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THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 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:

Jeff Wachman (Chair)
Craig Laferriere (Vice-Chair)
David Bell
Allan Harder
Dorothy Tomiuk
Paul Price
Ania Halliop
Rajendra Singh
John Sabiston
Andrew Hamilton-Smith

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Councillor Pat Mullin
Kelly Willis
Nazrul Islam

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CITY/REGIONAL STAFF PRESENT: Keri Hyde-Baxter, Active Transportation Coordinator
David Marcucci, Manager, Planning & Heritage
Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services
Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations
Paulina Mikicich, Policy Planner
Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technologist
Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

CALL TO ORDER – 7:10 PM

DECLARATIONS OF DIRECT (OR INDIRECT) PECUNIARY INTEREST - Nil

PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS - Nil

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Matters:

1.1 Items to be added under “Other Business”

John Sabiston requested that his position paper on recommendations for how e-bikes should be treated in Mississauga be added to the agenda as item 11.

Allan Harder moved approval of the agenda. This motion was voted on and carried.

Approved (A. Harder)
MG.25

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – November 10, 2009

Allan Harder moved that the minutes of the November 10, 2009 Cycling Advisory Committee meeting be approved as presented. This motion was voted on and carried.

Approved (A. Harder)
MG.25

2. Draft Cycling Master Plan: Volume 1

Committee to discuss the draft Cycling Master Plan: Volume 1 and request clarification, if necessary.

Anne Farrell, Planner commented that it would be beneficial if committee members provided consolidated comments on the draft Cycling Master Plan: Volume 1 document. John Sabiston volunteered to consolidate the comments from committee members and provide them to staff.

Ms. Farrell advised that Volume 2 of the Cycling Master Plan would cover the implementation portion of the Plan. Volume 2 is anticipated to be reviewed by the committee in late January or February. Committee agreed that members should meet on January 5th to discuss their comments for the Master Plan. In addition, the committee came to a general consensus that January 12th should be dedicated to providing comments to staff.

MG.25

3. Council Presentation Debrief

Committee to discuss comments at the Cycling Advisory Committee presentation to Council on November 25, 2009.

Committee discussed the comments that were received at the annual presentation to Council. There was a general consensus that the Councillors were very enthused about the presentation.

MG.25

4. Diagonal Parking with Bike Lanes

Email dated November 30, 2009 from Allan Harder proposing that the City of Mississauga review implementing back-in diagonal parking with bike lanes.

Mr. Harder explained that back-in diagonal parking may be a good idea to maintain parking and safety in the bike lanes. He noted that the trade off may be that there are no turning lanes or restricting parking to one side of the street. Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that this application would require a wider width of the road. He noted that some areas that have a wider area could be reviewed. John Sabiston noted that this could be a good tool and could be reviewed for the master plan.

Ania Halliop moved the following motion, which was voted on and carried:

Recommendation

That the email dated November 30, 2009 from Allan Harder, citizen member, be received and referred to the Network & Technical Subcommittee to review and report back to the Cycling Advisory Committee.

Received/Referred

MCAC-0025-2009 (A. Halliop)
MG.25

5. 2010 Trail Maps – Committee Advertising

Email dated December 2, 2009 from Joanne Foote, Park Program Co-ordinator advising of the opportunity to advertise in the 7th edition of the Trails and Cycling map.

The Legislative Coordinator advised that the cost of the advertising space would be \$1,000. After discussion, the committee came to a general consensus that the artwork should focus on the Tour de Mississauga. Craig Laferriere volunteered to work with Paul Price on the photo for the ad.

MG.25

6. Tour de Mississauga Possible Expansion to Brampton and Caledon

Email dated December 4, 2009 from Dorothy Tomiuk advising of a proposal from the Region of Peel to expand the Tour de Mississauga to Brampton and Caledon for 2010.

Jeff Wachman, Chair explained the background with a possible participation with the Region of Peel for the Tour de Mississauga in 2010. He further explained that the Region of Peel would host food and refreshments at the end of the tour. John Sabiston expressed concern with a route from the City Centre to the north as Mississauga has not developed infrastructure to get there.

Keri Baxter advised that she has communicated with the City of Brampton and Town of Caledon and explained that the end portion of the events would be hosted by the Region. She confirmed that it would not be a Tour de Region event, but part of a regional cycling day.

Committee discussed the possibility of adding a 100 km ride to the Tour de Mississauga in 2010. Some members expressed concern with losing the participation of families with a 100km ride. Dorothy Tomiuk advised that there would be shorter distances along with the 100 km ride.

The committee discussed the possibility of a small fee for registration. Ania Halliop noted that riders loved that the event was free and adding a fee may deter people from participating. There was a general consensus from the committee that the Tour de Mississauga should remain a free event.

MG.25

7. 2009 Cyclist Counts and Trail Log

Memorandum dated December 4, 2009 from Anne Farrell, Project Lead, Cycling Master Plan advising of the 2009 cyclist counts and trail log.

The committee provided comments to staff about the sample size for the cycling counts. Dave Marcucci, Manager, Planning & Heritage advised that in 2010 there would be regional and provincial counts done in addition to similar counts that were completed. Jeff Wachman, Chair suggested that there be counters all the time. Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that he could review counting mechanisms for on road facilities. Paul Price suggested that there should be some counts on Glen Erin Drive.

Dorothy Tomiuk moved the following motion, which was voted on and carried:

Recommendation

That the memorandum dated December 4, 2009 from Anne Farrell, Project Lead, Cycling Master Plan advising of the 2009 cyclist counts and trail log be received for information.

Received

MCAC-0026-2009 (D. Tomiuk)

MG.25

8. MCAC Budget Update

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

The Legislative Coordinator advised the balance remaining in the committee's account and provided an update on the purchase of the new display board. Craig Laferriere suggested that a tent could be purchased for the display board to protect the board from bad weather.

Direction

MG.25

9. Action List, November 10, 2009

Action List of the meeting held on November 10, 2009, provided to Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings.

The Committee reviewed the items listed on the action list. John Sabiston explained that he submitted routes to the City Centre on Canada Day to staff in May 2009. However, staff did not have time to review the routes prior to Canada Day. Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that feedback would be provided to Allan Harder and Ania Halliop with respect to the routes for 2010.

Jeff Wachman, Chair suggested that a letter be forwarded to the Canada Day Committee to advise that in the effort to encouraging the use of bicycles, the committee has prepared routes to the City Centre. He further suggested that cycling storage be requested and that the routes be included in their promotional campaign.

Direction

MG.25

10. Information Item

Article entitled "Crackdown on bad cyclists".

Received

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11. Recommendations for Treatment of E-Bikes in Mississauga

John Sabiston explained that he prepared a position paper to review e-bikes in Mississauga. He further explained that the Province of Ontario does not differentiate between power assisted bicycles and that the problem is the e-scooter, which is heavier and faster. He suggested that the City of Mississauga address the safety issue for parks/trails with weight restrictions. E-scooters are generally over 50 kg and power assisted bikes are below 50 kg. Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that he is working on a corporate report with Andy Wickens, Manager, Parks Operations regarding the same matter. He further advised that the report would be reviewed by the committee first before it is considered by General Committee. He agreed that the two types of bikes could be differentiated by weight.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith moved the following motion, which was voted on and carried:

Recommendation

That the position paper submitted on December 8, 2009 by John Sabiston regarding recommendations for treatment of e-bikes in Mississauga be received and referred to the Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations for consideration when preparing a Corporate Report to Council on e-bikes.

MG.25

Date of Next Meeting – January 12, 2010

OTHER BUSINESS - Nil

ADJOURNMENT 9:10 PM