



THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 2011 - 7:00 PM

COMMITTEE ROOM A

2ND Floor, Civic Centre

300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1

Internet Address - <http://www.mississauga.ca>

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Jeff Wachman (Chair)

Don Stephens (Vice-Chair)

Allan Harder

Andrew Hamilton-Smith

Darrin Wolter

David Bell

Donnie Morris

Dorothy Tomiuk

Krista Lethbridge

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Syed Ali

Council Representative:

Councillor C. Fonseca

Agency Representatives/City Staff

Region of Peel:	Keri Hyde, Active Transportation Coordinator
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Transportation & Works:	Wendy Alexander, Director, Transportation and Infrastructure Planning Steve Barrett, Manager, Transportation Asset Management Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager, Cycling Office Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations Jacqueline Hunter, Cycling Technologist
Planning & Building Department:	Paulina Mikicich, Policy Planner
Corporate Services Department:	John Britto, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

CALL TO ORDERDECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTERESTPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS:

- A. Bike lanes in residential areas – Camilla Road, North Service Road to Dundas
Mr. Roger Coote will address the Committee on residents' concerns with regard to bike lanes in residential areas.
- B. Mountain Biking and BMX
Andy Wickens, Manager Parks and Forestry Department will address the Committee on mountain biking and BMX in the City of Mississauga.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Matters:
- 1.1 Items to be added under "Other Business"
- 1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – October 11, 2011
- Recommend Approval
2. Business Deferred from Previous Meeting(s)
- 2.1 Pilot Project – New bike racks as part of Port Credit Cultural Node.
- 2.2 Sidewalk cyclists face crackdown – Article from the Toronto Star of September 1, 2011, referred by Councillor Pat Saito.
3. Budget Update
- Update on the status of the Cycling Advisory Committee Budget for 2011.

4. 2012 Tour de Mississauga – Sunday, September 16, 2012

Update on the Committee's presentation to General Committee on October 19, 2011 with respect to the date for the 2012 Tour de Mississauga. Committee to also confirm a sub-committee to initiate preparations for the 2012 Tour de Mississauga event scheduled to be held on Sunday, September 16, 2012.

5. Annual update to Council, November 23, 2011

Sub-committee to present its report to the Committee regarding the annual update to Council at its meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

6. Speaker for Cycling Workshop

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager Cycling Office to provide an update on guest speaker for the public session on cycling in Mississauga.

7. Port Credit Bike Racks

Feedback from members on the Memorandum dated October 11, 2011 circulated to the Committee at the last meeting, by Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager Cycling Office.

8. 2011 Phil Green Recognition Award

Committee to discuss eligibility criteria, advertising / promotion, application, etc. with respect to the 2011 Phil Green Recognition Award.

9. Fall 2011 Ward 3 Group Ride

Debrief of the Ward 3 Group Ride held on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

10. Proposed Sharrows for Cumberland Drive

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager Cycling Office to update the Committee on the proposed cycling facility for Cumberland Drive.

11. Information Items

11.1 Cycling Death Review Announcement

Article dated October 24, 2011 from Dr. Andrew McCallum, Chief Coroner for Ontario, announcing that the Office of the Chief Coroner will be conducting a review of cycling deaths across the province.

Date of Next Meeting – December 13, 2011

OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

RECREATION

Peace in the valley

For years the city discouraged the mountain-biking crowd from ripping up its ravines, but a new trail-management strategy has finally got the two-wheelers and the bureaucrats rolling in tandem

» So far the focus is limited to a section of the central Don Valley where 40 kilometres of the city's best single-track bike trails twist and turn, but with more than 300 km of unofficial dirt trails coursing through the city's ravines, the implications could be far-reaching.

The Don Valley trail we are on—called The Ridge—traverses the ravine below Thorncliffe Park. A canopy of mature hardwoods leaves little undergrowth sprouting out of the hard, clay-based dirt. There is little sign we are in the middle of a city of millions, save for the whine of traffic overhead on the Leaside Bridge.

Since being built in the 1980s, The Ridge has attracted little attention beyond that of bikers and a few dog walkers and joggers. But Scott Laver from Parks, Forestry and Recreation confirms that, starting next year, this section of trail will be "developed" with a mapping, maintenance and publicity effort.

It will follow the model of Crothers Woods, another popular Don Valley hiking spot, just southwest of The Ridge. The city's newly published brochure for the area shows a network of multi-use trails. Six access points have posted maps and information to lure people into what were once, from a policy point of view, just deep, dark woods.

The trail management strategy developed for Crothers Woods over the last four years will now be rolled out to other mountain biking "hot spots," says Garth Armour, a Natural Environment and Community Programs supervisor for the city.

"There is no way to close the system," says Mr. Armour, hinting at an insufficient supply of snow fencing. What's more, he suggests that carving high-speed turns around trees and over roots and rocks is an activity Torontonians increasingly seek out. "There is a desire by the public to have these activities available."

The Don Valley trails go as far south as Pottery Road. The main 40-km network sprawls through Crothers Woods and along The Ridge. Branches then spread east up Taylor Creek to near Victoria Park Avenue, northeast up the East Don River to Eglinton Avenue or north into Sunnybrook Park.

Though only the southern portion is currently being managed by the city, there is no distinction between sanctioned and unsanctioned areas, as far as the city's lawyers are concerned.

As Mr. Laver explains, the city is open to liability issues for any activity that takes place on city property, whether officially discouraged or not. Given this, Mr. Armour convinced his department the best way to reduce their liability was to embrace the trails and see they were built to certain standards by collaborating with the International Mountain Biking Association.

IMBA brings with it trail-building expertise that ensures trails are being built for safety and sustainability, says Mr. Patterson. Throughout Crothers Woods, there are fences blocking trails that used to run straight down the ravine slope. These fall-line trails allowed both bikers and rainwater to reach high speeds, leading to injuries and erosion. Under the new regime, IMBA flags out a new trail and the city

IAN MERRINGER

Alastair Patterson is breathing hard as he pedals uphill toward a blind corner rounding a dirt outcrop, but he still manages to belt out "Rider!" to warn any oncoming mountain bikers.

None appear as we round the corner, and the 30-year-old president of the Toronto Off-Road Bicycling Association stops to point out a snow fence that city staff have erected to temporarily re-route the trail away from a spot of erosion.

The bad news is the re-routing created the blind corner. The good news is the city didn't close the whole trail. After a decade spent discouraging mountain biking in Toronto's ravines, Parks, Forestry and Recreation is now collaborating with cyclists' groups to improve trail conditions, open new trails, enlist shovel-happy volunteers, print brochures, post maps and generally welcome the knobby-tire crowd.

Biking, Page 5

Alastair Patterson navigates the Don Valley's 40 kilometres of single-track mountain-bike trails. MATTHEW SHERWOOD FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL

Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

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WANNA RIDE THE DON VALLEY? HERE'S WHERE TO GO



Access point --- Recorded trails General trail area
MATTHEW SHERWOOD FOR THE GLOBE AND MAIL SOURCES: SINGLETRACK.COM; STAFF REPORTS

“There is a crew of self-taught engineers in here almost every weekend.”

Alastair Patterson,
president of TORBA

“There is a desire by the public to have these activities available.”

Garth Armour,
Natural Environment and
Community Programs supervisor

approves it and hires a contractor to do the heavy lifting, using mini-excavators specially designed for foot or bike trails. Then the city enlists a local cycling club or reaches out to the public through the Toronto Off-Road Bicycling Association for up to eight days of volunteer maintenance a year.

"They work hard," says Mr. Laver of the volunteers, who do things like build bridges, improve drainage and embed protective rocks around tree roots (the rocks protect the roots, not bikers). City maintenance crews don't enter the picture.

Under this arrangement, bikers get new trails and the city gets new recreation resources at a fraction the cost of a hockey arena, tennis court or skate park. It's a system Mr. Patterson says is good for everyone. Almost every one.

Midway through The Ridge we come to a wide gully, called the Valley of the Log Rides. A collection of ramps, teeter-totters, bridges and various built stunts collectively called "skinnies" dot the landscape.

"There is a crew of self-taught engineers in here almost every weekend," says Mr. Patterson as he stops to scout an elevated and undulating ramp made from split logs the size of a forearm.

One thing the city doesn't yet have standards for is wooden stunt structures. As such, the Valley of the Log Rides may be dismantled when the city moves in to manage The Ridge next year.

Mr. Patterson would hate to see the stunts go, but certain facts of geography tell him there won't be too much trouble in the woods. With the city still admittedly in low gear on mountain-biking issues, there is almost no end to the amount of land in Toronto where pioneering builders and bikers can stay ahead of the pack.

GET INTO GEAR

To join a group ride in the Don Valley, hook up with one of the organizations below:

TORBA (Toronto Off-Road Bicycling Association)
Tuesdays and Thursdays
www.torontooffroad.blogspot.com

Wild Bettys cycling club
Tuesdays (women only)
www.wildbettys.com

Learning curves
The Don's technical trails serve as syllabus for the Sacred Rides MTB U skills sessions. Private lessons are available this fall. Weekend courses for beginner to advanced riders resume in May.
www.sacredrides.com/rides/skills/donvalley

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MEMBERS PRESENT:

Jeff Wachman (Chair)

Don Stephens (Vice-Chair) (left at 9:10pm)

Allan Harder

Councillor Chris Fonseca (arrived at 7:45pm)

Darrin Wolter

David Bell

Donald Morris

Dorothy Tomiuk

Krista Lethbridge

Syed Ali

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Andrew Hamilton-Smith

Rajendra Singh

CITY/REGIONAL STAFF PRESENT:

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager, Cycling
Office

Pauliine Mikicich, Planner, Planning & Building

Andy Bate, Supervisor, Traffic Operations

John Britto, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the
City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – 7:15P.MDECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - NilPRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - NilMATTERS CONSIDERED:1. Administrative Matters:

- 1.1 Items to be added under “Other Business”
- 1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – September 13, 2011

Approved as presented (Don Stephens)

2. 2011 Tour de Mississauga – Debrief

The Chair, Jeff Wachman invited comments from MCAC members.

Dorothy Tomiuk displayed photographs of the 2011 Tour de Mississauga, and commented on the Tour Banner that was autographed by participants of the 2011 Tour de Mississauga.

Comments/feedback from MCAC members:

Darrin Wolter:

- Test run of the online registrations should be done some time in May/June 2012.

Don Stephens:

- New branding every year
- Keep the same look, but change colour
- Better signage
- Control/better process for engaging Tour Marshalls
- School Boards willing to get engaged
- Write “Thank You” letter to School Boards
- Minimum age should be 16 years for Tour Marshalls

Jeff Wachman

- Certificates for Participation in the Tour de Mississauga
- Scavenger event for kids to keep them engaged
- Better online registration

Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Prefer Connect2Rec for registrations

Donald Morris

- Registration at Community Centres was a challenge, possible lack of staff awareness
- Distribute Tour posters and publicity material early to Community Centres
- Posters should indicate that registrations can be done online
- Need a bigger vehicle for dropping off / picking up Tour Marshalls
- Need volunteer Marshalls on site to help with allied duties, e.g. BBQ, etc.

Paulina Mikicich

- Talk with schools in May/June to get approximate number of volunteer marshalls
- Distribute medal / certificate as acknowledgement for participation

Andy Bate

- Great event – no complaints
- Closure of Living Arts Dr was a good idea
- Prepared report to Mayor (through Commissioner of Transportation and Works Department) on date conflict with Terry Fox Run

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati

- Received only one complaint with respect to cyclists using two lanes after turning from Living Arts Dr on to Rathburn Road

Krista Lethbridge

- Need to start early planning for the 2012 Tour de Mississauga
- More rest stations along tour route
- Supports medal / certificate as acknowledgment for participation
- Official photographer should be informed of the tour route
- Publicity via business card

Allan Harder

- Branding should include MCAC Vision

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- Need to source better sponsors for future events
 - Need more riding Marshalls with first aid material
 - Explore possibility of charging a participation fee

David Bell

- Explore possibility of picking up stranded riders
- Changing flat tires en route

Krista Lethbridge

- Explore possible sponsorship from Mi-way

Darrin Wolter

- Need to contact potential sponsors early in the year

Jeff Wachman

- Krista to send photographs to potential sponsors
- Need at least two major sponsorships of \$1,500 each

Syed Ali

- Need better Start and Finish banners

Councillor Chris Fonseca

- Received positive feedback from participants
- Good food provided for the participants
- Publicize related road closures to avoid cyclists using the entire road
- Need more rest/water stations at key locations long the tour route
- Explore possibility of better training for school volunteer Marshalls, possibly commencing in May/June
- "Share-The-Road" education
- Need to send out sponsorship package early in the year.

3. 2012 Tour de Mississauga – Sunday, September 16, 2012

Committee discussed preparations for the 2012 Tour de Mississauga event, with a tentative date for Sunday, September 16, 2012. Committee was comfortable with not changing the 2012 tour event date.

Andy Bate was of the opinion that the Terry Fox Run should not have any impact on the Tour de Mississauga.

Don Stephens advised that the Committee is sensitive to any conflicts with the Terry Fox Run.

Chair, Jeff Wachman suggested the possibility of working with Trillium Health.

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager Cycling Office advised of a memo from the Mayor seeking response from MCAC Chair with respect to the Tour de Mississauga date conflict with the Terry Fox Run.

The Chair, Jeff Wachman advised that a report will be prepared, in collaboration with the Manager Cycling Office, to General Committee seeking confirmation of the date for the 2012 Tour de Mississauga.

4. Annual update to Council, November 23, 2011

Committee discussed preparations for the annual update to Council at its meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

The following members agreed to prepare and present the annual update to Council:

Jeff Wachman (Chair)

Darrin Wolter

Don Stephens (Vice Chair)

Dorothy Tomiuk

Jacquelyn Hayward-Gulati

5. Fall 2011 Ward 3 Group Ride

Committee discussed the fall 2011 group ride in Ward 3 scheduled to be held at 1:00pm on Saturday, October 22, 2011.

Jacquelyn Hayward-Gulati, Manager Cycling Office distributed a draft map to the members. A confirmed map will be distributed in due course.

6. "The Recycler"

Committee discussed a proposal from "The Recycler" to create bicycle sculpture to decorate the Mississauga Celebration Square's skating rink during the winter season.

Dorothy Tomiuk suggested non-denominational decoration for the Square in the form of 10' trees made out of recycled bicycle parts at an approximate cost of \$200-\$500 per tree.

The Chair, Jeff Wachman suggested a preference for two 15' trees at an approximate cost of \$300 each.

The Committee agreed with the Chair's suggestion.

Allan Harder suggested a permanent structure be erected in the Celebration Square.

7. Speaker for Cycling Workshop

Jacquelyn Hayward-Gulati, Manager Cycling Office provided an update on the proposed guest speaker for the public session on cycling in Mississauga. Jacquelyn advised that she contacted Vélo Québec who have expressed their willingness.

The Chair, Jeff Wachman suggested that the public session be organized some time during the last week of November 2011.

8. Port Credit Bike Racks

Jacquelyn Hayward-Gulati, Manager Cycling Office circulated a Memorandum dated October 11, 2011 titled **Pilot Project – New bike racks as part of Port Credit Cultural Node** and sought feedback from members at the next MCAC meeting scheduled to be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2011.

Refer recommendation MCAC-0026-2011.

9. Sidewalk cyclists face crackdown

Article from The Toronto Star of September 1, 2011 – referred by Councillor Pat Saito for review and comments from the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee.

The Committee decided to defer this item to the next MCAC meeting scheduled to be held on November 8, 2011.

Refer recommendation MCAC-0026-2011.

10. 2011 Phil Green Recognition Award

The Chair, Jeff Wachman suggested Jocelyn Lovell as a potential recipient for the 2011 Phil Green Recognition Award, and requested John Britto, Legislative Coordinator to find out details about Jocelyn.

11. Action List – July 12, 2011

The Committee decided to defer this item to the next MCAC meeting scheduled to be held on November 8, 2011.

Refer recommendation MCAC-0026-2011.

12. Information Items

- 12.1 Council Resolution No.208-2011 of September 14, 2011 with respect to Council's support to the Share the Road Coalition's initiative to promote cycling and active transportation.

Recommendation

MCAC-0024-2011

That Council Resolution No.208-2011 of September 14, 2011 with respect to Council's support to the Share the Road Coalition's initiative to promote cycling and active transportation, be received.

RECEIVED: (Donald Morris)

13. 2011 Committee Event Calendar

Committee Event Calendar advising of cycling related events in 2011.

MCAC annual update to Council at its meeting scheduled to be held on Wednesday, November 23, 2011.

Date of Next Meeting – November 8, 2011

OTHER BUSINESS

- A. Email dated October 9, 2011 from Benita Schueder offering a donation towards maintenance of the Clarkson Bike Jumps in memory of her late son

Recommendation

MCAC-0025-2011

That the correspondence dated October 9, 2011 from Benita Schueder with respect to a donation towards the maintenance of the Clarkson Dirt Jump Bike Park in memory of her late son, be received.

RECEIVED: (Dorothy Tomiuk)

The Chair, Jeff Wachman moved the following motion which was voted on and carried:

Recommendation

MCAC-0026-2011

That the following items be deferred to the November 8, 2011 Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee meeting, as Unfinished Business from the October 11, 2011 meeting:

- (1) Pilot Project – New bike racks as part of Port Credit Cultural Node
- (2) Sidewalk cyclists face crackdown – news item from The Toronto Star of September 1, 2011
- (3) 2011 Phil Green Recognition Award
- (4) Action list – July 12, 2011

APPROVED: (Jeff Wachman)

ADJOURNMENT – 9:45 PM



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Memorandum

TO: MEMBERS OF THE MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

FROM: Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati, Manager, Cycling Office

DATE: October 11, 2011

SUBJECT: Pilot Project – New bike racks as part of Port Credit Cultural Node

Incorporating additional bicycle parking in nodes like Port Credit is one of the actions identified in the City of Mississauga's Cycling Master Plan that will contribute to building an integrated cycling network. Over the summer of 2011, additional bike parking was introduced in the Port Credit area:

- i. An inventory of "post and ring" bike parking was completed of this area. Additional and repaired "post and rings" were installed along Lakeshore Road in Port Credit.
- ii. New bike parking racks were installed on a trial basis in the Farmer's Market area at the corner of Elmwood Avenue and Lakeshore Road East, as part of the City of Mississauga's Port Credit Cultural Node pilot project. The new racks have an innovative design and are made from 100% recycled materials. These racks provide additional bike parking for residents and visitors to the Port Credit Farmers Market and other activities.
 - Each unit locks 8 bikes - a total of 16 new spaces were introduced.
 - Larger *Cyclepod* unit has a space-saving design – roll front wheel up track and into upright position then lock bike in place.
 - Smaller *Minipod* unit is ideal for kids' bikes and scooters – simply roll wheel in and lock up.
 - Both units are "green" – made from 100% recycled materials.

An initial outline of the preliminary results of this pilot project is below. Additional comments from the Cycling Advisory Committee would be of assistance in evaluating this pilot project. Comments are also being sought from the Port Credit BIA and the City of Mississauga Culture Division.

A summer student from the Cycling Office visited the location on four occasions over the months of August and September 2011 to observe the response to the units and assist cyclists in using the new racks. Visits were on days in which the Farmers Market was in session.

Positive comments received were that the product is *easy to use, great, interesting and space saving*. Residents indicated it was *great to see the City improving cycling facilities* and that this product *shows the City is moving forward*. At least one resident indicated a preference for the Minipod, indicating they thought it was *easy to use, requires less effort* and is *great for kids and older adults*. One resident indicated "*Cycle Pod is easy to use but I need to use it a few times to get used to it.*"

Negative responses were also observed. Some residents found the Cyclepod to be not useful for heavier bikes and those with baskets. Some residents found they couldn't secure their bicycle frame to the CyclePod unit using a u-lock. Some comments were received noting a colourful unit would be better for the area (the units that were installed were black). It was observed that the CyclePod unit took away a vehicle parking space.

Other observations included the following:

- Familiarity with how to use the Cyclepod increased over the course of the pilot.
- Some residents who cycle to the Farmers Market make short visits and don't choose to park their bike during their stay at all
- Cyclists who travel from the east on Lakeshore may not be aware of the new bike parking. Additional signage could be helpful.
- The racks were unlikely to be used when the Farmers Market was not in session.

Bike Parking Counts:

Date	Cycle Pod	Mini Pod	Other	Total
August 13	1	2	1	4
August 20	4	8	4	16
August 27	4	3	4	11
September 10	2	2	1	5

Sincerely,

Jacquelyn Hayward Gulati
Manager, Cycling Office

Appendix 1: Images

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Photo of Cyclepod in Port Credit.

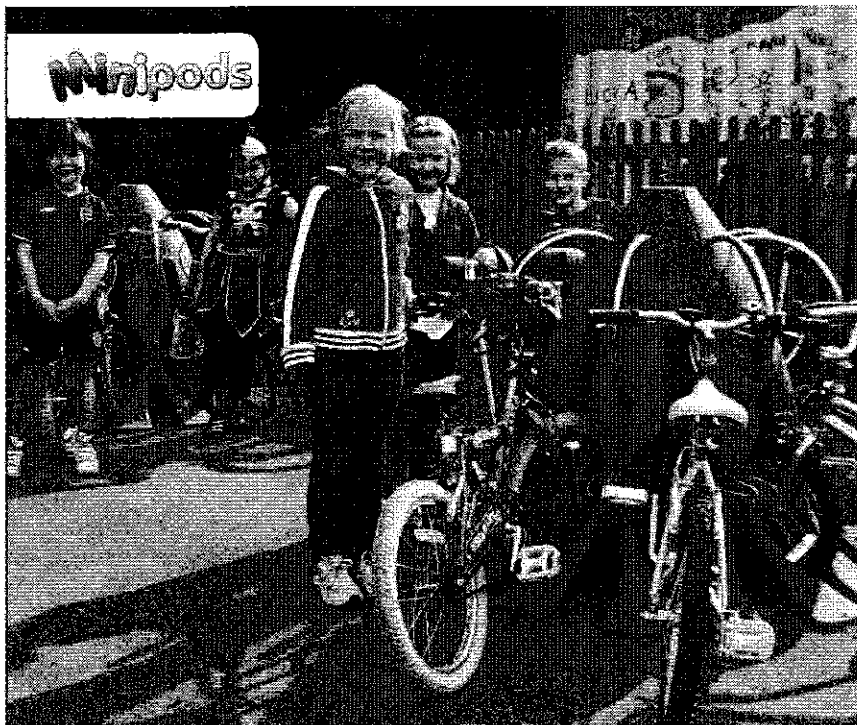


Photo of Minipod from product brochure.



Cycling Death Review Announcement



October 24, 2011 9:00 AM

Dr. Andrew McCallum, Chief Coroner for Ontario is announcing that the Office of the Chief Coroner will be conducting a review of cycling deaths across the province. This review is being undertaken as a result of public concern surrounding the issue of cycling safety.

The review will be led by Dr. Dan Cass, Regional Supervising Coroner - Toronto West Region, and will include deaths from 2006 to 2010. The purpose of the review is to identify common factors that may have played a role in the deaths, and where possible, to make recommendations to prevent similar deaths. The review is expected to be completed in spring 2012. A report will be issued at its conclusion.

A coalition of groups including cyclists and seniors represented by lawyers Patrick Brown and Albert Koehl have commended the Coroner's Office.

QUICK FACTS

- 15 - 20 cyclists die annually in Ontario as a result of accidental injuries

LEARN MORE

- Ontario's death investigation system

CONTACTS

- Dr. Dan Cass
Regional Supervising Coroner - Toronto West Region
416- 314-4105

Ministry of Community Safety and Correctional Services
ontario.ca/safety

"Cycling activity is increasing in many parts of the province and like other users of our roadways, cyclists ought to be safe. By examining these deaths, we hope to find ways to increase their safety."

– Dr. Andrew McCallum
Chief Coroner for Ontario

"Safety improvements for one group of road users benefits other users. Any decrease in collisions will also reduce health care costs, suffering, and family grief, which makes this initiative very important for the entire community."

– Patrick Brown
Lawyer for a coalition of concerned groups, including cyclists and seniors

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