

THE CITY OF TORONTO

City Clerk's Division

Minutes of the Toronto Cycling Committee

Meeting No. 8

Monday, November 17, 2003

The Toronto Cycling Committee met on Monday, November 17, 2003, Committee Room No. 2, Toronto City Hall, 100 Queen Street West, at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Councillor Olivia Chow, Co-Chair
Nina Koskenoja, Co-Chair
Chris Benjamin
Ole Calderone
Steve Crossman
Adrian Currie
Peter Fraser
Liane Gillies
Ron Hart
Martin Koob
Crawford Murphy
John A. Sherk
Adam Snow
Allan Stokell
Levi Waldron
Ian Wheal

Others Present:

Daniel Egan, Manager, Cycling and Pedestrian Infrastructure Unit
Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services
Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, Urban Development Services
Alex Shevchuk, Planner, Parks Planning
Jim Sinikas, Project Engineer, Toronto Transit Commission
Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator

Nina Koskenoja in the Chair.

Confirmation of Minutes

On Motion by Mr. Murphy, the Minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee, held on September 22, 2003, were confirmed.

8.1 St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Invitation to Community and Ratepayers' Associations and Business Organizations

Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning and Jim Sinikas, Senior Project Engineer, Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, will make a presentation regarding the St. Clair Avenue West Transit Improvements Class Environmental Assessment.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the presentation from Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, and Mr. Jim Sinikas, Senior Project Engineer, Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, with thanks.

(Sent To: Mr. Rod McPhail, Director, Transportation Planning, Ms. Joanna Musters, Project Manager, Transportation Planning, and Mr. Jim Sinikas, Senior Project Engineer, Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission; c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, December 4, 2003)

8.2 Toronto Bike Plan – Year 2 (2003) – Year-end Progress Report

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (November 7, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, headed “Toronto Bike Plan – Year 2 (2003) – Year-end Progress Report”.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a further report (November 17, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, headed “Status of 2003 Bikeway Network Projects”, which provided details on the status of the projects regarding Off-street Bikeways and Bicycle Lanes.

On Motion by Mr. Crossman, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the reports (November 7, 2003 and November 17, 2003) from Mr. Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure.

(Sent To: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, December 4, 2003)

8.3 2004 Budget Allocations

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it an outline (November 17, 2003) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, advising that the 2004 Works and Emergency Services – Transportation Services, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Cycling Infrastructure Capital Budget Submission, contained a total funding amount of \$1 million, distributed as follows:

Bicycle Parking	-	\$200,000
Bicycle Lockers	-	30,000
Bicycle Lanes	-	390,000
Eglinton West Path	-	150,000
Bicycle Routes	-	100,000
Bicycle Map	-	50,000
Lower Bayview Study	-	0
Cycling Survey	-	40,000
Bicycle Detection Pilot	-	40,000
TOTAL	-	\$1,000,000

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a report (November 17, 2003) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, detailing the status of 2003 projects for Off-street Bikeways and Bicycle Lanes.

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The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it the following three Resolutions from Mr. Martin Koob:

Resolution No. (1)

“WHEREAS City Council at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, in adopting Clause No. 3 of Planning and Transportation Committee Report No. 8, approved in principle the report headed “Strategic Plan for Cycling in Toronto: The ‘Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears’”; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Bike Plan projected that \$1.2 million would be required to be budgeted in the 2004 Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget, in order to complete the Toronto Bike Plan, within the stated 10 year time frame;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Planning and Transportation Committee to recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that \$1.2 million be allocated in the 2004 Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Capital Budget for the infrastructure requirements, as stated in the Toronto Bike Plan.”

Resolution No. (2)

“WHEREAS the City of Toronto Official Plan envisions and encourages cycling as an alternative mode of transportation, in order to reduce dependency on the use of automobiles and improve air quality; and

WHEREAS The Toronto Bike Plan outlines a plan to expand the cycling infrastructure within the city in order to increase the number of trips taken by bicycles; and

WHEREAS the federal and provincial governments are open to a new urban agenda and possible funding of municipal infrastructure;

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NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Toronto, in its negotiations with the federal and provincial governments, request that a percentage of the infrastructure and transit funds be dedicated to the relevant Toronto Bike Plan budgets in order to complete the Bike Plan within its ten year time frame.”

Resolution No. (3)

“WHEREAS City Council at its meeting held on July 24, 25 and 26, 2001, in adopting Clause No. 3 of Planning and Transportation Committee Report No. 8, approved in principle the report headed “Strategic Plan for Cycling in Toronto: The ‘Toronto Bike Plan – Shifting Gears’”; and

WHEREAS the Toronto Bike Plan projected that \$3 million would be required to be budgeted in the 2004 Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget, in order to complete the Toronto Bike Plan, within the stated 10 year time frame; and

WHEREAS additional staff would be required to implement the Bikeway Network portion of the Toronto Bike Plan;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Toronto Cycling Committee request the Works Committee to recommend to the Budget Advisory Committee that \$3 million be allocated in the 2004 Works and Emergency Services Capital Budget for the infrastructure requirements, as stated in the Toronto Bike Plan; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT additional staff be provided, in order to implement the Bikeway Network portion of the Toronto Bike Plan.”

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

- (1) The outline (November 17, 2003) and the report (November 17, 2003) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, be received;
- (2) Resolution Nos. (1) and (2) be forwarded to the Planning and Transportation Committee for consideration; and

- (3) Resolution No. (3) be forwarded to the Works Committee for consideration.

(Sent To: Resolution Nos. (1) and (2) to Planning and Transportation Committee, Resolution No. (3) to Works Committee; c: Chief Administrative Officer, Commissioner of Works and Emergency Services, Commissioner of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism, Commissioner of Urban Development Services, Director, Transportation Planning, Community Planning and Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, December 4, 2003)

8.4 Establishment of the Nominating Subcommittee

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (November 6, 2003) from the City Clerk requesting the Toronto Cycling Committee to appoint 3 to 5 individuals to the Nominating Subcommittee; reporting on a suggested schedule, which will be followed by the Nominating Subcommittee, to appoint new members and/or re-appoint existing members who have not served two consecutive terms, to the Toronto Cycling Committee; advising that there are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report; and recommending that the Toronto Cycling Committee:

- (1) appoint 3 to 5 individuals to the Nominating Subcommittee; and
- (2) approve the schedule of events to be followed by the Nominating Subcommittee.

The Toronto Cycling Committee also had before it a communication (November 12, 2003) from Ms. Marleen Van Laethem, putting her name forward for consideration for appointment to the Toronto Cycling Committee Nominating Subcommittee.

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

- (1) the schedule of events outlined in the report (November 6, 2003) from the City Clerk, be approved; and

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- (2) the following persons be appointed to the Nominating Subcommittee:
- (i) Councillor Olivia Chow or the member of Council appointed to the Toronto Cycling Committee;
 - (ii) Ms. Barbara Wentworth, Bicycle Safety Planner;
 - (iii) Ms. Marlene Van Laethem; and
 - (iv) Mr. Ron Hart.

The Toronto Cycling Committee reports having requested Mr. Sean Wheldrake, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator, to canvass members of Council to find one additional member who will agree to be a member of the Nominating Subcommittee, thereby increasing the membership of the Nominating Subcommittee to 5 members.

(Sent To: Members of the Toronto Cycling Committee Nominating Subcommittee c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Bicycle Promotions Coordinator and Nominating Subcommittee agenda file, December 4, 2003)

8.5 2003 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a report (November 5, 2003) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator advising that on October 9, 2003 the City of Toronto announced the winners of the 2003 Bicycle Friendly Business Awards at a gala ceremony that took place in the Rotunda at City Hall. The winners of the Bicycle Friendly Business Awards for 2003 are:

Best Bike Parking Award: Global Village Backpackers;
Bicycle Commute Award: International Financial Data Services;
Bicycle-Friendliest Suburban Business Award: York University;
Best Small Business Award: Grassroots Environmental Products;
Best Large Business Award: Ticketmaster;
Best Skills Development Award: Community Bicycle Network; and
Best Overall Award: La Palette.

On Motion by Mr. Calderone, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the report (November 5, 2003) from the Bicycle Promotions Coordinator.

(Sent To: Bicycle Promotions Coordinator; c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, December 4, 2003)

8.6 Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation – Response Regarding the Use of Cobblestone Pavers

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it a communication (October 20, 2003) from Ms. Gabriella Skubincan, Director, Communications, Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, providing a response to the Toronto Cycling Committee's concern regarding the use of cobblestone pavers in the construction of walkways, paths and roads.

On Motion by Mr. Shrek, the Toronto Cycling Committee received the communication (October 20, 2003) from Ms. Gabriella Skubincan, Director, Communications, Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation, with thanks.

(Sent To: Ms. Gabriella Skubincan, Director, Communications, Toronto Waterfront Revitalization Corporation; c: Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, December 4, 2003)

8.7 Subcommittee Minutes

The Toronto Cycling Committee had before it the Subcommittee minutes from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee dated September 25, 2003.

On Motion by Mr. Waldren, the Toronto Cycling Committee recommends that the minutes from the Communications and Promotions Subcommittee meeting dated September 26, 2003, be received.

8.8 Next Meeting Date

The next meeting of the Toronto Cycling Committee will be at the call of the Chair, due to the fact that City Council will be setting their 2004 meeting schedule at their meeting to be held on December 2, 2003.

The Toronto Cycling Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:40 p.m.

Co-Chair