

Windsor Bicycling Committee - Meeting held May 8, 2019

A meeting of the Windsor Bicycling Committee is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Councillor Kieran McKenzie, Chair
Klaus Dohring
Robert Hicks
Jessica Macasaet-Bondy
John Popham
Alexa Sylvestre
Ellen van Wageningen

Regrets received from:

Brian Churchmack
Teena Ireland
Erika Valvasori

Guests in attendance:

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex
Jennifer Escott, Bike Windsor Essex

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Josette Eugeni, Manager, Transportation Planning
Kevin Morse, Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Committee Coordinator calls the meeting to order at 5:05 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule A attached hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. Election of Chair

The Committee Coordinator calls for nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. J. Macasaet-Bondy nominates Councillor McKenzie, seconded by R. Hicks. The Committee Coordinator asks if there are further nominations from the floor for the position of Chair. Seeing none, the Committee Coordinator asks Councillor McKenzie if he accepts. Councillor McKenzie accepts and assumes the Chair.

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by R. Hicks,
That Councillor Kieran McKenzie **BE ELECTED** Chair of the Windsor Bicycling Committee.
Carried.

The Chair invites the members, resource and guests to introduce themselves.

3. Declaration of Conflict

K. Dohring discloses an interest that he has developed a “cargo bike” that he assembles in his shop and he notes that this is not a commercial enterprise at this time but is merely a hobby.

5. Presentation

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex provides an overview of initiatives and programs related to Bike Windsor Essex as follows:

- “Wrench-up” – Learn how to fix and maintain your bicycle
- “Cycle Smart” – Gain the skills, knowledge and confidence to cycle smart
- Bike Security – Simple steps to shield against bike theft – Download the 529 Garage smartphone application to register your bike.
- How to bike to work – Tips for your commute, i.e. bicycle safety, bicycle comfort, planning the route, secure bike parking.
- “Explore YOUR City Rides 2019” – Cyclists are encouraged to join Bike Windsor Essex every Saturday morning at 9:30 a.m. (May to August 2019) for the rides. Departure time is 10:00 a.m. from the Bike Kitchen (628 Monmouth Road). The rides are open to all ages.
- Bike to Work Event – CBC will be broadcasting from the waterfront for the 2019 event. Bike Windsor Essex will require funding in the amount of \$4,500 for expenses for this event..

4. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by J. Popham,
That the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee of its meeting held October 3, 2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

6. Business Items

Bike to Work 2019

K. Dohring expresses concern that the WBC is involved with outreach activities such as Bike to Work rather than looking at fundamental things, i.e. secure bike lanes.

J. Macasaet-Bondy is looking to create a positive event around cycling in order to create that culture shift.

The Chair notes that events may seem like “busy work”, however there is tremendous value in seeing cyclists at these events.

Moved by K. Dohring, seconded by R. Hicks,
That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$1,000 for a portion of the costs associated with the Bike to Work breakfast to be held on May 27, 2019 at The Bistro At The River, 78 Riverside Drive West.
Carried.

Bike to Fireworks 2019 – June 24, 2019

J. Eugeni reports people will be cycling to Charles Clark Square for the Bike to Fireworks event, and she adds there will be a cost (approximately \$500) to provide fencing for the event. She notes the bikes are locked to the fencing panels.

K. Dohring notes he is opposed to using the WBC’s limited operating budget to pay for the fencing.

J. Macasaet-Bondy suggests holding a “pop-up event” – designate an area to lock the bicycles and provide bike facilities. She proposes spending \$500 on bike lights rather than on fencing and take this opportunity to make this an educational event.

The Chair asks L. Newton if Bike Windsor Essex is willing to install bike racks rather than acquire fencing for the Bike to Fireworks event. L. Newton advises she will provide the bike racks at a cost of \$250, will install bike lights and will volunteer to assist for a few hours.

Moved by J. Macasaet-Bondy, seconded by A. Sylvestre,
That Bike Windsor Essex in partnership with the Windsor Bicycling Committee will host the Bike to Fireworks event to be held on June 24, 2019 (rain date June 25, 2019) at Charles Clark Square, and, that **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$250. for costs associated with Bike Windsor Essex supplying bike racks for the event and further, that Bike Windsor Essex will provide bike lights at no cost and will offer educational activities at the event.

Carried.

Bike Parking for Community Events

K. Dohring states that as events are held at city venues, that the city should provide proper bicycle infrastructure. He suggests a policy be written to address bike parking at community events.

The Chair suggests an agenda item relating to a communications policy – bike parking for community events be discussed at the next meeting.

6.2 One-Time Federal Gas Tax Funding

The Chair states that funding from the one-time Federal Gas Tax increase will result in approximately \$13,434,160 for the City of Windsor.

6.3 Mountain Biking Investments and Strategy

J. Eugeni advises this matter is a Parks Department initiative and it is suggested a representative be invited to attend the next meeting.

Moved by K. Dohring, seconded by J. Macasaet-Bondy,
That a representative from the Parks Department **BE INVITED** to attend the next meeting of the Windsor Bicycling Committee to provide information relating to the mountain biking investments and strategy initiative.

Carried.

6.4 WBC Terms of Reference and Mandate

Moved by K. Dohring, seconded by J. Macasaet-Bondy,
That the Windsor Bicycling Terms of Reference and Mandate **BE DEFERRED** to the next meeting.

Carried.

6.5 Status of Windsor Police Bike Auction

The Committee Coordinator is requested to contact Dale Roorda, Windsor Police Services to determine the status of the WPS Bike Auction and to report back.

6.6 Meeting Schedule

It is determined the next meeting of the WBC will be held in July 2019 at 5:00 o'clock p.m.

6.7 Transportation Planning Department Update

J. Eugeni advises the following projects are currently in place:

- Bike lanes on Totten from Huron Church to South Cameron
- Doing the next phase of Riverside Drive
- Doing the next phase of Cabana from Howard to Dougall
- Parks Department is working on bridges to connect facilities

In response to a question asked by K. Dohring regarding the status of the 5 hot spot accident areas, J. Eugeni refers to the Bicycle Road Safety Audits report and notes she will provide an update at the next meeting.

6.8 WBC Inventory

The Committee Coordinator provides an overview of the WBC inventory which includes bike lights, bike bells and reflector vests.

The Chair requests the WBC Workplan for 2019 be discussed at the next meeting.

7. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on a date to be determined in July, 2019.

8. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 7:00 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR