

# **Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting**

**September 15, 2009 – 5:30 PM – Manitoba Eco-Centre**  
**Minutes**

## **Directors:**

**Present:** Jackie Avent (meeting chair), Karin Kliewer (minutes recorder), Kevin Miller, Holly Poklitar, Curt Hull, Dave Elmore, Liz Erickson, Rob Cosco, Jeremy Hull, Mark Cohoe

**Regrets:** David Wieser, Anneliese Schoppe

## **Members:**

**Present:** Gareth Simons, Ron Brown, Mark Wiehler, Vickey Reaney, Philip Wolfart, Aaron Marshall, Dan Leonard, Erika Sammons, Brent Harrop, Andrew Ridd, Guy Madill, Lilly Sotomoyor, Jonathan Stewart, Anders Swanson

**Regrets:** Janice Lukes, Todd Andres, Don English, Shannon Keys, Ted Mann, Lindsey McBain

### **1. Review/accept minutes**

- Moved by Dave Elmore. Seconded and approved.

### **2. Francois Legarde workshop: *Thinking and Working like a Social Marketer -- How to affect change in Manitoba for Active Transportation on October 17<sup>th</sup>* (Jackie)**

- "<http://biketothefuture.org/events/archives/2009/09/09/workshop-thinking-and-working-like-a-social-marketer---how-to-affect-change-in-manitoba-for-active-transportation>"
- Can we pay for 10 people to attend? This would require \$200 out of BttF's budget. We want to bring people together who are involved in AT advocacy. Moved and approved.
- Open to all members! If you would like to attend, please contact us at [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).

### **3. Winter AT Event (AKA Fall Forum) Jackie**

- There is a possibility of partnering with Janice Lukes and the Provincial AT Advisory Committee. We want to develop a conversation focused on winter cycling. This will happen in January or February.
- BttF will be involved in the planning of community events, and there are a number of people interested in helping with the planning. If you are interested in helping with the planning of this event, please contact us at [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).

### **4. Annual General Meeting (Kevin)**

- This has to happen in November. [Agenda](#). Kevin will be canvassing board members about their intentions. Board positions are for a 2-year term.
- Kevin will be recruiting new directors. If anyone would like to be on the board and knows what position they would like to fill, please contact us at [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).

### **5. STOP signs and tickets update (Kevin)**

- Cyclists have been ticketed by Balmoral Hall and along Assiniboine Avenue. Setup of blind corner. There were too many tickets. BttF consulted a lawyer. The police are still sitting at these intersections.
- There was a lot of discussion and media about this event. There are some good things that happened out of this event, and there is now a "STOP as YIELD" page (<http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/stop-as-yield>) for this rule.
- This is a step forward because it was discussed. Curt has spoken to 2 city councillors who support these changes. Thus far, he is not hearing resistance.
- This could be part of the Provincial Advisory Committee.
- Wondering what constitutes a full stop.
- If you are ticketed, plead guilty with an explanation. More information on <http://biketothefuture.org>.

## 6. Speak Up Winnipeg, BttF presentation status update (Jackie)

- Put your thoughts about the city at <http://speakupwinnipeg.com>.
- If you want to be part of a BttF presentation with Ian Hall (consultation organizer), please contact us at [contact@biketothefuture.org](mailto:contact@biketothefuture.org).

## 7. Bike Shorts Film Festival & Winnipeg Bike Shorts in memory of Tim Hunt (Jackie for Don English & Shona Kusyk)

- Tuesday October 20th at Cinemathique:  
<http://biketothefuture.org/events/archives/2009/08/23/bike-shorts-film-festival-2009>
- Call for artists who work in any medium: there will be an art exhibit as well

## 8. Webinar: How to build political will for strong bike and walk programs on November 18th (Jackie)

- Can we pay the \$50 US fee for this webinar for AT professional development? Moved by Mark and seconded by Dave.
- We are looking for people who are interested in attending.

## 9. Membership (Rob Cosco)

- 33 members signed up and 86 complimentary members at Ciclovía!
- Rob wants to compile a list of events where the membership group could attend during the year, such as Car Free Day on Sep 22nd. If you can think of any, contact Rob at [membership@biketothefuture.org](mailto:membership@biketothefuture.org).
- Database worker, Bill, has health issues and is no longer able to help make adjustments to the membership database. We are badly in need of someone who is familiar with the Ruby on Rails software because new adjustments always need to be made.
- Kevin will add a specific call-out to the next newsletter. (Done)

## 10. Ciclovía (Jackie)

- This was an amazing day! The estimate is 5000 people during the day. The event was coordinated by the Downtown BIZ. Thanks to Dave Elmore and all the other volunteers who represented BttF at the tables.
- We received flowers and a “thank you” card from the BIZ.
- This put Winnipeg on the map internationally.
- There was a meeting with the Mayor’s Environmental Advisory Committee, and they’re excited to do this next year, possibly multiple times.
- Free Press article:  
<http://biketothefuture.org/cycling-news/archives/2009/08/21/cyclovía-coming-to-downtown>.
- There is a strong indication that this will happen again next year. Will the City be concerned about HOW it will grow, or about MAKING it grow?
- The non-festival routes were well-used as well!
- What are the next steps to have it again? We are having a follow-up meeting to see what needs to happen for next year. A report will be compiled. Any comments or questions can be directed to the Downtown Winnipeg BIZ.
  - We probably need more space for bikes to make it through Broadway.
  - Artisans and farmers’ market folks gave a lot of great feedback regarding what would make them willing to come back. **Vicky Reaney will document these comments and send them to Anders or Karin.**

## 11. Car Free Day on September 22<sup>nd</sup> (Jackie)

- Albert Street will be closed for a party in the afternoon on this day!
- We would like to have some volunteers to staff a BttF Table

## 12. \$20 million funding announcement for Winnipeg Active Transportation (Gareth/Anders)

- An announcement of spending doesn't ensure this money gets sent. We need to keep the pressure on to ensure that these projects get off the ground. If the government falls, it's not guaranteed.
- Thoughts on what BttF's role is now. IF this money comes through, what do we do? What is BttF's role in the spending of this money?
  - Continued expertise – we could write a letter asking for some element of compensation for the expertise we provide.
  - Sounds like the City will bring on additional project managers to help carry out all these projects.
  - We'll need to keep an eye open regarding continued input on this process; it needs to be good quality.
  - We need to remember that there are some projects missing from the list (i.e. Pembina).
  - Keep pushing for an open and public process to ensure that these projects are workable.
  - If these things need to be done in 2 years, we need to guard against things happening too quickly and not being done correctly.
  - What's our role for advocacy?
    - Should these efforts become more education-based?
    - Three priorities: Infrastructure and Education and Policy. We need to have well-funded education for both cyclists and motorists. As people better understand their rights and responsibilities, the better the situation will become. This message needs to be kept up.
    - Education must accompany cycling infrastructure.
    - The City has virtually no internal capacity; this will be farmed out to consultants; we need to get on these projects because they move at a snail's pace. This needs to get out quickly enough to get it built. This means that March 31, 2011 is the end of the money. We are wondering if there is enough money for all the listed projects.
    - We need to be sure that this money is spent on what it needs to be spent on. It shouldn't be spent merely on planning and consulting. We need to talk to the City about its plan
    - This will be brought up at the next ATAC meeting. Perhaps they should tender the projects as packages?
    - Big priorities: We need to remind the City of different choke points. This is an opportunity to build the network **and** connect the network. We can do this in a positive way. The need for these 'big ticket' items is growing.
    - Infrastructure: We can work to operationalize legislation that we have been able to get enacted (ie bike parking by-law that has been ignored)
    - Next steps:
      - What's our backup plan when/if the government falls? Have political candidates put in their written and verbal support. We need to plan for this. \$20 million is a drop in their bucket, but for us it's devastating.
      - We should get support of all three Provincial NDP leadership candidates. We'll write thank-you letters to City, Province, and Feds letting them know that we want commitments and we will help them make it happen. We could also get a public press release out there. Jeremy will draft a letter and send it around. (Done – "<http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2009/09/17/bttfs-response-to-the-20million-funding-announcement-for-winnipeg-at>").

## 13. Financial Update (Curt)

- See the attached report. We have some money at our disposal.

## 14. City Committee report (Mark)

- See the attached report.
- Rapid Transit committee meeting happened. \$20 million funding happened!

## 15. Provincial Committee report (Jeremy)

- See the attached report.

#### **16. Feasibility of bike hubs throughout the city (Erika Sammons)**

- Erica attended a Sustainable Cities forum in Saskatoon, and attended a workshop on cycling infrastructure.
- Erica is starting a thesis project for Interior Design, and is exploring how indoor space can facilitate cycling in Winnipeg. She is exploring the possibility of indoor public space.
  - She is hoping that BttF will give some ideas, and is looking for information.
  - There was discussion of bike hubs at both universities. Dave Hubbard was the BttF rep on the UofW Bike Hub project, but he left Winnipeg a year ago. Mark Burch is the Sustainability Coordinator at the UofW, so he will be able to give more information. If anyone knows more about this, email [erikasammons@hotmail.com](mailto:erikasammons@hotmail.com).
  - Jackie will email Erika different sources.

#### **17. Manitoba Eco-Network Member Forum on Saturday October 3<sup>rd</sup> (Jackie)**

- We need a volunteer to present about BttF and participate in a panel. (Curt Hull has volunteered.)
- BttF can also send 3 people to attend.
- The agenda is at <http://www.mbeconetwork.org/Forum09Invite.pdf> .

#### **18. Bicycle bells (Curt)**

- Curt was talking to John Orlikow, who is thinking about suggesting that bike bells become required by by-law. We might feel more comfortable with a campaign rather than supporting changes in by-laws that could be controversial.
- Bell-ringing could be part of public education on multi-use paths.
- Suggestion: Instead of going by-law by by-law, this could be included in a discussion of the Highway Traffic Act. We would encourage this review **along with** a campaign for bike lights and bells.
- We could also work with bike shops to put these articles on the bikes before they are sold.
- We can encourage Orlikow to approach the province and put together a working group. Curt will go back and tell him this.

#### **19. Rapid Transit (Curt)**

- A meeting was held regarding the AT path portion of Rapid Transit. Curt has been able to talk with the planners to make it somewhat more accessible to cyclists. The planners came back to the committee with some changes.
- There's going to be a walk-through and another meeting in October. We have established a dialogue and some changes will be made so that's great!
- Issues with paving and lighting: these remain a discussion topic.

#### **20. Bike parking (Jackie)**

- We are supporting this in our campaign for bike friendly businesses, which is just beginning.

#### **21. [Park]ing Day (Jackie)**

- Will be at UofM campus and in the Exchange (Albert) this Friday.
- There is also a "meet and greet" on Friday at the King's Head from 5:00 to 7:00 PM.

#### **22. Campus Commuter Challenge (Jackie)**

- This is coming up on the week of September 22nd. <http://resourceconservation.mb.ca> has information.

#### **23. Kinsman Club of Winnipeg (Guy)**

- Does someone want to talk to this club about BttF and its role? They meet every second Monday. Guy will send an email to Kevin about this.

The next Monthly Meeting is on Tuesday October 13<sup>th</sup> in the Eco-Centre Boardroom.

## **City Committee report – Mark Cohoe**

### **Rapid Transit AT Pathway**

ATAC will meet with Winnipeg Transit on Thursday September 10th to go over plans for the AT path along the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor.

At the meeting, the Transit design team will be present to cover the following:

1. Review of detailed design for:

- ATP from western end of Brandon, along Brandon, through Fort Rouge Transit Base property, to Osborne & Glasgow, and connection > to South Winnipeg Parkway
- Upgrade of South Winnipeg Parkway.
- Shared Sidewalk from Osborne Station along Donald and Stradbrook to Stradbrook & QEW.

2. Review of conceptual options for ATP link between Pembina & Warsaw and Osborne Street (this link was requested at our last meeting with ATAC).

The detailed designs for the shared sidewalks proposed for Osborne Street between Osborne & Glasgow and the Osborne Underpass, and for the west sidewalk of QEW-Main Street Bridge-Main Street between Stradbrook and Assiniboine Avenue are not yet finished. When these detailed designs are ready, we would like to meet with ATAC at a later meeting to review them.

### **Osborne Bridge Strategy Meeting**

The first meeting of the Osborne Bridge Neighbourhood Advisory Committee is set to take place on September 16th. Subsequent meetings will be held every three weeks on the following dates: October 7th, October 28th, November 18<sup>th</sup>, and December 9<sup>th</sup>. The process will be very similar to the process on the Disraeli Bicycle Pedestrian Bridge.

Osborne Bridge Rehabilitation Timelines:

- 2009 – Preliminary Design
- 2010 – Detailed Design
- 2011 – Construction
- 2012 – Construction

### **Fort Garry Bridges**

The Fort Garry Bridges rehabilitation project is nearly complete. The roadway is open, but the AT path is not. Also, the connections need to be completed.

### **City List serve**

The best way to stay in touch with the City Committee is to subscribe to the committee's list serve. To subscribe, visit <http://lists.biketothefuture.org/listinfo.cgi/city-biketothefuture.org>.

## **Provincial Committee report – Jeremy Hull**

### **Follow Up to June 24 Meeting**

The Provincial Committee has not met since our meetings with the NDP and Liberal parties in June. However, we prepared and sent a letter (by email) to the NDP attendees of our June meeting to follow up on some of the issues raised there. The letter was prepared largely by Charles Feaver with input from Mark Cohoe and myself.

[http://biketothefuture.org/attachments/0000/1254/2009-09-10\\_ndpcaucusmeetingfollowupletter.pdf](http://biketothefuture.org/attachments/0000/1254/2009-09-10_ndpcaucusmeetingfollowupletter.pdf)

### **Provincial Active Transportation Advisory Committee**

Now that a provincial advisory committee has been formed, we expect that this will be the focus of a lot of interaction with the province regarding active transportation. My understanding, based on occasional emails from Janice Lukes, the chair of the committee, is that there have been some preliminary discussions but that the committee has not had its first official meeting.



**Income Statement - Apr 1 '09 to Sep 15 '09**  
**Financial Statement**

	Account	DB	CR	Net
<b>Revenue</b>				
	Bike Shorts		475.50	\$ (475.50)
	Donation	72.00		\$ 72.00
	Interest	0.28		\$ 0.28
	Membership	1,470.39	41.43	\$ 1,428.96
	T-shirts	610.00		\$ 610.00
		2,152.67	516.93	<b>\$ 1,635.74</b>
<b>Expenses</b>				
	Admin cost		165.00	\$ (165.00)
	BTWD	1,300.00	3,300.00	\$ (2,000.00)
	Conference	60.00	30.00	\$ 30.00
	Presentations	50.00	82.30	\$ (32.30)
		1,410.00	3,577.30	<b>\$ (2,167.30)</b>
	<b>Opening retained earnings</b>			<b>\$ 4,335.37</b>
	<b>Net earnings YTD</b>			<b>\$ (531.56)</b>
	<b>Closing retained earnings</b>			<b>\$ 3,803.81</b>
		3,562.67	4,094.23	-531.56

**Note:** As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$1,237.64 of cost **T-shirt net:** \$ (627.64)  
**Note:** Opening retained earnings includes **\$450 liability for July 25, '08 Scavanger Hunt grant**  
**Note:** Conference was a carry-over from Oct'07



**General Ledger**  
Apr 1, 2009 to Sep 15, 2009

01-Apr-09		Balance Forward						\$	4,335.37
Date written	Bank Date	Acct	Payee	Memo	Ck#	CR	DB	Balance	
	16-Apr-09	T-shirts		\$235 Deposit			\$ 45.00	\$ 4,380.37	
	16-Apr-09	Donation		\$235 Deposit			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,400.37	
	16-Apr-09	Membership		\$235 Deposit			\$ 170.00	\$ 4,570.37	
	30-Apr-09	Interest		Credit Interest			\$ 0.08	\$ 4,570.45	
15-Apr-09	06-May-09	Admin cost	MB Eco Network	MEN Membership renewal inv#676	50	\$ 50.00		\$ 4,520.45	
	06-May-09	Presentations	Curt Hull	StreetFilms shipping for Millennium Library videos \$45 USD	52	\$ 57.30		\$ 4,463.15	
	07-May-09	Membership		External Deposit PAYPAL PTE LTD			\$ 393.04	\$ 4,856.19	
	08-May-09	Presentations	Jackie Avent	Webinar cost	51	\$ 25.00		\$ 4,831.19	
	12-May-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	?			\$ 10.00	\$ 4,841.19	
	15-May-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	\$320 Deposit			\$ 60.00	\$ 4,901.19	
	15-May-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$320 Deposit			\$ 260.00	\$ 5,161.19	
13-May-09	28-May-09	BTWD	Commuter Challenge	Downtown Spirit Bus promotion	53	\$ 2,000.00		\$ 3,161.19	
	31-May-09	Interest		Credit Interest			\$ 0.20	\$ 3,161.39	
	02-Jun-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$310 Deposit			\$ 210.00	\$ 3,371.39	
	02-Jun-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	\$310 Deposit			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,421.39	
	02-Jun-09	Presentations	Jackie Avent	\$310 Deposit - Honorarium for a safety presentation			\$ 50.00	\$ 3,471.39	
	06-Jun-09	Membership		External Deposit PAYPAL PTE LTD			\$ 237.35	\$ 3,708.74	
20-May-09	11-Jun-09	Membership	Rob Cosco	Membership card printing - Staples e90b18	54	\$ 41.43		\$ 3,667.31	
09-Jun-09	11-Jun-09	Admin cost	Wpg Public Library	Monthly meeting - Buchwald room rental	56	\$ 51.45		\$ 3,615.86	
	30-Jun-09	T-shirts	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 455.00	\$ 4,070.86	
	30-Jun-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 2.00	\$ 4,072.86	
	30-Jun-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$567 Deposit			\$ 110.00	\$ 4,182.86	
26-May-09	03-Jul-09	Admin cost	Alain Foidart	Website Dreamhost inv# 319764-2009-05-13-6	55	\$ 63.55		\$ 4,119.31	
	14-Aug-09	Membership	Jackie Avent	\$130 Deposit			\$ 80.00	\$ 4,199.31	
	14-Aug-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$130 Deposit (In memory of Tim Hunt)			\$ 30.00	\$ 4,229.31	
	14-Aug-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$130 Deposit			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,249.31	
14-Aug-09	18-Aug-09	BTWD	Curt Hull	Forks breakfast	57	\$ 1,300.00		\$ 2,949.31	
	10-Sep-09	BTWD	Bike to Work Day Wpg	\$1360 Deposit - Forks breakfast - repayment			\$ 1,300.00	\$ 4,249.31	
	10-Sep-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$1360 Deposit (In memory of Tim Hunt)			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,269.31	
	10-Sep-09	Donation	Jackie Avent	\$1360 Deposit			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,289.31	
	10-Sep-09	T-shirts	Bike to Work Day Wpg	\$1360 Deposit			\$ 20.00	\$ 4,309.31	
24-Apr-08		Conference		Journal entry - ck#12 stale dated	12		\$ 30.00	\$ 4,339.31	
08-Jul-08		Conference	Planners Plus	To replace ck#12 - Oct'07 Green Conference	35	\$ 30.00		\$ 4,309.31	
08-Jan-09		Conference		Journal entry - ck#35 stale dated	35		\$ 30.00	\$ 4,339.31	
15-Sep-09		Bike Shorts	Winnipeg Film Group	Cinamateque - deposit	58	\$ 250.00		\$ 4,089.31	
20-Oct-09		Bike Shorts	Winnipeg Film Group	Cinamateque - final payment	59	\$ 225.50		\$ 3,863.81	