

REGIONAL NIAGARA BICYCLING COMMITTEE

REPORT 8-2010

Minutes of a meeting of the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee held on Tuesday, October 26, 2010 commencing at 7:00 p.m. in Committee Room 4, Regional Municipal Building, Thorold, Ontario.

ATTENDANCE

- Committee: Chair Brian Baty, Scott Elliott, Niagara Regional Police Services, Dave Hunt, Pat Maloney, Paul Pattison, Wade Smith, John Swart, Tom Whitelaw
- Staff: Phil Bergen, Public Works, Ken Forgeron, Integrated Community Planning, Penny Pitt, Administrative Assistant, Clerk's Department.
- Regrets: Betsy Foster, Niagara Economic Development Corporation
- Guests: Guy Graveline, Tourism Niagara

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

121. Moved by Dave Hunt
Seconded by Tom Whitelaw

That the agenda be adopted as presented.

Carried

PRESENTATION

122. Niagara's New Regional Tourism Organization (RTO) and Tourism Niagara

Mr. Guy Graveline from the Niagara Economic Development Corporation provided an overview of the Regional Tourism Organization and Tourism Niagara to the committee. The new RTO will no longer directly support tourism marketing as it has in the past including events such the Toronto Bicycling Show and the printing of bicycle maps .Their focus will be more in tourism research and development.

Following a lengthy discussion, Mr. Graveline requested that the committee send him a list of priorities and ideas that the committee would like to be included. Some suggestions were as follows:

1. Revised 2nd Edition of Bicycle map reprinting at the beginning of the new year
2. 3rd Edition of Bicycle map printing
3. Lamination and placement of maps
4. New displays for Bicycle Show
5. Primary base survey data on cycling

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

123. Report 7-2010

Report 7-2010 being the minutes of the RNBC meeting of September 14, 2010 were approved with the following amendments:

- In recording the attendance formally recognize John Swart and Janice Makepeace as members of the RNBC
- Minute #119 – the motion to be reworded as follows:

Moved by Paul Pattison

Seconded by Pat Maloney

That the RNBC recommends the Public Works Committee and Regional Council support the following:

Given that Carlton St. and Geneva St. (St.Catharines) are both on the Regional Bikeway Network; that the curb lanes of the Carlton/Geneva St. Q.E.W. underpass be lined to accommodate 1.0 - 1.25 metre bike lanes.

Carried

REVIEW OF PREVIOUS ACTIONS ITEMS AND BUSINESS ARISING

124. Action Item 3 – Phase II of the Waterfront Trust Investment

Nothing new to report

Action Item 5 – Bicycle Safety Poster

Nothing new to report

Action Item 18 – St. David's Road EA

Nothing new to report

Action Item 32 – Hwy 406 – Port Robinson Rd. to East Main St. Improvements

Nothing new to report

Action Item 51 – RNBC Website

Nothing new to report

Action Item 60 – Proposed "Share the Road" Brochure

John Swart would like to move forward with this brochure. Phil Bergen will inquire about any budgetary dollars available. Action Item 66 – NRBSWFPP Study

Phil Bergen brought an actual size paper copy of signage to be used. The committee made several comments and suggested the sign be review by the legal department and a consultant.

Action Item 67 – Update RNBC Membership Information on Website
Phil Bergen will make the necessary updates to the website.

Action Item 68 – New Tourism Provider
John Swart will take the lead to develop the required cue sheets.

Action Item 69 – Proposed Bicycle Policies for Municipalities
This Action Item has been completed and removed.

Action Item 70 – 2nd Edition Bicycle Map Corrections/3rd Edition Bicycle Map
Bike Map Task Force will be proceeding with the updating and reprinting the 2nd Edition of the Bicycle Map in time for the Toronto Bicycle Show March 4-6, 2011.

ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION

125. Prioritizing Requests for Funding Bikeways Facilities on Local Roadways

Ken Forgeron reported that Regional Public Works have asked the RNBC for assistance in prioritizing project requests that may be submitted for funding. Commissioner Ken Brothers has requested that the Committee develop proposed criteria for evaluating requests for Regional funding to incorporate bicycle facilities on local roadways that are part of the approved Regional Bicycle Network. It is assumed that such criteria would be evaluated primarily in cases where funding requests exceed the annual Regional allotment.

Mr. Forgeron suggested that some possible criteria might include:

- Proposals must help to fill gaps in bicycling facilities on the Regional Network
- Connectivity between municipalities, adjacent counties, cities and cross border locations should be accommodated.
- Provide facilities adjacent to residential areas, schools, commercial areas, major workplaces, civic buildings, parks and activity nodes to allow residents an opportunity to ride their bicycles safely and to leave the car at home
- Provide facilities within 500 metres of higher order transit routes and terminals to facilitate the integration of cycling and transit modes

Mr. Forgeron offered to develop a more complete draft list and requested Committee members to submit their ideas to him. A draft list would be tabled at the next meeting of the RNBC. **NEW ACTION ITEM 71- Prioritizing Requests for Funding Bikeways Facilities on Local Roadways**

126. 3RD Edition Bicycle Map

Following committee discussion, it was agreed to reprint the 2nd edition map with changes, in January or February to be ready for the Bike Show in March. Tom Jamieson will itemize the list of changes required to the map and forward them to

the IT Department. . Lucy DeFazio from Corporate Communications may be the design person to contact. Including a liability disclaimer for use of routes was discussed and with the suggestion of asking for the legal department's advice on the matter.

127. Recruitment of New Members

As the end of the current Council term draws near, advertising for new committee members will be placed in local newspapers. A contact list of people and places to approach will be developed by Ken Forgeron and Phil Bergen. **NEW ACTION ITEM 72 - RECRUITMENT**

128. Website Update

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

TASK FORCE REPORTS

Engineering/Network Task Force

129. Update of the NRBSWFPP

Phil Bergen provided an actual size paper sample (17 x 47) of the signage to be used in the Signage and Wayfinding Pilot Project Study. The committee made several comments and suggestion of reviews by the legal department and a consultant were made. The deadline for the TDM grant is April 2011.

130. **Education and Encouragement Task Force**

Bicycle friendly community programs will be discussed at the next meeting.

131. **Policy Task Force**

Since the Model Local Bicycling Policies have been completed, the next step is to review the Official Plans of municipalities.

ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

132. Highlights of Ontario Bicycle Summit

- Several committee members attended the 2nd Ontario Bicycle Summit held on October 20-21 in Burlington, Ontario. Two of the keynote speakers were Mayor Sam Adams from Portland, Oregon who spoke of the economic benefits of cycling and the Honorable Kathleen Wynne, Ontario Transportation Minister who spoke of "Building a Bicycle Friendly Ontario". The event was well organized and participants from across Canada were inspired and informed by the terrific speakers.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

133. Leave of Absence

An email was received from Frank Pravitz explaining that at this time demands from his new position at work make it difficult to provide an effective contribution to the committee.

ITEMS FOR DISTRIBUTION

134. The following items were distributed to the committee members:

- Niagara's New Regional Tourism Organization and Tourism Niagara presentation
- Model Municipal Bicycle Transportation Policies
- Article entitled "Is your community BicycleFriendly?"
- Article entitled "Cycle Tourism is Growing!"

ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

- RNBC Website update
- Bicycle Friendly Community Program

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m. to meet again for the Christmas Social Meeting on a date and place to be determined.

Brian Baty
Chair

Penny Pitt
Administrative Assistant
Clerk's Department