

# Bike to the Future Meeting Notes

December 12, 2006 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

**Present:** Tim Hunt, Anders Swanson, Ken Gerrard, Karen Jones, Mark Cohoe, Jeremy Hull, Gord McGonigal, Lilith McRea, Janice Lukes, Molly McCracken, Jackie Avent, Rob Cosco, Don English, Philip Roadley, Kevin Miller, Gareth Simons.

## A. Strategic Planning Follow-up

Comments – it's on the website, so in the public domain. We've defined ourselves by having the information on line. Mission and vision should be guiding principles, so everything we do should come from that.

## B. Next Planning Meeting – Organizational Structure meeting in January

There was some discussion about dates and it seems that one date won't work for everyone. We penciled in January 27<sup>th</sup> as a possible date and Molly agreed to send around a few e-mails to poll the list serve to see if any other dates would work better.

### **ACTION:**

- **Molly** will send around a few dates to see what works best for people.
- **Mark** will research other cities bicycle advocacy organizations to see what their structures look like.

## C. Report from committees:

### 1. City committee

- Rob sent a letter to the new Council to remind them about Bike to the Future, who we are and what we asked for in the survey. Rob will send these notes. We received a reply which acknowledges the receipt of the letter, but doesn't make any commitments.
- There was some discussion about the upcoming Public Works and Infrastructure Committee meeting on January 9<sup>th</sup>. It is expected that Roman Manasyrski will be announcing the implementation plan for the Active Transportation Report on that date. Kevin Miller is on the agenda as a citizen to present (he will speak in favour of commuter cycling) and BttF will get on the agenda on behalf of the organization.

### **ACTION:**

- **Rob** will send a copy of his letter to the list serve
- **BttF to get on the agenda for January 9<sup>th</sup>** – further communication to be done by e-mail.

## 2. Provincial committee

- We are going to send a letter to Steve Ashton asking Province to implement a bike plan – the planning act is under review and they are open to comments from delegations. Within the next couple of months this will happen. Another good contact would be Kristy Le Barron (sp?) from Intergovernmental Affairs.

## 3. Communications/Media Relations/Website

- Ben has not communicated recently – Molly will e-mail Ben and see where things are at with media relations.
- Website: Alain has some ideas for the website. We should form a committee: Kevin, Ken, Alain, Jackie – other interested people should contact Alain. He will send around an e-mail setting a date for the meeting.

### ACTION:

- **Molly** to e-mail Ben to see where things are at with the media relations
- **Alain** to set a time for the ad-hoc website layout committee to meet.

## 4. Fundraising

We determined that we are still not in a position to undertake any fundraising, but will re-visit the need after our strategic planning meeting. Karen Jones mentioned a United Way grant that is available – something to keep in mind.

## 5. Membership

Rob Cosco brought up the point that it is good to get ideas together as to how we are going to reach out to the rest of the cycling community. It's good to say we have members. It would be good to have some ideas before our visioning in January/February.

Lilith McRea included that it is important to include input from disability organizations – there is a lot of power out there to garner support and people with disabilities also cycle. Also a lot of the infrastructure we are interested in establishing for cycling is good for those who have mobility-disabilities. It is important to have wide involvement and participation. The Canadian Cerebral Palsy Association would be a potential ally.

Social Planning council would be good a good ally (and an organization to look to regarding organizational structure).

## 6. Resources/Best Practices

This group hasn't met yet and will get started by e-mail (Mark, Alain, who else?)

***Addition to Agenda:***  
**NDP Resolution (Mark)**

Mark wrote up a resolution for the NDP convention and will try and get it prioritized so it can be included, debated and voted upon at the NDP convention. If it is prioritized, BttF can get a pamphlet printed for every attendant at the convention (February 2,3,4<sup>th</sup>) – NDP will pay for the printing, we just have to provide the content.

**D. Community meeting info-sharing / updates** *(If you attended these meetings can you please share what happened):*

**1. Winsmart path to Jubilee**

The city (Kevin Nixon) is looking to start a steering committee for Winsmart. Bike to the Future will be involved. Tim will be our representative on the committee

**2. River East Neighbourhood Network (Marconi Line)**

Anders and Don were at the meeting and sent around notes to the list serve after (they are in the BttF list serve archives). It was an interesting meeting. Buhler would like to see the trail be extended tree lined, asphalt all the way to Birdshill park. It is nice to hear what his vision is of it. There will be a visioning meeting next week at the River East Access Centre. Anders' and Don's notes from the meeting are on the list serve and should be posted to the website - Jackie will send these notes to Alain for posting.

**ACTION:** Jackie will send notes about the Marconi meeting to Alain for posting on the web..

**3. Disraeli Bridge Consultation**

Kevin is going to public meetings about Disraeli as a citizen, but not for B2F. Do we need another representative on the Disraeli committee or can Kevin be the liaison?

Lilith – resident of point Douglas, has started to talk to residents on Rover Street about traffic coming off the overpass and using Rover as a route to get to Main Street. Rover Street is supposed to be designated a park – she has information from the city (\*has talked to her councillor and Kevin Nixon). The street has been changed into a park and ends at Norquay Park. This route is a linkage between the Rover Street area and Scotia Street.

Lilith is asking BttF to write a letter of support for her initiative on behalf of Bike to the Future. Kevin has photocopies of her notes and will write the letter.

**ACTION:** Kevin Miller to write letter of support for traffic calming and diversion measures on Rover Street.

#### 4. Bishop Grandin Greenway

Anders and Janice were at the last Bishop Grandin Greenway committee meeting. There were 32 people in attendance and a steering committee has been formed to work with hydro and the city to expand BGG west of the Red River as part of the Trans Canada Trail. The province will allocate funding for this. As this is a big piece of infrastructure, they're not going to get it moving without big money. Next meeting will be at the end of January early Feb (TBA) - Janice will send info.

**ACTION: Janice** to send information about the next BGG meeting when it becomes available.

#### 5. Winnipeg trails association signs announcement

Janice spoke of the \$150 allocated for WTA signs – these are particularly for the parkways and will help users identify where they are. They will also be able to put more information on the website and in maps.

#### 6. Other

### E. Paths for People

Karen Jones – is requesting a letter on behalf of Bike to the Future which supports the West Broadway Horticultural Society's endeavours to include the Downtown in the Active Transportation Study Implementation program. The Downtown zoning ends at Young Street and goes around the Forks – it essentially exists to support the Forks. It is important to include Downtown in the planning for Active Transportation. The letter should be directed at Kevin Nixon.

**ACTION: Jackie** will draft a letter

Next meeting Tuesday January 9<sup>th</sup> 5:30 pm Eco-Centre  
(and every second Tuesday of the Month following)

**Happy holidays everyone!**

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