

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, April 23, 2001.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, April 23, 2001, in Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, Toronto, commencing at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow, Co-Chair
Mr. Stephen Fisher (Co-Chair)
Ms. Marleen Van Laethem (Co-Chair)
Mr. Steve Beiko
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Israel Chackowicz
Mr. Gerald Corbett
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington
Mr. Ron Hart
Ms. Nina Koskenoja
Mr. Martin Koob
Mr. Clay McFayden
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Phil Piltch
Ms. Jannette Porter
Mr. John Sherk

Staff Present:

Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian
Infrastructure Unit
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator

Ms. Marleen Van Laethem in the Chair.

3.1 Toronto Bike Plan Status.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (February 8, 2001) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information, of the Toronto Cycling Committee, an update on the status of the Toronto Bike Plan; and recommending that the aforementioned communication, be received; and

- (2) (April 18, 2001) from Mr. Ian Tytler, Vice-President, Toronto Bicycle Network, advising that the proposed system of bicycle paths and trails in the Toronto Master Cycling Plan has been collectively called the Bikeway Network, or the Toronto Bikeway Network; expressing concern that the acronym "TBN" used to describe the Toronto Bikeway Network will create duplication and confusion with the acronym used to describe the club, the Toronto Bicycling Network; and requesting that:
 - (a) the Toronto Cycling Committee advise the Toronto Bicycle Network on how far along in the selection process it is in the choosing of a name for the cycling pathways for the Master Cycling Plan;
 - (b) the Toronto Cycling Committee select a name for the cycling pathways for the Master Cycling Plan that does not use the name Toronto Bikeway Network or the acronym "TBN"; and
 - (c) the Toronto Cycling Committee and Toronto Bicycle Network work together on the selection of an appropriate name for the cycling paths in the Master Cycling Plan.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a presentation from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit.

On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, respond directly to the foregoing communication (April 18, 2001) from Mr. Ian Tytler, Vice-President, Toronto Bicycle Network.

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(Sent to: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c: Mr. Ian Tytler, Vice-President, Toronto Bicycle Network – April 24, 2001)

3.2 2001 Operating and Capital Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (February 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee at its special meeting held February 21 and 28, 2001, considered the 2001 – 2005 Capital Budget, and 2001 Operating Budget, and received many presentations from Departments, Councillors, and the general public, reports and materials, and communications; and recommending, in part:

“II.(8) that a special discussion be held with the Works Committee and the Toronto Cycling Committee before the next budget process on the cycling infrastructure capital requirements in the context of the emerging master plan.”;

- (2) (February 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee at its special meeting held February 21 and 28, 2001, considered the 2001 – 2005 Capital Budget, and 2001 Operating Budget, and received many presentations from Departments, Councillors, and the general public, reports and materials, and communications; and recommending, in part:

“II(11) the issue of the safety of bicycle lanes on McCowan Avenue, be referred to the Toronto Cycling Committee.”; and

- (3) (March 21, 2001) addressed to Chair and Members of the Budget Advisory Committee, Toronto City Council, from Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, providing, for information of the members of the Budget Advisory Committee, the programs of the Toronto Cycling Committee; and requesting that the 2001 Budget of the Toronto Cycling Committee be approved so that the programs can support the vision of the report, Reducing Car Dependence and Transportation Options for the City of Toronto from the Department of Urban Development Services.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, The Toronto Cycling Committee:

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- (1) received the communication (February 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, and the communication (March 21, 2001) addressed to Chair and Members of the Budget Advisory Committee, Toronto City Council from Mr. Crawford Murphy, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee;
- (2) requested that Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, review the matter of the safety issue of bicycle lanes on McCowan Avenue, as part of the Toronto Bike Plan, and report to the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; and
- (3) formed a Budget Working Group of the Toronto Cycling Committee to work with the Co-Chairs of the Committee, and City staff from all relevant Departments, including the Department of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, the Department of Urban Development Services, and the Department of Works and Emergency Services, etc., to determine the funding requirements for the upcoming budget year, and consisting of the following Committee members:

Ms. Jannette Porter;
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington;
Mr. Ole Calderone; and
Mr. Clay McFayden

(Sent To: Members of the Budget Working Group; c:
Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure
Unit; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner;
Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Division;
Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator
- April 25, 2001)

3.3 Nominations Working Group – Terms of Reference.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 26, 2001) from Mr. Israel Chackowicz, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, advising that he had attended the meeting of the Planning and

Transportation Committee held on March 26, 2001; and that the recommendations made by the Toronto Cycling Committee concerning proposed amendments to the Terms of Reference for the Committee, received approval from the Planning and Transportation Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communication.

3.4 Councillor Appointment To The Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (March 20, 2001) from City Clerk, Striking Committee, advising that the City of Toronto Council, at its meeting held on March 6, 7 and 8, 2001, in adopting Clause No. 1 of Report No. 3 of the Striking Committee, entitled "Appointments to Various Advisory Committees, Special Committees and Task Forces", appointed Councillor Olivia Chow to the Toronto Cycling Committee, for a term of office expiring May 31, 2002, and until her successor is appointed.
- (2) (March 27, 2001) addressed to Councillor Olivia Chow from the City Clerk, Toronto Cycling Committee, welcoming Councillor Olivia Chow, on behalf of the Toronto Cycling Committee, to the Committee; and advising that in December 2000, she received a binder of materials of the Toronto cycling programs from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator containing information on the programs and policies of the Toronto Cycling Committee, including the terms of reference, that was used to advise City Councillors on the work of the Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned communications.

3.5 Letter of Thanks To Councillor Jack Layton Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (April 23, 2001) addressed to Councillor Jack Layton from Ms. Marleen Van Laethem and Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chairs, Toronto Cycling Committee, thanking Councillor Jack Layton, Co-Chair, Toronto

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Cycling Committee, for his years of service to the Committee, and his invaluable advise and leadership.

On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved of the aforementioned communication being sent to Councillor Jack Layton.

(Sent To: Councillor Jack Layton – April 23, 2001)

3.6 Air Quality and Climate Change.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2001) addressed to the City Clerk, Board of Health from The Honorable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, responding to the letter sent to The Honorable Jean Chretien, Prime Minister of Canada, from the Board of Health, regarding concerns expressed by the Toronto Cycling Committee about air quality and climate change.

On Motion by Mr. Chackowicz, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) expressed its continued support for improving air quality and reducing the negative effects of climate change in the City of Toronto; and
- (2) referred the communication (March 14, 2001) addressed to the City Clerk, Board of Health from The Honorable Ralph Goodale, Minister of Natural Resources Canada, to the Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee to:
 - (a) prepare a response to the foregoing communication; and
 - (b) develop a communications plan for improving air quality and reducing the negative effects of climate change in the City of Toronto through cycling related activities concurrent with Bike Week.

(Sent To: Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee;
c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean

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Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - April 27, 2001)

3.7 Bike Week 2001.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the following communications:

- (1) (April 9, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing, for information, an explanation of the events for Bike Week 2001, specifically: Bike Week Official Launch and the Bike Week Gala; and recommending that the aforementioned report, be received; and
- (2) (April 23, 2001) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing, for information, plan events for Bike Week.

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee confirmed that:

- (1) in order to promote the importance of bicycle safety, that a safety demonstration be established to provide a two hour participatory demonstration to interested people, Councillors and the media, by a CAN-BIKE Instructor; and
- (2) the safety demonstration be done by staff in the Department of Urban Development Services in consultation with the Education and Safety Sub-Committee to clarify the needs and requirements for the fast tracking of the demonstration Course and Instructors.

(Sent To: – Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - March 22, 2001)

3.8 Community Cycling Advisory Group Minutes

- (i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – February 8, 2001.

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On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes.

3.9 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Communication and Promotions Sub-Committee – February 22, 2001, and March 22, 2001;
- (ii) Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee – April 4, 2001; and
- (iii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – February 27, 2001

On Motion by Mr. Fisher, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Minutes.

3.10 Pending Items Report.

Signage at Earl Bales Park
Renaming of Sub-Committees
Terms of Reference – Attendance
Car Free Day

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Pending Item Report.

3.11 Traffic Calming Policy.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before a communication (March 28, 2001) from the City Clerk, Works Committee, advising that the Works Committee at its meeting on March 28, 2001, adopted the report dated March 8, 2001, from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, respecting a harmonized traffic calming policy for the City of Toronto, and in so doing, adopted the following recommendations:

- (1) that this report be forwarded to all Community Councils for consideration, and that their comments on the proposed traffic calming policy be submitted to the Works Committee for consideration at its June 6, 2001 meeting; and
- (2) that this report be distributed to any interested residents and parties,

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including neighbourhood and business improvement associations in Toronto, as well as citizen advisory committees and advocate groups for transportation modes, such as the City's cycling and pedestrian committees, for comment; neighbourhood associations and business improvement associations are encouraged to provide comments to their respective Community Councils, while broad interest groups are encouraged to submit comments directly to the Works Committee.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee referred the aforementioned communication to the Education and Safety Sub-Committee and the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee for further review and report back to the Committee.

(Sent To: Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee; Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c - Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - March 20, 2001)

3.12 Bicycle Post and Rings.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding the bicycle post and ring policy in the City of Toronto.

On Motion by Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested that a communication be forwarded to the Toronto Parking Authority and Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, advising that, unfortunately, there has been a change to the existing City of Toronto policy whereby parking metres are being removed and no bicycle post and rings are being installed, in the area bounded by: Spadina Avenue, Grace Street, Front Street and Bloor Street to the north; and particularly, Wellington Street, west of Spadina Avenue; and
- (2) requested that the Toronto Parking Authority and

Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, advise if there has been a change in the City of Toronto policy regarding bicycle post and rings, or, in fact, why bicycle post and rings have not been installed when parking metre have been removed on City streets; and when it is planned to install the bicycle post and rings on those City streets where parking metres have been removed.

(Sent To: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit; c: Mr. Maurice Anderson, President, Toronto Parking Authority – April 27, 2001)

3.13 Proposed Changes To King Street Toronto Transit Commission.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding a proposal by the Toronto Transit Commission to modify the flow of vehicular traffic on King Street.

On Motion by Mr. Piltch, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested that a communication be forwarded to the Toronto Transit Commission advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee has an interest in the proposal by the Toronto Transit Commission to modify the flow of vehicular traffic on King Street; and
- (2) requested that the Toronto Transit Commission advise the Toronto Cycling Committee, on an ongoing basis, of any developments in its proposals to modify King Street vehicular traffic, as the Toronto Cycling Committee has an interest in bicycle traffic on King Street.

(Sent To: Mr. Vince Rodo, General Secretary, Toronto Transit Commission; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – April 27, 2001)

3.14 Bike Safety – Film Crews On City Streets.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding the impact on cycling safety, of film crews, vehicles, gear on City streets.

On Motion by Mr. Crawford, the Toronto Cycling Committee requested the Education and Safety Sub-Committee:

- (1) review the existing City of Toronto permit policy for film crews on City streets; and
- (2) formulate policy alternatives to the Toronto Cycling Committee that would form the basis of recommendations to the Economic Development Committee and Toronto Film Office regarding the impact on cycling safety, of film crews, vehicles, gear on City streets.

(Sent To: Education and Safety Sub-Committee; c: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - April 27, 2001)

3.15 Bike Safety – Wilket Creek Trail.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a presentation from Mr. Stephen Fisher, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, trail improvements at Wilket Creek Trail.

On Motion by Mr. McFayden, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) remarked at the deplorable condition of the Wilket Creek Trail, and the loss of surface over several hundred metres of the Trail, as a result of flooding in the Spring of 2000;
- (2) emphasized that the Wilket Creek Trail is part of the major north/south recreational Trail of the City of Toronto; and
- (3) requested that a communication be sent to the Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism advising that rebuilding and replacement are required along the Wilket Creek Trail.

(Sent To: Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism; c: Mr. Brian Rutherford, Manager, Parks Division; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – April 27, 2001)

3.16 Renaming of Sub-Committees
Terms of Reference – Toronto Cycling Sub-Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the minutes of the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee held on April 4, 2001, recommending that the Sub-Committee be renamed the Road and Trail Sub-Committee.

On Motion by Ms. Koskenoja, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested the Planning and Transportation Committee:
 - (a) approve an amendment to the terms of reference for the Toronto Cycling Committee, that would allow the Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee, to be re-named the Road and Trail Sub-Committee; and
 - (b) be advised that all other Sub-Committees names of the Toronto Cycling Committee, remain the same; and
- (2) requested the Planning and Transportation Committee to consider the aforementioned recommendation.

(Sent To: Planning and Transportation Committee; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit – May 1, 2001)

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:50 p.m.

Co-Chair.

