

THE REGIONAL MUNICIPALITY OF NIAGARA
REGIONAL NIAGARA BICYCLING COMMITTEE
REPORT 8-2011

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee held on Wednesday, November 3, 2011 commencing at 5:10 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Councillors Caslin (Chair), Joyner (Vice Chair); Mr. Joe D'Agostino; Mr. Pat Maloney; Mr. Jeff Poulsen; Mr. Bob Romanuk; Mr. Drew Semple; Mr. John Swart; Mr. Tom Whitelaw.
- Staff: Mr. Phil Bergen, Transportation Planning Technician; Mr. Scott Elliott, Niagara Regional Police Service; Mr. Ken Forgeron, Manager Policy Alignment; Ms. Natasha Dawn, Legislative Assistant.
- Guests: Ms. Jackie Gervais, Regional Public Health; Mr. Bruce Ross, Niagara-on-the-Lake Resident; Ms. Elise Gatti, Shorthills Cycling Club; Ms. Bea Clark, Active Transportation Niagara Network.

Quorum

There being a lack of ordinary quorum at the meeting, the Committee Chair determined that the ordinary quorum for the meeting be reduced to ten members, pursuant to Section 22.10 of the Procedural By-law 120-2010.

PRESENTATIONS

78. **Active Transportation Niagara Network (ATNN) Update**

Bea Clark, a member of the Active Transportation Niagara Network and Chair of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee provided Committee members with an update respecting Active Transportation Niagara Network.

Moved by Mr. Semple
Seconded by Mr. Maloney

That Ms. Clark's presentation respecting the Active Transportation Niagara Network, be received for information.

Carried.

(A copy of Ms. Clark's presentation is attached to these minutes.)

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

79. 2012 Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Meeting Schedule

Moved by Mr. Whitelaw
Seconded by Mr. Elliott

That the 2012 Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Meeting Schedule, be received and approved.

Carried.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

80. Moved by Councillor Joyner
Seconded by Mr. Maloney

That the following items of correspondence, be received for information:

RNBC 29- 2011	Taiwan Cycling Festival
RNBC 32-2011	Lake Erie Cycling Route, Windsor to Fort Erie Mobile Workshop September 12 – 17, 2011
RNBC 33-2011	Essex County Active Communities Summit Highlights of October 3, 2011 Summit
RNBC 36-2011	Announcement - Coroner to review Ontario cycling

Carried.

81. Moved by Mr. Maloney
Seconded by Mr. Poulsen

That the Region send a letter to the Niagara Regional Police Service to inquire whether it is possible to keep better statistics on cycling-related accidents.

Moved by Mr. Romanuk
Seconded by Mr. Whitelaw

That consideration of the aforementioned motion be referred to the Education and Encouragement Task Force.

Carried.

82. Education and Encouragement Task Force
RNBC 30-2011

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino
Seconded by Mr. Semple

That Report RNBC 30-2011, respecting the Education and Encouragement Task Force Update, be received for information.

Carried.

At this point in the meeting, Councillors Caslin (RNBC Chair) and Joyner (RNBC Vice Chair) left to attend the Committee of the Whole meeting. It was:

Moved by Mr. Swart
Seconded by Mr. Romanuk

That Mr. Maloney be appointed as Chair for the remainder of this meeting.

Carried.

At this point, Mr. Maloney assumed the Chair for the remainder of the meeting.

83. Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee (RNBC)
Policy Task Force Priority Projects
RNBC 31-2011

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino
Seconded by Mr. Semple

That Report RNBC 31-2011, respecting the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee (RNBC) Policy Task Force Priority Projects Update, be received for information.

Carried.

84. Network Task Force
RNBC 34-2011

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino
Seconded by Mr. Semple

That Report RNBC 34-2011, respecting the Network Task Force Update, be received for information.

Carried.

85. Outstanding Action Items
RNBC 35-2011

Moved by Mr. D'Agostino
Seconded by Mr. Semple

That Memorandum RNBC 35-2011, respecting Outstanding Action Items, be received for information.

Carried.

86. Minutes – Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee (RNBC)
September 21, 2011

Moved by Mr. Poulsen
Seconded by Mr. Whitelaw

That the minutes of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee meeting of September 21, 2011, be received **as amended**;

That Minute Item #76 be amended by striking out the words “Town of West Lincoln” and inserting the words “Towns of Grimsby and Lincoln”.

Carried.

87. Meeting Notes – Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee Policy Task Force
October 17, 2011

Moved by Mr. Whitelaw
Seconded by Mr. Semple

That the Meeting notes – RNBC Policy Task Force of October 17, 2011, be received; and

That this Committee recommend to the Public Works Committee:

That the Region offer assistance to the City of Welland to prepare its application for a Bicycle Friendly Community Award.

Carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

88. City of Niagara Falls Transportation Plan

Mr. Romanuk encouraged the members to view the City of Niagara Falls' proposed Sustainable Transportation Master Plan. He commented that it is a document after which other Transportation Plans should be modelled. Future implementation by the City will be important.

89. Facilitative Review and Strategic Planning Update

Mr. Forgeron informed the members that Mr. Tim Dobbie, Tim L. Dobbie Consulting Ltd., will make a presentation to the RNBC at its February 2, 2012 meeting on the administrative review of the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee and other active transportation-related matters at the Niagara Region.

90. Gran Fondo in Niagara

Mr. Bergen informed the members that the Niagara Falls Gran Fondo is no longer scheduled to take place due to financial and traffic-related reasons.

91. Christmas Social

Mr. Forgeron suggested, and there was general agreement, that the RNBC's Christmas Social could be held on December 14th since the December 22nd date is very close to Christmas. He will send an email to members informing them of the details.

STAFF DIRECTIONS

Staff was requested to:

- invite Maria Andersen, Communications Specialist, to the first meeting of 2012 to discuss the opportunities and possible risks for establishing a blog site and posting meeting materials on the Niagara Region's external website.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business the committee adjourned at 7:13 p.m. to meet again on Thursday, February 2, 2012 at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4.

Alan Caslin
Chair

Natasha Dawn
Legislative Assistant