

# Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting Minutes

## March 13, 2007

### 1. Welcome, Introductions

#### Present:

Jackie Avent, Ben Goldstein, Gord McGonigal, Phil Roadley, Jeremy Hull, Gareth Simons, Ken Gerrard, Kevin Miller, Cory Bellhouse, Tim Hunt, Mark, Dean Kendell, Bill Spornitz, Don English, Anders Swanson, James Elmore, Molly McCracken, Rob Altemeyer, Mark Cohoe, Liisa Halstead

**Regrets:** Rob Cosco

### 2. Committee Reports

#### a) DISRAELI

The plan for Disraeli is to redevelop the existing structure and include a 6 foot sidewalk and 3 foot shy zones across the bridge for cycling/pedestrians. The car lanes are going to be 3.5 meters (12 feet).

#### Comments made in meeting:

- We are hopeful that whatever bike route decided upon for Disraeli can be extended to Main Street.
- Can we get the shy zone increased to 5 feet and call it a bike lane? Best-practices says that there needs to be 4 feet minimum for a space to be considered a bike lane.
- We would like to see them steal part of the traffic lane to make a larger (at least 4 foot) bike lane / shy zone.
- As a cyclist how can you get off of Disraeli and onto Anabella? You'd have to take an off ramp...
- Can we ask that the city actually create a BIKE LANE and not just a shy-zone – ideally we would like to see something separated?
  - Bill Larkin from the city would likely be a champion on this topic.

**Action (individuals):** E-mail thoughts of what cycling considerations you'd like to see built into the re-development plan for Disraeli to Phil ([bikesandbeyond@shaw.ca](mailto:bikesandbeyond@shaw.ca)) soon so he can provide input to committee

**Action (Provincial Committee):**

Rob Altemeyer made a comment regarding how the Province is giving the city a considerable amount of money to advance their agenda of Healthy Living and Active Transportation and when these considerations are not integrated appropriately into plans for redevelopment of major routes the Province should be made aware of this. Therefore the BTTF Provincial Committee should consider:

- Raising this issue with Provincial Cabinet ministers when we have a follow-up meetings. A key follow-up would be with Minister of Intergovernmental Affairs, Steve Ashton about expanding the shy zone by a foot.
- We could also mention this to other Cabinet Ministers such as Infrastructure and Transportation (Ron Lemieux) and Healthy Living (Kerri Irvin-Ross)

**b) LOGO**

We reviewed the logo designs that Anders put together and each had the opportunity to share thoughts about the logo. Anders agreed to redevelop some more logo templates which we can use to choose the final one.

After Anders left, we discussed the logo colours and some more details. While there was some interest in a variety of colours in the logo, we decided to get a good black and white one ready for use before we worry too much about setting and locking down colour schemes. (North America can be gray).

Eventually we would like to have a full colour version for the web (and other uses where colour is practical). Also, we are assuming for the time being, that we will be printing these on a white background. Although we may need the inverse style logo in the future.

**Action:** Anders will do up a few other options based on discussion and Ben and Jackie will send Anders some information on the colour discussion that followed when Anders left the meeting

**c) MARCONI**

Don English presented on Marconi and the recent developments of the River East Transcona Trails Committee. The documents and notes from his presentation are attached to the minutes. Of special note is

that they will be presenting to the East Kildonan-TR Community Mtg  
**Monday March 19 at 5:30pm 755 Henderson Hwy.**

#### **d) WINSMART / survey**

Winsmart will be developed in 2 phases from the Forks to Jubilee.

- Phase 1 will be this year and will involve paving the trail that runs from the Forks (by the Norwood Bridge) to the South Osborne underpass. The trail will be lighted and signed.
- Phase 2 will be developed next year from South Osborne underpass to Jubilee and Pembina
  - Only barrier is the fence by MTS building – they'll negotiate or have to expropriate

**Action:** The Winsmart consultation committee would like to get comments from the community about this development. They have prepared a survey and are circulating it to interest groups in Winnipeg. Tim will compile comments from Bike to the Future members and make an overall comment from BTTF based on the survey results. (Survey copy attached). **Send survey reply or comments to Tim ([thunt41@hotmail.com](mailto:thunt41@hotmail.com)) or Gareth ([GarethSimons@hotmail.com](mailto:GarethSimons@hotmail.com)).**

### **3. B2F Committees**

#### **a. City**

No major announcements or updates. It is recommended that folks get on the phone to their councillors and the city to get them to clean the streets soon.

**Action item** – Folks to call their city, councillors lobby for street cleaning.

Gareth and Kevin will send out information about how to contact the city Public Works about getting specific areas cleaned.

#### **b. Province –**

Committee met with Kerri Irvin-Ross (Healthy Living) and feel that in general it was a good meeting. She is aware of Bike to the Future and seems supportive, but was non-committal about specific requests. We asked her to support a provincial bike policy and she said she'd see what she can do.

Molly and Curt Hull met with Jane Gray (a mover and shaker bureaucrat) who works for the Climate Change Branch of STEM (Science Technology Energy and Mines). She suggested that we bring our idea of a Provincial Bike Policy to the Deputy Minister's office of Climate Change (John Clarkson's office) to get the bureaucrats working on this concept. Molly will follow-up with Neil Cunningham.

Rob suggested we should get in contact with these folks as above – should we try and meet with the province once per month in strategizing for election time?

We should probably expand who we are in contact with rather than with face-to-face meetings at this time.

The Provincial Committee needs more volunteers – Curt Hull has stepped up!

**Action:** Anyone who is willing and able to take an active roll on the Provincial Committee should get in touch with Molly or Jackie Molly to follow up with Neil Cunningham about the Bike Policy.

### **c. Logo**

Already discussed, see above

### **d. Governance –**

#### **i) Bank account**

Jackie made an appointment to open a credit union account. The appointment is March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 4 pm at the Assiniboine Credit Union at the Medical Arts Building with Jennifer Daeninck (pronounced DAY-NICK). We need to take with us:

- Government Registration Papers
- A letter signed by all Bike to the Future First Directors agreeing that those who want to have signing authority can have signing authority
- Bike to the Future really needs a Treasurer
  - Cory Bellhouse can be treasurer, but he's away for part of the time – is there anyone else that can share this this roll?
- Who will have signing authority? We have to have at least 2 people, but several will do...
  - Cory Bellhouse, Jackie Avent, Molly McCracken, Kevin Miller, Ben Goldstein, Don English, Curt Hull, James Elmore.

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**Action:** Jackie to prepare letter and to get papers in order

**Action:** Anyone who wants to have signing authority must contact Jackie by Wednesday noon.

## ii) Bylaws:

- We need some bylaws if we are going to have an AGM in April. We can use the Wiki to work on these. Molly will send Gord bylaws for Harvest Moon, RCM has bylaws that Gord will put on the wiki

**Action:** Gord to put bylaws on the Wiki

**Action:** Visit Wiki to put comments on the Bylaws.

**Action:** Governance committee to make a decision about the timeline for bylaw development so they can be ready for the AGM.

## e. Membership

Molly, Ben and Jackie had a quick conference call to discuss membership strategy?

\$5, \$10, \$20, \$40

Sell is being a part of a fun lobby group and you get on the listserv

Annual Membership

We will put together a membership card – will allow for filing ease and will let us get a three cut out of the card

Can groups give more money and become a sponsoring members? – not right now...

Family is synonymous with household

Make sure to get e-mail addresses for easy correspondence.

Molly really wants someone to be the membership coordinator – do we know of a membership champion that can take that on? Maybe Kim Marr.

If you know of anyone else that can come on board that would be great. We have a lot of work and need to involve more people

If there's a membership coordinator the volunteer hours would accumulate and would be able to shirk all other responsibility.

It's a full-time half time volunteer job maybe this person would also get a stipend...

Bill Spornitz will help with the database, Ben will develop the form

**Action:** Anyone who knows someone that might be willing to take on the Membership Coordinator role should let us know.

Ben will develop the membership form

Bill Spornitz will help develop the database

Jackie will contact Kim Marr to see if she's interested in being involved as membership coordinator.  
Anyone else who would like to be on the membership committee should step forward.

**f. AGM** - need to set date – end of April maybe?

We can sell memberships at the door and let those people vote  
Maybe we should set the AGM for May – this will allow us to discuss the bylaw development at April meeting and then at the AGM 3 weeks or so later we can vote and elect a Board of Directors.

Let it go to the wiki for a couple of weeks and then bring it to the rest of the group and then be ready for april

Governance to have #1 topic at April meeting

So the plan will be to have the AGM in April and then have regular AGM's in September in hand with the annual Bike to the Future Forum

**Action:** Governance committee to develop a timeline for bylaw development and to begin work on the document.

**g. Events**

Tabled

**h. website/ communications** – still working behind the scenes, no major update