

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 3

Monday, March 25, 2002.

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, March 25, 2002, 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. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair
Mr. Ole Calderone
Mr. Steve Crossman
Ms. Liane Gillies
Mr. Ron Hart
Mr. Donald Jantz
Mr. Martin Koob
Mr. David Meslin
Mr. Crawford Murphy
Mr. Rick Nelson
Mr. Peter Duckworth-Pilkington
Mr. Allan Stokell
Mr. John Sherk

Staff Present:

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

Mr. Stephen Fisher in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee held on February 25, 2002, were confirmed.

3.1 Bogota's Car Free Day (February 2002) and Other Transportation Initiatives.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a slide presentation from Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, on his personal account of, "Bogota's Car Free Day (February 2002) and other Transportation Initiatives."

On Motion by Councillor Chow, the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) requested that Mr. Dave Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, be invited to the May 1, 2002 meeting of the Works Committee to present his personal account of, "Bogota's Car Free Day (February 2002) and other Transportation Initiatives";
- (2) reported, for the information of the Works Committee, that during the 1996 Summer Olympics in Atlanta, Georgia, the reduced number of vehicles operating in the City resulted in a dramatic drop in hospital admissions for children during that time period, as documented in a article in the Journal of the American Medical Association, titled, "Impact of Changes in Transportation and Commuting Behaviors During the 1996 Summer Olympic Games in Atlanta on Air Quality and Childhood Asthma", Volume 285, No. 7, dated February 21, 2001;
- (3) requested that the Car Free Day Working Group of the Toronto Cycling Committee report back to the Committee on the progress to date on a 2002 Car Free Day for the City of Toronto; and

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- (4) directed that the aforementioned article, be forwarded to the Works Committee, for their information.

(Sent To: Works Committee; c: Mr. David Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Committee - April 11, 2002)

3.2 Approved 2002 Budget.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 13, 2002) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit, providing, for information to the Toronto Cycling Committee the approved 2002 Capital Budget, for the 2002 cycling infrastructure program, as contained in the Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget, approved by City Council, at its meeting on March 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, 2002.

On Motion by Mr. Koob, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication.

3.3 Proposed Bike Trailer Festival.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (undated) from Mr. David Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee, regarding a Draft Proposal submitted to the Toronto Cycling Committee, requesting support for a proposal to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund promoting the awareness and use of cargo bikes in the City of Toronto.

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

- (1) approved a joint application for funding to the Toronto Atmospheric Fund, with the Toronto Environmental Alliance and the Community Bicycle Network, for a Trailer Park Festival, to promote the awareness and use of cargo bikes in the City of Toronto;
- (2) supported the implementation of a Trailer Park Festival event in the City of Toronto; and

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- (3) requested Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee, represent the Toronto Cycling Committee, on the Trailer Park Festival Steering Committee.

(Sent To: Mr. David Meslin, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; c: Ms. Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Phillip S. Jessup, Executive Director, Toronto Atmospheric Fund - March 25, 2002)

3.4 2002 Bike Show.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 11, 2002) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of the successes of the 2002 Bike Show; and recommending that the report be referred to the Sub-Committees of the Toronto Cycling Committee for further discussion.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee, referred the aforementioned Communication to the Sub-Committees of the Toronto Cycling Committee for further discussion.

(Sent To: Road and Trail Sub-Committee; Education and Safety Sub-Committee, Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee; c: Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator - March 25, 2002)

3.5 2002 Bike Week.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 14, 2002) from Mr. Brad Bartlett, Committee Secretary, recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee extend an invitation to Members of Parliament and Members of Provincial Parliament, in the Toronto area, to attend 2002 Bike Week events, and in particular, to participate in the Mass Rides on June 3, 2002, and May 27,

2002."

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee approved the recommendation in the aforementioned Communication.

(Sent To: Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator
- March 25, 2002)

3.6 School Board Cycling Questionnaire - 2002.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 11, 2002) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner, providing, for information, to the Toronto Cycling Committee, the Questionnaires that will be sent to the Toronto District School Board and the Toronto Catholic District School Board, to compile information about the level of cycling interest and activity at Schools within each Board; and recommending that the report be received for information.

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

3.7 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 12, 2002) from Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, providing information, to the Toronto Cycling Committee, on the nominations process for the 2002 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards; and recommending that this report be received for information.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication

3.8 OMG Recycling Containers.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it:

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- (1) a communication from Ms. Trudy Perrin, Administrator, Works Committee, providing, for information, to the Toronto Cycling Committee, the following reports that were before the Works Committee at its meeting held on November 14, 2001:
 - (a) (October 24, 2002) from the Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services responding to various concerns and questions about the OMG recycling containers as raised by the Works Committee and Toronto Cycling Committee with respect to the locking mechanism on the bins, the criteria for bin installation, the maintenance and cleaning of the bins, and the installation of bins on traffic islands; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
 - (b) (October 29, 2001) from the City Solicitor, providing information regarding the potential liability to the City in the event injury occurs a result of OMG recycling containers; advising that in such event, the City is protected by a comprehensive indemnity clause in its agreements with OMG for the provision of such containers; and recommending that this report be received for information; and
- (2) Clause No. 20(k) of Report No. 17 of the Works Committee, approved at its meeting held on November 14, 2001.

On Motion by Mr. Hart, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Communication and Clause.

3.9 Sub-Committee Minutes.

- (i) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – February 25, 2002; and
- (ii) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – February 27, 2002.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Minutes.

3.10 Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

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- (i) Road and Trail Sub-Committee – April 3, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.;
- (ii) Education and Safety Sub-Committee – April 2, 2002, Committee Room No. 2, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.; and
- (iii) Communications and Promotions Sub-Committee – March 28, 2002, Committee Room No. 3, City Hall, 7:00 p.m.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Sub-Committee Meeting Dates.

3.11 WORKING GROUP REPORTS.

- (i) Waterfront Redevelopment Working Group;
- (ii) Bike Map Working Group;
- (iii) Mimico Trail Working Group;
- (iv) Car Free Day Working Group; and
- (v) Nominations Working Group.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the aforementioned Working Group Reports.

3.12 Community Cycling Advisory Committee Minutes.

- (i) North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee – February 14, 2002.

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

3.13 Cycling News! E-mail Subscription Service.

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (March 22, 2002) from Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner,

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advising the Toronto Cycling Committee of the work program for the Cycling News! E-mail Subscription Service; and recommending that a Working Group be created to advise on the Subscription Service, consisting of the following Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee: Mr. Donald Jantz and Mr. Paul Klein.

On Motion by Mr. Nelson, the Toronto Cycling Committee appointed a Working Group to advise on the Cycling News! E-mail Subscription Service, consisting of the following Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee: Mr. Donald Jantz, Mr. Paul Klein, and Mr. Allan Stokell.

(Sent To: Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner; c: Mr. Donald Jantz, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; Mr. Paul Klein, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee; and Mr. Allan Stokell, Member, Toronto Cycling Committee – March 25, 2002)

3.14 Sale of Hydro One Lands.

The Toronto Cycling Committee discussed the possible sale of Hydro One lands once the Corporation is privatized, and the resulting loss of those lands to the residents of the City of Toronto.

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

- (1) requested that a letter of support be forwarded to the Policy and Finance Committee advising that the Toronto Cycling Committee supports the actions of Toronto City Council in securing access to the hydro corridors for bike paths and other public uses; and
- (2) requested the Policy and Finance Committee to give favorable consideration to the aforementioned recommendation.

(Sent To: Policy and Finance Committee; c: Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit - March 26, 2002)

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The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:20 p.m.

Co-Chair.