

Windsor Bicycling Committee – Meeting held October 3, 2018

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:

Amy Farkas, Chair
Councillor Rino Bortolin
Robert DiMaio
Brendan Dodd
Klaus Dohring
Dr. Chris Waters

Guest in attendance:

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Jeff Hagan, Policy Analyst, Transportation Planning
Kevin Morse, Windsor Essex County Health Unit
Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair 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:

Addition to the Agenda

Moved by R. DiMaio, 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:

- Presentation by Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex

Carried.

2. Declarations of Conflict

The Chair discloses an interest on matters relating to Bike Windsor Essex as she is a member of the Board of Bike Windsor Essex.

3. Adoption of the Minutes

Moved by R. DiMaio, seconded by K. Dohring,
That the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee of its meeting held April 24,
2018 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

Presentation

Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex is present and provides the following updates:

- Bike Windsor Essex will be hosting the Southwest Regional Advocacy Summit to be held October 28, 2018 from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the Sho Studio located at 628 Monmouth. This is a free event which also includes a bike ride.
- Launching a “Get Lit Campaign” where lights are placed on cyclist’s bikes for free.
- Recently attended the Active Safe Roads to School Conference held in Toronto.
- Trillium Grant funding is coming to an end and currently looking at other funding sources.
- Transported three bus loads of folks from Iraq to Point Pelee and they were given instruction on how to ride a bike.

Moved by B. Dodd, seconded by K. Dohring,
That the verbal presentation provided by Lori Newton, Bike Windsor Essex **BE RECEIVED**.
Carried.

4. Business Items

4.1 Walk Wheel Windsor Update

The Chair advises she along with Dr. Waters, K. Morse and K. Dohring attended the recently held stakeholder engagement workshop.

Dr. Waters states he was pleased with the event and is excited about the plans for walking and cycling. He adds he has misgivings regarding the woefully 20% active transportation target that includes the use of buses.

K. Dohring responds that coming from 15% to 20% in active transportation that translates to 10% transit, 4% walking and 1% cycling. So as of today, our commuting number is 1%.

Dr. Waters adds this was totally unambitious and the points that were made indicates that Windsor currently lags behind and that there is a Motor City culture. His response is we should be national leaders in cycling. We have the best climate, the land is relatively flat and we have a defined urban core (it is doable to walk and cycle in Windsor). This study should be setting ourselves up to be national leaders as opposed to having a mediocre target that includes bussing. He notes it is worrisome that the WBC was not engaged on operational issues, but were engaged on infrastructure issues. In terms of operational issues, the Bicycle Use Master Plan (BUMP) spoke to assigning a full time employee who is dedicated to implementing the BUMP, being a cycling promoter/coordinator who is committed to Active Transportation. He adds the focus was primarily on “hard planning” which is important in infrastructure. He notes implementation will be the key.

K. Morse expresses concern the transit and the active transportation were linked together. He adds it was alarming to see how the numbers for active transportation have dropped. He notes he represents the activity side of this and to change these behaviors you have to have a strong culture, however we are very car centric in the City of Windsor.

K. Dohring indicates there was good participation with a representation of broad groups and organizations. The Consultants came from large cities across Canada which includes, Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa which on one side is good because they bring exposure and knowledge from those cities. His concern is this group will come up with a great plan which will be put aside and we will continue as is. There was great participation from the City of Windsor representatives.

The Chair states another stakeholder engagement will be held in November 2018.

4.2 WBC Mandate/Terms of Reference

Councillor Bortolin indicates he will bring forth a Notice of Reconsideration at a future Council meeting for Council to reconsider changing the name of the Windsor Bicycling Committee to the Active Transportation Committee. The request to change the name in 2015 to an Active Transportation Committee was noted and filed by City Council.

Councillor Bortolin suggests to potentially make an addition to the Consultant's report to change the Windsor Bicycling Committee to the Active Transportation Committee. If this is denied by City Council, it could be baked into the actual report to change the name.

Moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by R. DiMaio,

That the Chair of the Windsor Bicycling Committee **BE REQUESTED** to review and update the Active Transportation Committee – Mandate and Terms of Reference proposed in 2015 for a name change to the Active Transportation Committee and to report back.

Carried.

4.4 Financial Variance Report and Allocation of Remaining Budget

The Chair provides an overview of the financial variance report.

R. DiMaio suggests as the WBC contributed \$1,000 to the Brain Injury Association for the purchase of bicycle helmets, that the organization provide an update on the number of helmets purchased, etc.

Councillor Bortolin suggests purchasing bike lights as giveaways at events.

B. Dodd leaves the meeting at 5:58 o'clock p.m.

Moved by Dr. Waters, seconded by K. Dohring,

That **APPROVAL BE GIVEN** to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$150 for the purchase of social media ads relating to bike safety, and the remainder of the 2018 WBC operating budget for the purchase of safety devices as give-aways at events.

Carried.

4.5 Confirm and Ratify Motion

Moved by R. DiMaio, seconded by Councillor Bortolin,

That the following motion **BE CONFIRMED AND RATIFIED**:

That approval be given to an expenditure in the amended amount of \$519.80 for the delivery and pickup of fencing required for the Bike to Fireworks Event to be held on June 25, 2018 (rain date June 26, 2018) at Charles Clark Square.

Carried.

K. Dohring abstains from voting as the committee should not be tasked with paying for fencing for this event.

It is generally agreed the city provide the financial support for fencing for the Bike to Fireworks event in the future.

4.3 Transportation Planning Department Update

J. Hagan, Transportation Planning distributes a document entitled “2018 Cycling Projects – Complete, In Progress, Design”, **attached** as Appendix “A”. He provides an overview of the document.

K. Dohring reiterates the need for separated bike lines with a physical barrier. He adds that painted lines will not save the lives of cyclists from distracted motorists.

J. Hagan states a Consultant has been retained for the University/Victoria (Huron Church to McDougall) Environmental Assessment. He states public consultations will be held which will include an active transportation component.

Dr. C. Waters advises at the last meeting of the WBC, a discussion took place regarding the possibility of a Riverside bike path being connected to the infrastructure in Sandwich. He indicates they were advised there were archaeological and other costs and it was not possible to get a bike lane going around that roundabout. He adds what we have now is a new roundabout that remains in a difficult place for cyclists to connect from the Riverside path to the Sandwich Towne bike infrastructure. He questions if it is possible to get some sharrows, Share the Road signs, and some indication to motorists that this is also a bike connecting route. He notes these added amenities presumably would be quite inexpensive.

J. Hagan remarks as he is not currently involved with this project, Transportation Planning will report back at the next meeting.

Councillor Bortolin advises that the City is in communication with the railway for the Dougall Road multi-use trail and tunnel and needs an agreement with the railway for the project to move forward.

5. New Business

As the term of the current WBC is coming to an end, the Chair requests assistance to move WBC safety devices to the storage unit at City Hall. K. Dohring and K. Morse volunteer to assist.

6. Date of Next Meeting

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

7. Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:25 o'clock p.m.

CHAIR

COMMITTEE COORDINATOR