

Windsor Bicycling Committee

Meeting held January 14, 2020

A meeting of the Windsor Bicycling Committee is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 140, 350 City Hall Square West, there being present the following members:

Councillor Kieran McKenzie, Chair
Klaus Dohring
Robert Hicks
Teena Ireland
Jessica Macasaet-Bondy
John Popham
Erika Valvasori
Ellen van Wageningen

Regrets received from:

Brian Churchmack
Alexa Sylvestre

Guest in attendance:

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Mike Clement, Manager Parks Development
Jeff Hagan, Transportation Planning Senior Engineer
Kevin Morse, Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:15 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

Addition to the Agenda

Moved by E. Wageningen, seconded by K. Dohring,
That Rule 3.3. (c) of the Procedure By-law 98-2011 be waived to add the following addition to the Agenda:

- 4.7** Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex – Recommendations relating to the City of Windsor 2020 Recommended Capital Budget

Carried.

2. Declaration of Conflict

None disclosed.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by E. Wageningen, seconded by J. Macasaet-Bondy,
That the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee of its meeting held May 8, 2019 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Bike Parking for Community Events

The Chair advises bike parking for the Bike to the Fireworks event was provided by Bike Windsor Essex in 2019 and suggests that this service be once again offered to this organization. He adds this is an opportunity to bring cyclists together. The cost for bike parking/valet service by Bike Windsor Essex is \$500/day.

K. Dohring states the City should provide basic services for events and that core functions should be supported by policy and not by volunteers.

J. Macasaet-Bondy adds bike parking should be offered at city events.

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by E. Wageningen,
That the Windsor Bicycling Committee **BE COMMITTED** to offer bike parking services to Bike Windsor Essex for the 2020 Bike to Fireworks event.
Carried.

The Chair suggests that a discussion regarding the Bike to Work event be held at the next meeting.

In terms of the Bike to Work event, L. Newton requests committee members volunteer to attend a meeting with Bike Windsor Essex to discuss the logistics.

K. Dohring indicates he will craft a draft motion regarding a policy for bike parking for community events and will also review best practices in other municipalities. L. Newton and K. Morse offer to assist.

4.2 Mountain Biking Investments and Strategy

Mike Clement, Manager Parks Development provides the following comments relating to mountain biking investments and strategy:

- In 2017, there were issues relating to a lack of facilities in the City of Windsor.
- Endeavoured with Council's approval to create some off-road cycling facilities to put into the park system.
- A series of open houses were held with feedback received from the community.
- In 2018, Justin Truelove from the International Biking Association was retained to assist in an off-road biking plan in the east and west ends of the city in consultation with the public.
- A decision was made for single track mountain biking and off road biking – pump tracks and dirt jumps.
- Two sites were determined for off-road biking – Malden Park (single track system) and Little River where they had dirt jumps and the ramps and to also do a single track as well as a pump track.
- Council approved \$500,000 for this initiative (\$300,000 for single track at Malden Park and \$200,000 for the pump track at the Little River Corridor).
- Justin Truelove laid out a number of runs for beginners, intermediate and advanced at Malden Park and at Little River decided to do mostly beginner trails and the pump track.
- Three priorities were identified:
 - All single track trails at Malden Park
 - All single track trails and a modular pump track at the Little River Corridor.
 - Beginner skills area and an engineered pump track at Malden Park.
- The facilities will take up the demand for mountain biking and having it located at Malden Park, it will provide a link to the whole west end bikeway and with Little River will provide an opportunity to link into the overall system.
- The International Biking Association provided training for city staff and volunteers.

In response to a question asked by E. Valvasori regarding if maps are available, M. Clement responds maps will be available in the spring which will identify the level of skill on the trails and will also show the layout of the trails on GPS.

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by R. Hicks,
That the Presentation provided by Mike Clement, Manager Parks Development regarding an update relating to mountain biking investments and strategy **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4.3 WBC Terms of Reference and Mandate

The Chair suggests adding climate change, sustainability or both to the WBC Mandate.

K. Dohring notes he would like to see a switch between recreation and transportation with transportation first. He wants to move bicycling away from having the main focus on recreation and becoming a normal mode of transportation.

E. Valvasori remarks the issue of just “cycling” is that it becomes too narrowly focused i.e. bike paths that also double as pedestrian walkways which should never be built. It’s dangerous when you have pedestrians walking where cyclists are.

J. Hagan states once the Active Transportation position is filled, he adds this person will be attending the WBC meetings.

The Chair proposes edits to the wording of the Mandate to include mitigating climate change.

Moved by K. Dohring, seconded by J. Macasaet-Bondy,
That the Revised 2020 Windsor Bicycling Committee Terms of Reference and Mandate with edits identified in italics and bold print, attached as Appendix “A” **BE APPROVED**.
Carried.

4.4 Status of the Hot Spot Accident Areas

The memo from the Transportation Planning Senior Engineer dated January 14, 2020 entitled “Status update – 2018 Road Safety Audit Items” is **attached** as Appendix “B”. J. Hagan provides an overview of the document that includes the following areas:

- Lauzon Parkway and Tecumseh Road East
- Windsor Avenue and Tecumseh Road East
- Drouillard Road and Wyandotte Street East
- Walker Road and Ypres Avenue

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by K. Dohring,
That the Status update – 2018 Road Safety Audit Items provided by the
Transportation Planning Senior Engineer **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

In response to a question asked by K. Dohring regarding if Transportation Planning
will continue to provide this cycling data, J. Hagans responds affirmatively.

4.5 WBC Work Plan for the term ending in 2022

The following priorities for the WBC Work Plan ending in 2022 are as follows:

1. Bike to Fireworks
2. Develop a policy for parking at community events
3. Address gaps to correct cycling infrastructure
4. Promote commuter cycling
5. Connect Windsor to LaSalle
6. Increase cycling advocacy
7. Focus on socioeconomic areas – connectivity for low income populations
8. Ensure bike friendly infrastructure is implemented – The WBC should be included in discussion relating to safe infrastructure.

Moved by B. Hicks, seconded by J. Popham,
That the priorities for the WBC Work Plan identified by the Windsor Bicycling
Committee for the term ending in 2022 **BE RECEIVED.**
Carried.

4.6 County Wide Active Transportation System

This matter is deferred as Katherine Wilson, Active Transportation Coordinator,
County of Essex is unable to attend this meeting.

4.7 Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex – Recommendations relating to the City of Windsor 2020 Recommended Capital Budget

The document with the City of Windsor cover page entitled “2020 Recommended
Capital Budget – 8 –Year Capital Project Listing by Major Category” and the first page
entitled “Bike Windsor Essex Advocacy Committee – January 9, 2020” is distributed and
attached as Appendix “C”. Comments from the Bike Windsor Essex Advocacy
Committee relating to the following topics are provided:

- Active Transportation Master Plan
- Cycling facility construction
- Traffic Calming Initiatives - Concern that the budget for all cycling infrastructure, education, enforcement and facilities is \$600,000. \$100,000 of this budget is proposed to be added to traffic calming for 2020 and 2021. Since traffic calming issues impact drivers more than cyclists, why are we not adding some of the roads budget for traffic calming as well.
- Intersection Improvements Program – Recommendation that all intersection improvements made include cycling infrastructure as recommended in the Active Transportation Master Plan, i.e. if an intersection has been identified as part of a AAA route, the intersection must reflect that.
- ICIP – Bikeways Development
- University Avenue Environmental Assessment Placeholder
- Vision Zero

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by K. Dohring,

That the investments for traffic calming across the city **BE SUPPORTED**, however, the Windsor Bicycling Committee objects to the proposal as noted in the 2020 Recommended Capital Budget for the City of Windsor that these initiatives be funded through the proposed allocation of \$600,000 and further recommends that the traffic calming measures **BE FUNDED** through the significantly larger allocation for road reconstruction.

Carried.

J. Hagan explains traffic calming and bikeways development are both within Transportation Planning and adds \$100,000 is proposed in 2020 for the \$100,000 switch to traffic calming and in 2027 bikeways will receive \$100,000 for traffic calming. So essentially, it nets out to zero however there are funds they are carrying forward in bikeways development in 2020 which will allow them to do a significant amount of new infrastructure. There is a potential for an ICEP Grant, so at this time there are a significant amount of things associated with cycling which will allow freeing up some of those funds to work on other projects, i.e. traffic calming and in the future, traffic calming will give the money back.

5. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held at the call of the Chair.

6. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:02 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR