

**THE CITY OF TORONTO**  
**City Clerk's Office**  
**Minutes of the Meeting of the**  
**Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee**

**Meeting 10**

**Monday, January 19, 2009**

A meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee was called for Monday, January 19, 2009 in Committee Room 2, 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 9:05 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
Margaret Hastings-James	(Regrets given)
Aaron Hershoff	X
Sonia Khan	X
David McElroy	X
Tammy Thorne	X

The following persons were also in attendance:

Constable Stephen Burns, Traffic Control Unit, Toronto Police Service  
Daniel Egan, Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division  
Dianne Hilliard, Executive Assistant to Councillor Heaps  
Jennifer Kowalski, Planner, Community Design & Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation  
Alex Shevchuk, Supervisor, Community Design & Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation  
Graham Wright, Administrative Assistant to Councillor Heaps

Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair, assumed the Chair.

**Confirmation of Minutes**

On motion by Chris Hardwicke, seconded by Sonia Khan, the minutes of the meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, held on November 3, 2008, were confirmed.

## 10.1 Chair Update on Recent News and Activities

### Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Chair provided an update regarding:

- a. the approval by City Council of \$70 million over ten years in the Capital Budget, Transportation Services Division, for the installation of cycling infrastructure; and
- b. the operation of the CAN-BIKE program will now be under the supervision of the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

The Chair also made the following announcements:

### *Coldest Ride of the Year*

- The Coldest Ride of the Year event will be taking place on Friday, January 30, 2009 at 12:00 p.m. and everyone is requested to meet at the back doors of City Hall (100 Queen Street West) near Elizabeth Street.
- The ride will go across Armoury Street, south/left on University Avenue, west/right on Front Street to the Fairmont Royal York.
- All cyclists are welcome and are encouraged to come out to City Hall at 12:00 p.m. for a group ride to the Fairmont Royal York on the statistically coldest day of the year. Warm up at the Fairmont Royal York with free hot drink and snacks. Riders will also receive free turtle lights thank to our sponsor Mountain Equipment Co-Op, and the first 50 riders will receive a limited edition Bike Winter 25 oz thermos.
- If you would like a table or to be a part of this event, please e-mail: [cyclingevents@toronto.ca](mailto:cyclingevents@toronto.ca).
- The purpose of this event is to draw attention to the feasibility of using bikes for utilitarian transportation in the winter.

### *2010 Olympic Torchbearer*

The Chair is encouraging TCAC members to put the word out to the cycling community that there is an excellent opportunity to showcase our 'winter cyclists' in the Vancouver 2010 Torch Relay that is coming through Toronto on December 17, 18, and 19, 2009.

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The torch bearers are selected through the 2 sponsors; Royal Bank of Canada (RBC) and Coca Cola Company Limited.

Cyclists can apply online at [www.carrythetorch.com](http://www.carrythetorch.com) and [www.icoke.ca](http://www.icoke.ca).

## **10.2 Outreach and Branding of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee**

Brian Betsworth made a 5-minute presentation on a proposal regarding Outreach and Branding of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a written presentation (January 8, 2008) from Brian Betsworth on his presentation regarding Outreach and Branding of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

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

1. Requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, to report back to Committee on March 23, 2009 on the feasibility of implementing a brand logo to be utilized in the marketing and promotion of cycling activities in the City of Toronto.

## **10.3 Toronto Bike Plan – Bloor Street Viaduct, Bike Trail Projects Update and Toronto Bike Plan Update**

### **10.3(a) Bloor Street Viaduct Bikeway: Problems and Solutions**

Luke Siragusa made a 5-minute presentation regarding the Bloor Street Viaduct Bikeway.

Report (November, 2008) from Luke Siragusa headed “Bloor Street Viaduct Bikeway: Problems and Solutions”.

On motion moved by Aaron Hershoff, seconded by Sonia Khan, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, to report back to Committee on March 23, 2009 on any short-term solutions that can be implemented quickly and report back to Committee on May 11, 2009 on any long-term solutions that may require further study and consultation.

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### **10.3(b) Parks Trail Projects Update**

Alex Shevchuk, Supervisor and Jennifer Kowalski, Planner, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, provided an update regarding the Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget: Trail Planning and Development – Summary of 2008 Trail Projects.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a memorandum (January 19, 2009) from the Supervisor, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division, headed “Parks, Forestry and Recreation Capital Budget: Trail Planning and Development – Summary of 2008 Trail Projects”.

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

1. Received for information the memorandum (January 19, 2009) from the Supervisor, Community Design and Planning Initiatives, Parks, Forestry and Recreation Division.

### **10.3(c) Toronto Bike Plan Update**

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, provided an update regarding the Toronto Bike Plan.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a memorandum (January 19, 2009) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, providing an update on the following Toronto Bike Plan programs:

- a. Status of the 2008 Bikeway Network Program; and
- b. 2009 Bicycle Lane Program (70 km).

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

1. Received for information the memorandum (January 19, 2009) from the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division.

### **Decision Advice and Other Information:**

The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, advised that a full detailed Bike Lane Program project list and installation schedule will be made available to Committee at its meeting on March 23, 2009.

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The Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division, also advised that the 2009 Bike Lane report will be presented to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee at its meeting on April 8, 2009.

Hamish Wilson addressed the Committee.

#### **10.4 Establishment of a Provincial Issues Subcommittee**

Eleanor McMahon, Founder, Share The Road Cycling Coalition and Provincial Liaison and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Provincial Issues Subcommittee, made a 5-minute presentation regarding the steps to be taken to establish a Provincial Issues Subcommittee.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee on September 22, 2008:

1. Established a Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Provincial Issues Subcommittee with Tammy Thorne and Dr. Chris A. Cavacuti.
2. Invited Eleanor McMahon Founder, Share The Road Cycling Coalition and Provincial Liaison, to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee in order to make a presentation regarding a provincial overview on cycling issues.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it Power Point presentation documents (January 19, 2009) from the Road Cycling Coalition and Provincial Liaison, Provincial Issues Subcommittee and headed "Creating Bicycle Friendly Communities in Ontario" and "Provincial Issues Discussion".

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

1. Received for information the presentation from Eleanor McMahon, Founder, Share The Road Cycling Coalition and Provincial Liaison and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Provincial Issues Subcommittee.

#### Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Chair advised that he will work with Eleanor McMahon and TCAC members of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Provincial Issues Subcommittee, to advance the suggested short, medium and long term objectives detailed in the Power Point presentation documents (January 19, 2009) presented by the Road Cycling Coalition and Provincial Liaison and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Provincial Issues Subcommittee and headed "Creating Bicycle Friendly Communities in Ontario" and

“Provincial Issues Discussion”.

Anthony M. Humphreys addressed the Committee.

### **10.5 Winter Snow Removal on the Martin Goodman Trail**

Communication (November 19, 2008) from the City Clerk advising that the Parks and Environment Committee on November 19, 2008 adopted the following:

#### “Decision Advice and Other Information

The Parks and Environment Committee:

1. requested the General Manager, Transportation Services and General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, to report to the November 25, 2008 Special Executive Committee meeting on any future capital expenditures that may be necessary for clearing snow from the Martin Goodman Trail.

The Committee also:

2. requested the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, in consultation with the Toronto Cyclists’ Union, to work with City staff in developing an evaluation of the pilot project.
3. requested the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, in consultation with the General Manager, Transportation Services, to report to the Parks and Environment Committee on the installation of bike rings for the Martin Goodman Trail and other waterfront parks, including criteria for their installation; and
4. adopted the staff recommendations in the report (October 30, 2008) from the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation, as amended.”

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

1. Requested the Manager, Pedestrian and Cycling Infrastructure, Transportation Services Division to report back to a future meeting of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, in consultation with appropriate City Officials and other interested parties, as may be deemed appropriate, on:
  - a. conducting an evaluation of the pilot project regarding the winter snow removal on the Martin Goodman Trail; and

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- b. conducting an evaluation on the feasibility of installing bicycle rings, on portions of the Martin Goodman Trail and other destination parks.

**10.6 Suggestions for Improvement of Sharrows – Dundas Street East, from Broadview Avenue to River Street – Ward 30, Toronto-Danforth**

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee had before it a communication (November 10, 2008) from Councillor Paula Fletcher to Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, providing suggestions to bring in cycling improvements along the Dundas Street Bridge over the Don Valley Parkway.

Councillor Paula Fletcher was in attendance and assisted the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee in its deliberations.

On motion moved by Tammy Thorne, seconded by Chris Hardwicke, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Requested the Toronto and East York Community Council to request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division, to report on:
  - a. the feasibility of reducing the speed limit on Dundas Street East, from Broadview Avenue to River Street to 40 km/h;
  - b. the parking regulations on Dundas Street East, from Broadview Avenue to River Street, and the effect such parking regulations have on the safety of cycling in this area;
  - c. the feasibility of using durable materials for the painting of sharrows in order to ensure that the sharrows do not fade away on the pavement; and
  - d. the feasibility of using coloured paint in the curb lane along the sharrows.

## **10.7 Communications for Information**

### **10.7(a) Toronto Criterium Bicycle Race (Giro d'Toronto)**

Communication (January 6, 2009) from the City Clerk advising that the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee on January 6, 2009 referred the letter (November 24, 2008) from the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, regarding the request to fund the Toronto Criterium Bicycle Race (Giro d'Toronto), to the Budget Committee; and

### **10.7(b) Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Public Open House # 2**

Communication (January 13, 2009) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Infrastructure Management, Transportation Services Division, advising that Transportation Services Division of the City of Toronto will be holding a public open house for the Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvements Class Environmental Assessment (EA) Study on Thursday, January 22, 2009, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., Currie Hall, 105 Maitland Street.

### **10.7(c) Sheppard East LRT – Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Completion**

Communication (January 14, 2009) from Gary Carr, Chief Engineer – Operation Planning, Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, advising that the Toronto Transit Commission and the City of Toronto have completed an Environmental Assessment (EA) Study of the Sheppard East LRT line and have enclosed the associated Notice of Completion related to this project.

On motion moved by Chris Hardwicke, seconded by Aaron Hershoff, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee:

1. Received for information the following communications:
  - a. Communication (January 6, 2009) from the City Clerk, regarding the Toronto Criterium Bicycle Race (Giro d'Toronto);
  - b. Communication (January 13, 2009) from the Manager, Infrastructure Planning, Infrastructure Management, Transportation Services Division, regarding the Jarvis Street Streetscape Improvements Municipal Class Environmental Assessment Study Notice of Public Open House # 2; and



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- c. Communication (January 14, 2009) from Gary Carr, Chief Engineer – Operation Planning, Service Planning Department, Toronto Transit Commission, regarding the Sheppard East LRT – Class Environmental Assessment – Notice of Completion.

### **10.8 Election of Co-Chair**

The Chair requested nominations from the floor to appoint a Co-Chair for the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

Tammy Thorne, TCAC Member, nominated Dr. Chris Cavacuiti for the position of Co-Chair.

There being no further nominations, Dr. Chris Cavacuiti was acclaimed Co-Chair of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee adjourned its meeting at 9:20 p.m.

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Councillor A. A. (Adrian) Heaps, Chair