

Bike to the Future Meeting Minutes

August 14, 2007

Old Market Square, Winnipeg

Present: Gord McGonigal (recorder), Tim hunt, Rob Cosco, Kevin Miller (meeting chair), Alain Foidart, Karen Jones, James Elmore, Cory Bellhouse, Karin Kliewer, Gareth Simons, David Wieser, Cliff Reid, Debbie Shkolny, Shannon Keys, Dave Elmore, Don English, Chris Leo, Mark Cohoe, Ben Goldstein, Matthew Gemmell, Molly McCracken, Glenn Stanley, Anders Swanson

Regrets: Jackie Avent, Jeremy Hull, Curt Hull

Call to order: 5:35

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES (Carried by consensus)

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5. REPORTS FROM DIRECTORS

a) Co-chairs

b) Treasurer

\$342 balance

c) Secretary

-- see attached report

d) Membership/Outreach/Volunteers

-- Mountain Equipment Co-op incentive package for our membership drive between now and the AGM on October 11th (see the July meeting minutes)

-- Chances to win for new members plus members that sign up new members

e) City

-- see attached report

f) Province

-- met with Ron Lemieux

g) Website/communications

- website moved to new host
- new website ready by Fall Forum
- email lists can be created, send Ben your requests
- email addresses can be created, send Ben your requests
- contact Ben for personalized biz cards

h) Events and Fundraising

- Update on the fall event planning (October 11 at UofW Bulman Centre)
- forum will be similar to last year
- stakeholder tables
- state of cycling in Winnipeg address
- breakout sessions
- report to be compiled and delivered to politicians.

i) Safety & Education

- trying to set up CAN-BIKE instructors course in the fall

j) Directors at Large

6. REPORTS FROM PROJECTS AND COMMITTEE REPS

a) City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Advisory Committee (Gareth Simons)

- see attached report

b) Winsmart (Tim Hunt)

- see attached report

c) North East Pioneers Greenway -- Marconi (Don English)

- path almost paved, will be by September.

d) Bishop Grandin Greenway (Don English)

- Sept 5 community info meeting
- Home Depot strip mall at St. Annes
 - goes to Board of Appeals Sept. 6

ACTION: Don English to attend Board of Appeals to represent us.

e) Disraeli Rehabilitation (Philip Roadley)

f) One Green City (Anders Swanson)

- nothing to report

g) North Winnipeg Commuter Cyclists (Anders Swanson)

- bike valet service, Aug 25
- open house in Sept.
- obtained bike tools

h) West Central Commuter Cyclists (David Wieser)

- has Facebook page
- working with Councillor and MLAs
- working on St. Matthews bikeway

i) North Winnipeg Parkway (Jim Chapryk)

j) UofW Bike Station (Dave Hubbard)

k) Downtown Biz (Rob Cosco)

- nothing to report

l) UofW SUNSET Student Researcher (Mark Cohoe)

- see attached report

7. NEW BUSINESS

a) Confirmation of official reps

Motion: That the following be confirmed as Bike to the Future representatives to the listed external committees

and organizations:

- City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Advisory Committee: Gareth Simons (his backups/committee members are Mark Cohoe and Tim Hunt)
- Winsmart: Tim Hunt & Gareth Simons
- North East Pioneers Greenway – Marconi: Don English and Anders Swanson
- Bishop Grandin Greenway: Don English
- Disraeli Rehabilitation: Kevin Miller
- North Winnipeg Commuter Cyclists: Anders Swanson
- West Central Commuter Cyclists: David Weiser
- North Winnipeg Parkway: Jim Chapryk
- UofW Bike Station: Dave Hubbard
- Downtown BIZ: Rob Cosco
- UofW SUNSET Student Researcher (Ray Yuen): Mark Cohoe, Jeremy Hull (alternate)
- Mayor’s Environmental Committee rep: Anders Swanson

(Carried by consensus)

b) Manitoba Environmental Industries Association request for a BttF speaker for their Green Commuting Options workshop on October 4th

ACTION: James Elmore and Kevin Miller will attend

8. CALL FOR ADJOURNMENT

Adjourned: 7:20

Reports

Winsmart

The riverbank portion of the Winsmart pathway from Main St to Osborne St has not started as scheduled, which was Aug 1. I have been away on holidays, and have only now asked McGowan Russell about it. I imagine I will have a reply in time for tomorrow's meeting. This work is to include straightening the existing trail and providing a crossing on Osborne St.

Submitted by Tim Hunt, Aug 13, 2007

UofW SUNSET Student Researcher

Ray Yuen has sent in his research proposal, and expects to have it approved within the next few months (It needs to pass through a fairly bureaucratic process). The main thrust of his research proposal are as follows:

- An analysis of cycling friendly policies put into place in select North American cities (Montreal, Chicago and Portland), researching council minutes, plans and programs from those cities from their initialization to their current state.
- An analysis of the City of Winnipeg's cycling policies, again looking at minutes and reports on the subject.
- An analysis of economic benefits that would be associated with an increased uptake of cycling as a means of transportation.
- A look into the factors that convince people to choose cycling over other means of transport.
- A critical analysis of various policy options to determine which policies would be best suited to the particular needs of Winnipeg..

As part of the research Ray will likely be conducting a survey of BTTF members, and may also do some traffic counts, but that would be in September or October when commuters are more likely to be back from summer vacations. He'll get in touch with Jeremy to help with this.

In the meantime, he is going through a literature review. If you have come across any literature that matches up with his research, please pass it on to me (mcohoe at mts.net) And I'll forward it on to Ray.

Submitted by Mark Cohoe, Aug 14, 2007

City of Winnipeg Active Transportation Advisory Committee

The BTTF AT Representation Committee/Group was formed and now consists of Mark Cohoe, Tim Hunt and Gareth Simons.

The first City AT Committee meeting was held on the 13th of July and is chaired by Kevin Nixon. Kevin discussed the AT Study and is starting work on a long term strategy

with goals for AT in Winnipeg. BTTF will have opportunity to give input into this process. An unexpected item of business is that the City wants to implement three pilot project Sharrows as early as August this year.

A BTTF AT meeting was held on the 19th of July for preliminary discussions about possible Sharrows routes, and was followed up with email discussions and route suggestions which were then compiled and presented in person to Kevin Nixon on the 3rd of August. Kevin Nixon is very open and receptive to understanding the needs of cyclists and is keen to work with BTTF.

Our focus at the moment is to start work on a formal assessment of our goals for AT in Winnipeg - which we will then give to Kevin Nixon. We are also pondering how to start gathering route (and other) information from cyclists.

Submitted by Gareth Simons, Aug 15, 2007

City

City Committee Report, August 14/07

Primary activity for our committee over the past month has been choosing an Active Transportation Committee representative. We had three excellent candidates & decided that we would ask them all to work together with only one of them being able to be part of the AT Committee. Gareth Simons is our official representative & Mark Cohoe & Tim Hunt will make up the complete team.

It is now time for the City Committee to meet & discuss our future direction as many of the activities that we have been involved in over this past year will now be partially taken over by the AT Committee. The AT Committee will report to the City Committee so we will certainly be keeping in close contact with their on going activities. They will be responsible for submitting a report to BttF at our monthly meetings.

We have not yet addressed a mission statement for our committee but will be working on this in the near future. I will be sending an email to all City members within the next couple of weeks to begin to solicit ideas for the purpose of coming up with some goals & objectives over the next year. We will begin with some email correspondence & follow up with a meeting to be announced around the middle of September.

Submitted Rob Cosco, Aug 14, 2007