



MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA
MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, JULY 14, 2009 - 7:10 PM

COMMITTEE ROOM A

2ND Floor, Civic Centre
300 City Centre Drive, Mississauga, ON L5B 3C1
Internet Address - <http://www.mississauga.ca>

MEMBERS PRESENT:

- Craig Laferriere (Vice-Chair)
- Andrew Hamilton-Smith
- Allan Harder
- Dorothy Tomiuk
- Paul Price
- John Sabiston
- David Bell
- Ania Halliop
- Nazrul Islam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

- Councillor Pat Mullin
- Jeff Wachman (Chair)
- Kelly Willis
- Rajendra Singh

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STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services

Richard Roberts, Engineering Technologist

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technologist

Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 PM

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST – NIL

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - NIL

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

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OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 PM

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PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Matters:

1.1 Items to be added under “Other Business”

Dorothy Tomiuk requested to add the event report dated July 14, 2009 with respect to the Tour of Mississauga to the agenda.

Ms. Tomiuk moved the motion to approve the agenda, which was voted on and carried.

Approved (D. Tomiuk)

MG.25

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 9, 2009

Paul Price moved approval of the minutes for the June 9, 2009 Cycling Advisory Committee meeting, as presented.

Approved (P. Price)

MG.25

2. Network & Technical Subcommittee

John Sabiston, Chair, Network & Technical Subcommittee to provide an update to the Committee on the July 8, 2009 meeting.

Mr. Sabiston explained that the committee reviewed the bike lanes on Ninth Line due to safety concerns that were raised by a resident. He advised that Ninth Line is an important connector route between the Town of Milton and the Town of Oakville. Recognizing that there are high speeds on Ninth Line, the committee thought it would be important to retain the Share the Road signs and remove the cycling route signs. Mr. Sabiston noted

that if Ninth Line was widened to four lanes, it would be an ideal connector route.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith enquired if reducing the speed limit on Ninth Line was reviewed. Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician replied that a 24 hour speed study was conducted and traffic on Ninth Line was found to be in the 85th percentile, where majority of vehicles were travelling at 78 km/hr or lower. She explained that reducing the speed could result in speeding which would not solve the problem. The committee further discussed the benefits of the route and that traffic is heavy along the route.

Mr. Sabiston advised that the committee discussed the feasibility of having a permanently signed Tour de Mississauga route. He further advised that the current trail system would undergo changes and a permanently signed route could become obsolete and dated. He suggested that The Tour de Mississauga route could start and finish at the City Centre. Mr. Sabiston explained that there is a concept to have a four year cycle of the Tour and divide the City into 4 quadrants. He advised that the southwest quadrant was chosen to exhibit the new trails along the Queensway corridor and the Confederation Parkway bike lanes. In 2010, the northeast quadrant could be chosen to exhibit the new Etobicoke Creek Trail.

Dorothy Tomiuk displayed a Mississauga map that had the potential route for the Tour de Mississauga. She distributed the map for the committee to review.

Anne Farrell, Planner advised that due to the Infrastructure Funding that the City of Mississauga received, staff were directed to match opportunities as there are strict timelines that construction should be completed by to qualify for the funding. She suggested that the workshop dates for the Master Plan take place on October 15 & 20, 2009.

Mr. Sabiston moved the following recommendation, which was voted on and carried:

1. That the Transportation & Works Department be requested to review the following:
 - a) Remove the bike route signs on Ninth Line between Eglinton Avenue and Britannia Road.
 - b) Retain the current Share the Road signs on Ninth Line and relocate the signs closer to the travelled portion of the pavement.

2. That the Cycling Master Plan Team be requested to review the feasibility of including cycling facilities for the Mississauga portion of Ninth Line in the new Cycling Master Plan, which is currently under review.
3. That the Cycling Advisory Committee contact adjoining municipalities such as: the Town of Milton, Town of Oakville and the Region of Halton to request that Share the Road signs be installed on their portion of Ninth Line

Approved

Recommendation MCAC-0016-2009 (J. Sabiston)
MG.25

3. Network & Technical Subcommittee – Connection Project

Memorandum dated July 9, 2009 from Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations in response to recommendations from the Connection Project Report dated June 9, 2009 for the Cooksville Creek and Mississauga Meadows Trail.

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician referred to the memorandum submitted by Mr. Harvey and outlined the comments from requests made through the June 9, 2009 connection report. She noted that signs have been ordered for the Cooksville Creek Trail to assist with directing cyclists.

Ms. Hunter explained that the feasibility of bicycle lanes on Camilla Road was reviewed and found that the lanes would not meet the minimum standard. She noted that on street parking would also be an issue and the Ward Councillor would have to agree with staff approaching the residents to survey removal of parking.

Received (D. Bell)

MG.25

4. Tour of Mississauga Subcommittee

Committee to discuss forming a new subcommittee of the Cycling Advisory Committee to work on organizing the Tour de Mississauga event. The subcommittee is suggested to have a membership of 2 or 3 citizen members and staff to advise.

The Legislative Coordinator explained that a new subcommittee could be formed to work on organizing the Tour de Mississauga event. Dorothy Tomiuk, John Sabiston and Andrew Hamilton-Smith volunteered to join the subcommittee. Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician and Richard Roberts, Engineering Technologist advised that they would provide staff assistance.

Ms. Tomiuk noted that there should be signage and chalking completed along the route. Mr. Sabiston advised that he could help with the emergency guide and logistics plan. Ms. Tomiuk reminded the committee that the event date is scheduled for September 20, 2009, with registration at 9:00 am and a start time at 10:00 am. The rain date would be September 27, 2009.

Mr. Roberts cautioned the Ms. Tomiuk that the bridges on Burnhamthorpe Road West were under construction and that it should be taken into consideration for the Tour de Mississauga route planning.

Craig Laferriere commented that the committee had allocated funds towards a barbecue and enquired if there would be a suitable location for it to take place during the event. Mr. Sabiston suggested that it take place at the end of the event.

Received (N. Islam)
MG.25

5. Crossride Pilot Project

Memorandum dated July 7, 2009 from Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations with respect to the crossride pilot project.

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician explained the locations that were chosen for the crossride pilot project. She advised that August 2009 was the goal to get the first location operating. She noted that there would be some communication to the public to promote the project. Richard Roberts, Engineering Technologist advised that the locations listed for Ward 7 would be on the new trail system and the Ward 10 and 11 locations would be on existing trails.

Ms. Hunter advised that Mr. Harvey and she would be presenting to the Ontario Traffic Conference in October 2009 to showcase the project and provide information for other municipalities.

Ania Halliop enquired how the success of the project would be measured. Ms. Hunter replied that it would be mostly based on public feedback and noted that studies could be arranged to assess it.

Received (A. Harder)
MG.25

6. Cycling Advisory Committee Website

6.1 Website Report

Allan Harder advised that there was a new record of 171 visits in a day in June 2009. He encouraged committee members to write articles that are bike related and submit them. He explained that bikes and public transit got a lot of hits and that some people were still clicking on the master plan page. He suggested that the master plan information be updated. Richard Roberts, Engineering Technologist suggested that the committee mention the interest of the public in the committee website at their presentation to Council.

Mr. Harder requested suggestions for polling questions for the website. Andrew Hamilton-Smith suggested “what is your motivation to cycle”. Mr. Roberts suggested, “What is the average distance that you cycle”. John Sabiston suggested, “How many times a month do you cycle”.

Received (A. Harder)
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6.2 Inquiry Received through MCAC Website

Mr. Harder explained that he received an inquiry through the committee website about the feasibility of a map book instead of a pull out map. Richard Roberts, Engineering Technologist advised that the first editions of the map was a booklet which then changed to the pull out map that we have today. He noted that in the future possibly the map could be transformed to a booklet that features each area by quadrants. He suggested for the time being that people could zoom in on the online map and print the area that is of interest. Mr. Harder noted that the Active Peel map would be the ultimate solution.

Received (A. Harder)
MG.25

7. New Bicycle Lanes

Corporate Reports from the Commissioner of Transportation & Works Department with respect to new bicycle lanes that were approved at Council on July 8, 2009.

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician explained the new bicycle lanes that were approved by City Council.

Received (A. Hamilton-Smith)
MG.25

8. MCAC Budget

Update on the status of the Cycling Advisory Committee Budget for 2009.

Deferred
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9. Lakeview Ratepayer's Association Picnic Event Report – June 6, 2009

Report dated June 6, 2009 from Andrew Hamilton-Smith with respect to his attendance on behalf of the Committee at the Lakeview Ratepayer's Association Picnic on June 6, 2009.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith advised that he attended the Lakeview Ratepayer's Association picnic and distributed the committee armbands and trail maps. He suggested that it would have been helpful if the maps stated that they are free as some people were unsure if they had to pay for them. He suggested that the Committee return to the event next year.

Received (A. Hamilton-Smith)
MG.25

10. Action List, May 12, 2009

Action List of the meeting held on June 9, 2009, provided to Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings.

Craig Laferriere, Dorothy Tomiuk and David Bell volunteered to do the presentation to Council on October 28, 2009.

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Date of Next Meeting – August 11, 2009

OTHER BUSINESS

Trail Checker Program

Craig Laferriere advised that he met with Stu Young, Manager, Parks Northeast and Derek Allen, Volunteer Coordinator to discuss the trail checker program and the criteria for volunteers. He explained that the committee would manage the volunteers and the volunteers would complete reports. The information from the reports would go to Mr. Young for his staff to act on. Mr. Laferriere noted that he would get in touch with the past member on the committee that organized the trail checker program to get more information.

Received (D. Bell)
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ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 PM