



MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE CITY OF MISSISSAUGA

MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8, 2009 - 7:15 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)
Councillor Pat Mullin
Andrew Hamilton-Smith
David Bell
Allan Harder
Dorothy Tomiuk
Paul Price
Ania Halliop
Nazrul Islam

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Craig Laferriere (Vice-Chair)
Kelly Willis
Rajendra Singh
John Sabiston

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STAFF PRESENT:

Anne Farrell, Planner, Community Services

Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technologist

Alexis Fung Fook, Public Affairs Consultant, Communications

Sacha Smith, Legislative Coordinator, Office of the City Clerk

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CALL TO ORDER – 7:15 PM

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PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

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MATTERS CONSIDERED:

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 - 1.1 Items to be added under “Other Business”
 - 1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 11, 2009
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3. Tour de Mississauga Update
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OTHER BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT – 9:20 PM

CALL TO ORDER – 7:15 PM

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PRESENTATIONS/DEPUTATIONS

Chris Greig, Resident with respect to Bike for Mike.

Mr. Greig appeared before the Committee to explain his mission and his experience with cycling. He explained that he cycled across Canada to raise funds for the Hospital for Sick Children (bikeformike.ca) in honour of his friend who died from Cancer. Mr. Greig noted that he started cycling in June and covered his route of 7500 km over a period of 46 days. Members of the committee posed questions to Mr. Greig regarding his route and his experience with cycling.

Dorothy Tomiuk suggested that the Committee could donate funds to the Bike for Mike Foundation. Councillor Pat Mullin expressed concern as it would be a budget item and it may lead precedence for other groups to request donations from the committee. She suggested that committee members could collect a donation for the foundation instead of using funds from the committee budget.

Received (A. Harder)
MG.25

MATTERS CONSIDERED:

1. Administrative Matters:

1.1 Items to be added under “Other Business”

Jeff Wachman requested to add information about the Ontario Bike Summit, September 20 -22, 2009.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith moved the motion to approve the agenda, which was voted on and carried.

Approved (A. Hamilton-Smith)
MG.25

1.2 Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 11, 2009

Andrew Hamilton-Smith moved approval of the minutes for the August 11, 2009 Cycling Advisory Committee meeting, as presented.

Approved (A. Hamilton-Smith)
MG.25

2. Tour de Mississauga Poster

Committee to review the completed poster for the Tour de Mississauga event on Sunday, September 20, 2009

Members of the Committee came to a general consensus that the poster for the Tour de Mississauga event on September 20, 2009 was acceptable.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith advised that the student union at the University of Toronto (Mississauga Campus) would assist in promoting the Tour de Mississauga event. He noted that he was having difficulty contacting the School Boards to have the posters distributed to schools. The Legislative Coordinator advised that she would contact the School Boards to inquire about distribution of the posters to Principals.

MG.25

3. Tour de Mississauga Update

Dorothy Tomiuk and Andrew Hamilton-Smith to provide a verbal update on the status of the Tour de Mississauga event.

Andrew Hamilton-Smith advised that Rogers Cable would conduct camera interviews with participants at 8:45 a.m. The Committee came to a general consensus that one of 3 colours for the t-shirts would be acceptable: white, yellow or forest green. Mr. Wachman noted that the Tour de Mississauga logo should be on the back of the t-shirt.

Mr. Hamilton-Smith advised that Sierra Club has expressed interest in being involved with the Tour but haven't confirmed to what extent. Councillor Pat Mullin commented that Sierra Club is involved in environmental issues and it would be very positive to have them involved with our event as they are a very active group.

Mr. Hamilton-Smith advised that there would be an ad in the Mississauga News for the Tour de Mississauga event. He noted that he was anticipating that Sierra Club would confirm their involvement to include their logo in the ad as a sponsor. He further advised that Cyclepath has not confirmed that someone would be available to attend the event to provide mechanical assistance prior to the ride.

The Legislative Coordinator confirmed that creation of the route map was underway by City staff and would be provided once it was completed to be posted on the committee website. Jeff Wachman, Chair advised that ride marshals would be needed for the ride along with a safety list and emergency phone numbers.

Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that 200 re-usable signs for the Tour could be created at a cost of approximately \$800.00. However, it would cost approximately \$2000.00 for crews to install them. Mr. Harvey confirmed that Transportation & Works could cover the costs to create the signs, but was not prepared to pay for the cost of labour to install them. Dorothy Tomiuk advised that she could put the signs up for the ride.

Councillor Pat Mullin noted that positive information from the ride should be included in the presentation by the committee to Council. She further noted that there should be a member available to do an opening welcome speech and possibly encourage participants to log onto the committee website to provide feedback. Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician suggested that the Legislative Coordinator could send an email to the group of participants to get request feedback.

Ms. Tomiuk noted that there was interest to have an electric bike on the ride. Mr. Harvey advised that electric bikes are allowed on the roadway as a pilot project; however they are not permitted on the trail system.

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4. 2009 Bicycle Lane Construction Projects

Memorandum dated August 13, 2009 from Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations providing an update on bicycle lane construction projects.

Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician advised that all of the bicycle lanes noted in the memorandum were painted for a total of 7.8 km in 2009. She noted that all of the bike lanes listed should be signed and marked by the end of September 2009.

Councillor Pat Mullin commented on the benefits of asphalt beside the sidewalks. She noted that she communicated with the Transportation & Works Department about this matter as it provides an option for cyclists to ride on instead of the sidewalk. She further noted that this matter should be reviewed, especially at major intersections. Andy Harvey, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations advised that Councillor Mullin should receive a response soon.

MG.25

5. Cycling Master Plan Update

Anne Farrell, Planner to provide a verbal update on the status of the draft Cycling Master Plan.

Ms. Farrell advised that staff would like to have a workshop meeting for the Master Plan on October 20, 2009 to focus on its implementation. She noted that the City would like to take advantage of all the opportunities that are coming up within the Infrastructure Stimulus Fund (ISF). A list of criteria needs to be formed to determine priority routing for the matrix. Ms. Farrell noted that it is anticipated that the draft Master Plan documents would be distributed in November 2009 to review at workshop sessions in January 2010.

Jeff Wachman, Chair advised that he met with Ms. Farrell to discuss the draft Master Plan and noted that there are a team of individuals involved with the plan to work on the vision of implementation, maintenance and education. He further noted that the goal is to have majority of the work completed within 10 years.

Ms. Farrell advised that progress is being made with the master plan and that staff have to ensure that cycling policies fit with the Official Plans. Councillor Pat Mullin commented that the presentation to Council should include some reference that hopefully within 10 years we can accomplish these goals. Mr. Wachman agreed and noted that the presentation could also note the importance of staff dedicated to dealing with cycling.

6. Bike Lanes in Mississauga

Councillor Maja Prentice has requested that the committee discuss the letter dated August 13, 2009 by Kelly Willis that was received in the Ward 3 office.

The committee briefly discussed the letter and Councillor Mullin moved that the matter be deferred to the next meeting.

Deferred (Councillor P. Mullin)
MG.25

7. Budget Update

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

The Legislative Coordinator provided a verbal update on the Cycling Advisory Committee Budget for 2009. Jeff Wachman, Chair commented that the committee needs to decide on the percentage of the budget that should be allotted for promotional purposes.

Received (P. Price)
MG.25

8. Advertising for the Bike Racks on Transit Buses

Committee to discuss interest in assisting Mississauga Transit to create bus ads for next year to promote the new bike racks on the buses.

Dorothy Tomiuk moved that the matter regarding advertising for bike racks on transit buses be referred to the Promotions & Communications Subcommittee to review and report back to the committee.

Referred (D. Tomiuk)
MG.25

9. Information Items

- 9.1 Poster to advertise BikeCamp 09 on Saturday October 17, 2009 which will be hosted by the Toronto Cyclists Union.
- 9.2 Article dated summer – fall 2009 and entitled “New York envy? I’ll take democracy.”
- 9.3 Email dated August 12, 2009 from Richard Roberts, Engineering Technician with respect to the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure.

The committee discussed the importance of some representation at the Ontario Bike Summit in Waterloo. Andrew Hamilton-Smith indicated that he may be available to attend the summit that was scheduled for September 20-22, 2009.

Councillor Mullin moved the following recommendation, which was voted on and carried:

Recommendation

That up to two (2) citizen members of the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee be authorized to attend the Ontario Bicycle Summit in Waterloo, Ontario, September 20-22, 2009 and that the costs to attend the event be allocated in the 2009 Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee budget.

Approved (Councillor P. Mullin)
Recommendation MCAC-0018-2009
MG.25

10. Action List, August 11, 2009

Action List of the meeting held on August 11, 2009, provided to Committee to update on the status of initiatives raised at prior meetings.

Jeff Wachman, Chair noted that the script for the committee presentation should be finalized by the next meeting if the presentation is to be made at Council on October 28, 2009. Jacqueline Hunter, Traffic Operations Technician suggested that the presentation could highlight the cycling lanes on Confederation Parkway and the importance of them.

The committee discussed a possible nomination for the Phil Green Recognition Award. Paul Price suggested that the criteria for the award be forwarded to Glenn Gumulka, Director, Smart Commute Mississauga as he may know of individuals who fit the criteria for the award.

Received (A. Halliop)
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