Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Driver's Handbook.

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee on September 22, 2009 recommended to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee:

1. The General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to review the Official Ministry of Transportation of Ontario Driver's Handbook and recommend changes to the Handbook, for consideration by the Government of Ontario, that would better educate drivers on sharing the road with cyclists, pedestrians, and public transit vehicles with an eye towards a safer and more inclusive road environment for all users.
2. The General Manager, Transportation Services, be requested to develop recommendations, for consideration by the Government of Ontario, to improve the ongoing training of Driving Instructors on sharing the road with cyclists, pedestrians and public transit vehicles with an eye towards a safer and more inclusive road environment for all users.

(for) City Clerk

Frank Baldassini
Item 3

Attachment

- c: Toronto Pedestrian Committee
Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee
Members, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee
Yvonne Bambrick, Executive Director, Toronto Cyclists Union
Constable Hugh G. Smith, Traffic Services, Toronto Police Service
Manager, Cycling Infrastructure and Programs, Transportation Services Division