Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting February 10, 2009 – 5:30 to 7:00 PM - Manitoba Eco-Centre Minutes

Directors:

Present: Kevin Miller (Meeting Chair), Jackie Avent, Karin Kliewer, Mark Cohoe, Liz Erickson, Rob Cosco, Jeremy Hull, David Wieser, Holly Poklitar, Cory Bellhouse,

Regrets: Curt Hull

Absent: Dave Elmore

Members:

- **Present:** Ted Mann, Dave Hubbard, Charlie Thrift, Brion Dolenko, Bill Newman, Anders Swanson, Jim Chapryk, Charles Feaver, Bill Reid, Guy Madill
- **Regrets:** Shannon Keys, Gareth Simons, Janice Lukes, Don English, James Beddome, Caitlin McIntyre, Ben Goldstein, Todd Andres, Bill Spornitz, Scott Erickson, Jane Stewart

Non-Members: Stephen Barkman, Jeremy Moses

Minutes recorded by: Karin Kliewer

1. Minutes from the January Monthly Meeting

• They are posted on our website. A link to them appeared in an e-newsletter sent to all members and supporters. See http://biketothefuture.org/about/meetings. Action items were reviewed. Minutes were approved.

2. Provincial Committee – Jeremy Hull

• Please see the Provincial Committee report (attached).

3. Bicycle User Groups – David Wieser

- David is looking to begin employer Bicycle User Groups (at MEC, etc). This will create a pool of resources for Bike to Work Week, and provide bike safety and other information sessions for employers. David is in conversation with Jessie Klassen from RCM. RCM's resources can help this.
- This will be modeled after the Toronto Bicycle User Group (BUG) network.
- David will talk to Tim Woodcock (MCA Recreation & Transportation Director) who is developing an inventory of Bicycle Friendly Businesses.
- Volunteer opportunity: Interested to get one other BTTF member to help out. Contact us (contact@biketothefuture.org) if you are interested.
- Note: As of Monday, Feb 16, David's work with the Canadian Military will take him away from Winnipeg for one year. We will miss him, and we wish him all the best!

4. UofM Environmental Awareness Week – March 23rd to 27th

- BttF has been invited to set up a booth: it would be great to be there for exposure can someone staff this?
- We could set up our big Manitoba Medical Association display set up Monday, take down Friday.
- At the very least, we could have BttF membership forms available through a different organization.
- Volunteer opportunity: Anyone interested in staffing BttF's booth during Environmental Awareness week (March 23-27), please contact us.
- Action item: Anders is working with UofM students to create a UofM commuter group. He will talk to these
 people regarding booth staffing.

5. Disraeili Rehabilitation Collaborative Planning Working Group - Brion Dolenko

- Community groups, planners, etc, are part of the working group that is trying to figure out where the new cyclist/ped bridge should be built to interface with existing and planned AT infrastructure in the area.
- Results will be more clear after the design charrette on February 18, 2009

6. March Monthly Meeting

• The Eco-Centre Boardroom is not available on Tuesday March 10th. We will instead meet on the 17th.

7. Karin's thesis

- Karin Kliewer would like to research Bike to the Future for her Masters' of City Planning thesis. Organizational permission was requested to interview different BttF members, and celebrate the organizational aspects, advocacy work, and contributions of BttF.
- When her proposal is finished, it will be circulated and/or posted on the website, and if there are concerns, they should be aired.

8. NDP talk – Mark

• **Event**: Mark will talk about Active Transportation and BttF at an NDP event on March 26th at Crossways in Common at 7:00 PM. This is an open event; everyone is invited!

9. Orioles Community Centre's bike cage - David Wieser

- There is an article about this new initiative in *West Central Streets*. This will be a Bike Dump-style organization, where people can build their own bike out of recycled parts at low or no cost.
- The Setup/Build Party is on Thursday February 19th everyone welcome!

10. Financial update – Jackie Avent (for Curt Hull)

- The financial report is attached.
- Bottom line: there have not been many big expenditures, and the final \$500 of the provincial SDIF grant came in this month.

11. T-shirts – Jackie Avent (for Ben Goldstein)

• To buy one, see http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2008/11/15/bttf-t-shirts

12. Bike Shorts Film Festival – Jackie Avent

- Jackie spoke with Dustin Anderson (the Bike Shorts Director, Vancouver). He wants to know if BttF wants to present the film festival again in 2009. He does need a contact name/number.
- Website up and running. <u>http://bikeshorts.ca</u>
- Our screening last October raised over \$500.
- Action item / Volunteer opportunity: Jackie will contact Don English, who organized the October 2008 event (done), but if there is another person interested in helping out in 2009, please contact us.

13. Bike to Work Day – Jackie Avent

- Manitoba Lotteries is interested in supporting BTWD again, but they need a letter of request ASAP.
- How will this event run this year? Without the same amount of energy, we will not have as much success.
- Bike to the Future will be looking for people to be on planning committee for this event.
- Is the City interested? We would have to put out a tender (through the City) to hire an extra person.
- Action item: Jackie and Karin will work on a letter for Manitoba lotteries and the City of Winnipeg.

14. Sorels Are Sexy Day on February 13th – Jackie Avent

• Wear your warmest boots because that's hot!

15. Green Leap Forward coordinator

• A hiring process is underway for a coordinator/communications person to oversee and connect all the AT events in Winnipeg in May and June. Resource Conservation Manitoba is leading this initiative.

16. Letter about Infrastructure money from federal sources

- Anders wrote a letter from One Green City; is BttF going to write a similar letter?
- It's also important to call you Member of Parliament to voice concerns. Contact info for MPs is at http://canada.gc.ca/directories-repertoires/direct-eng.html#mp.

17. Membership renewals – Rob Cosco

- Bill Spornitz has set up a BttF PayPal account. People will able to purchase or renew a BttF membership online.
- Bill is working on how to organize (within the membership database) who is paid/unpaid, a volunteer, etc.
- Rob is getting ready for a phone-a-thon to contact all 2008 members (including the special members from Bike to Work Day) who have not yet renewed for 2009.
- Letters have gone to all bike shops; Jon Benson and Rob Cosco will contact them individually. The ones they
 have spoken with are willing to give free membership to every purchaser of a bike, and to have BttF membership
 forms and our Cycling Advocacy for Winnipeg Citizens brochure
 (<u>http://biketothefuture.org/news/archives/2008/12/17/cycling-advocacy-for-winnipeg-citizens</u>) in the store.
 Negotiations about store discounts for BttF members are still underway.
- Volunteer opportunity: Rob is looking for volunteers to make phone calls in mid-March.
- Action item: Jackie will research and organize the printing of 5000 to 10000 copies of the brochure. Our membership form is almost two years old, so it may need to be updated.

18. Plan Winnipeg – Mark Cohoe

- A meeting was help with Ian Hall earlier today.
- A new Plan Winnipeg process is beginning shortly. This will be a 1.5 year process, built up from scratch. Ian Hall (BttF member, City staff who is working on Plan Winnipeg) came to speak to us prior to today's Monthly Meeting about the new Plan Winnipeg revisions. This document is being completely rethought, and will include:
 - More specific policy directions
 - A focus on sustainability issues.
 - Public participation. April 25 "symposium on sustainability"
- A section within the City of Winnipeg Charter requires a high-level guiding tool for long-range planning. This document is typically called Plan Winnipeg, and it informs planning decisions set under it. There is typically a hierarchy of plans, and these start as general broad plans, and the policy directions with each type of plan get more specific. They do, however, continue to align with each other. These are:
 - Development plans (like Plan Winnipeg)
 - Neighbourhood plans/Action Plans
 - Zoning by-laws

There has been a typical disconnect between the current Plan Winnipeg, and what happens "on the ground." This new plan will have measures and targets. <u>ihall@winnipeg.ca</u> 986.2280

19. Winnipeg cycling map – Ted Mann

- The committee is finishing sidebar information.
- Comment from Anders: This map is an important advocacy tool, and it is important to highlight the information. The proposed AT infrastructure map will be included, but it is a concern if this is identified on the map as a 'bike route' because nothing has happened to these streets. It is important that this map shows (through colour) that what **exists** is different from what is **proposed**. This is great also for 'popping' colour.
- There was agreement that this is an important consideration, because a map is a political tool and we want to reflect the work that has been done, and hold people accountable to what still needs to be done.
- Distinction could be made between proposed networks that are functioning and not functioning. This can be reflected in parameters given to designer.

20. ATAC – Anders Swanson

- An ATAC meeting was held to discuss Rapid Transit initiatives, specifically the routing of the AT pathway next to the Rapid Transit line. See the letter from Curt Hull at <u>http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/bttf-publications</u> -- 2009, City of Winnipeg. It's important that the AT route avoids two choke points: Pembina-Jubilee Underpass and Osborne Street Underpass.
- The Rapid Transit line will cross Osborne Street via a 200m tunnel, but the AT pathway is not currently included in that tunnel cost reasons and Environmental Design principles (sightlines, personal safety), despite being promised when this project was unveiled.
- The City does not have any design standards, so the AT pathway design is currently not wide enough to accommodate multiple forms of transport. This is not a good precedent.
- Summary: The most direct route for bicycles is not being planned for. The engineering company will look into alternate ways for bikes to access the AT pathway, but there are no promises.
- It seems like politicians are not being held accountable to what they told the public. We could draw attention to the gap between the plans and what was told to us. We should start advocating now. What further actions can we take? Do we have a preferred design option?
- Action item / Volunteer opportunity: We need someone to research what was told to the public, reports to council, and other background information: read minutes from council meetings where this was adopted, get quotes from politicians, etc. Note from Karin: I believe that a bunch of newspaper articles and press are on the Rapid Transit Coalition website, at http://www.winnipegrapidtransitcoalition.ca/resources.html.

21. Ciclovia / Ciclovia on Ice - Jackie Avent, Kevin Miller

- Ciclovia on Ice is how Janice Lukes describes the Assiniboine River Trail on the weekends. (Ciclovia: <u>http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ciclov%C3%ADa</u>, <u>http://www.streetfilms.org/archives/ciclovia/</u>). This could exist on land. BttF and the Winnipeg Trails Association created signs and put them up along the River Trail. They encourage people to call politicians.
- Before Christmas, Resource Conservation Manitoba facilitated discussion meetings about Ciclovia in June, but convincing the City to support it was a big impediment: waive the cost of closing streets, etc.
- Recently, the Downtown BIZ has started selling the City on a smaller Ciclovia with far fewer major street closures. They hope to hold up to three Ciclovias this summer. An initial meeting with all interested stakeholders and supporters will be held on Thursday February 19th. BttF will have reps at it.

22. City Council By-election in River Heights - Mark Cohoe

- Please see the City Committee report (attached).
- Info about the BttF-organized candidates meetings is at <u>http://biketothefuture.org/events/archives/2009/02/20/river-heights---fort-garry-by-election-candidates-meetings</u>.

The next Monthly Meeting is on Tuesday March 17th at 5:30 at the Eco-Centre.

Summary of volunteer opportunities

- Bicycle User Groups.
- Staffing BttF's booth during Environmental Awareness week (March 23-27).
- Help organize the 2009 Bike Shorts Film Festival.
- Membership renewals -- make phone calls in mid-March.
- The Rapid Transit AT pathway -- research what was told to the public, reports to council, and other background information: read minutes from council meetings where this was adopted, get quotes from politicians, etc. For any of these, contact us at contact@biketothefuture.org.

Provincial Committee Report – Jeremy Hull

Provincial Budget Submission

A short budget submission was sent to Finance Minister Greg Selenger with copies to all Manitoba MLAs in December. We received a response on February 3rd. James Beddome (a BttF member and Leader of the Green Party of Manitoba) also sent the Minister a letter in support of our submission. See <u>http://biketothefuture.org/design-for-the-future/bttf-publications</u> -- 2008, Province of Manitoba. Our plan is to contact a number of other organizations to solicit additional letters of support.

Delegation to the Legislature

In September we requested a second opportunity to make a presentation to members of the NDP caucus as we did last March. We have been added to their list but we understand that the actual date will still be a ways off. We plan to make presentations to other parties at about the same time.

Provincial AT Advisory Committee

BttF received a letter several months ago from Jim Rondeau, Minister of Science, Technology, Energy and Mines, indicating that the government is in the process of establishing a provincial Active Transportation Advisory Committee and that we will be invited to participate on this committee. No further contacts have been made to this point.

City Committee report – Mark Cohoe

River Heights – Fort Garry Ward By-election

We met on January 21st to discuss a general strategy for the River Heights Fort Garry by-election, and determined that our best option would be to hold a "meet and greet" type meeting with each of the candidates where we could engage them in a discussion of the opportunities and challenges related to AT in the ward. The idea is that this would be educational for the candidates and less formal than a questionnaire, with an emphasis more on sharing information. A second part of our plan is to create an AT issues primer, which can be distributed at various meetings and published on the BttF website (and other websites if necessary). Janice Lukes has had initial contact with the candidates, and we are hopeful that both will agree to a meeting and that they may even help publicize the events. The AT Issues Primer is a little behind schedule at the moment, but I hope to get an initial draft out before Friday. With the general election set to be held in October 2010, hopefully this by-election can serve as a dry run for a similar ward-by-ward approach in 2010.

Plan Winnipeg

The city is in the process of updating its vision document, Plan Winnipeg, which was last updated in 2001. The City has let us know that they want Bike to the Future to be involved in the process, and to that end we will be meeting with a city representative (who happens to also be a BttF member) for an informal discussion about the process and how Bike to the Future can be involved. We are very fortunate to have within our membership a number of people who were involved in the last update of Plan Winnipeg and have offered to take part in our involvement/advice for this round of Plan Winnipeg.

Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Meeting March 10, 2009

Looking ahead, it is expected that the city will release their list of Active Transportation projects for 2009 at the March 10, 2009 meeting of the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee.

Downtown Bicycle Lanes

Kevin Nixon has let me know that he would like to hold one more stakeholders meeting regarding implementation of the downtown bike lanes. The purpose of the meeting would be to discuss how the lanes on Hargrave/Carlton worked, and to make suggestions for both the existing lanes and the planning of the Fort/Garry lanes.

Safety & Education report – Dave Elmore

There has been no change in the status of the Can-Bike program or instructor training. The 5 BttF members who have completed all of the training required for certification still must write the exam. We are waiting on Howard Skrpnyk to prepare the testing. It is still the goal to have this completed in time for spring. BttF will continue to work with MCA and the Provincial Government (through Howard Skrpnyk) to look at reviving the Can-Bike program in Winnipeg/Manitoba.

In discussion with Howard Skrpnyk, it appears that the wheels are in motion for the production of a Winnipeg cycling safety video. Dates have not been set, however there will be a winter riding component to this video so it can be assumed that production will get underway very soon.



Account	DB	CR	Net
Revenue			
Bike Shorts	582.00	34.80	\$ 547.20
Donation	3,055.00	01.00	\$ 3,055.00
Interest	4.61		\$ 4.61
Membership	2,140.00		\$ 2,140.00
T-shirts	1,300.00	2,537.64	\$ (1,237.64)
			\$ 4,509.17
Expenses			
Admin cost		601.20	\$ (601.20)
BTWD	640.23		\$ (2,000.00)
Conference	30.00		\$ -
Fall Forum	5,000.00	5,181.47	\$ (181.47)
Scavenger hunt	450.00	450.00	\$-
		=	\$ (2,782.67)
Net earnings YTD	\$ 1,726.50		
Opening retained earnings	\$ 2,498.31		
Closing retained earnings			\$ 4,224.81

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Date written	Bank Date	Acct	Payee	Мето	Ck#		CR		DB	Balance
	01-Apr-08			Balance Forward						\$ 2,498.31
	25-Apr-08	Donation		MEC bag donation				\$	2,400.00	\$ 4,898.31
	25-Apr-08	Donation		MCA donation for MB Budget printing				\$	400.00	\$ 5,298.31
	25-Apr-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	550.00	\$ 5,848.31
	30-Apr-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.36	\$ 5,848.67
12-May-08	13-May-08	BTWD	Anders Swanson	Contempra Signs	26		117.60			\$ 5,731.07
9-May-08	15-May-08	BTWD	Ken Gerrard	BTWD Website	25	\$	500.00			\$ 5,231.07
13-May-08	16-May-08	Admin cost	MB Eco Network	MEN Membership renewal	27	\$	50.00			\$ 5,181.07
	19-May-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	20.00	\$ 5,201.07
	22-May-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	20.00	\$ 5,221.07
14-May-08	27-May-08	BTWD	Anders Swanson	Industry Images inv 2599 - Posters	28	\$	109.77			\$ 5,111.30
	31-May-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.70	\$ 5,112.00
1-Jun-08	02-Jun-08	BTWD	Anders Swanson	Industry Images inv 2630 - Posters	30	\$	166.33			\$ 4,945.67
	02-Jun-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	120.00	\$ 5,065.67
1-Jun-08	03-Jun-08	BTWD	War on Music	BTWD T-shirts deposit	31	\$	1,680.00			\$ 3,385.67
	05-Jun-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	5.00	\$ 3,390.67
10-Jun-08	11-Jun-08	BTWD		Industry Images inv 2724 - Posters	32		66.53			\$ 3,324.14
17-May-08	19-Jun-08	Admin cost	Jackie Avent	Special membership meeting food	29	\$	10.89			\$ 3,313.25
	30-Jun-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.32	\$ 3,313.57
2-Jul-08	11-Jul-08	Admin cost	Alain Foidart	Dreamhost inv#319764 - Website domain	33		83.65			\$ 3,229.92
3-Jul-08	11-Jul-08	Admin cost	Jackie Avent	Contempra inv#93491 - BttF Banner	34	\$	107.52			\$ 3,122.40
8-Jul-08	21-Jul-08	BTWD		Invoice to BTWD				\$	640.23	\$ 3,762.63
	25-Jul-08	Scavenger hunt		City (Mike Pettet) for Ray Yuen Scavenger hunt				\$	450.00	\$ 4,212.63
	25-Jul-08	Scavenger hunt		Journal Entry - Scavenger hunt liability		\$	450.00			\$ 3,762.63
	31-Jul-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.35	\$ 3,762.98
	13-Aug-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	20.00	\$ 3,782.98
	23-Aug-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	15.00	\$ 3,797.98
	31-Aug-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.46	\$ 3,798.44
	19-Sep-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	50.00	\$ 3,848.44
	24-Sep-08	Fall Forum		Grant - SDIF (1st payment)				\$	4,500.00	\$ 8,348.44
	30-Sep-08	Interest		Interest				\$	0.66	\$ 8,349.10
	01-Oct-08	Donation		Manitoba Medical Assoc.				\$	100.00	\$ 8,449.10
	01-Oct-08	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$	20.00	\$ 8,469.10
1-Oct-08	03-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Kaj Hasselriis	1st pmt as per Fall Forum Event Planner contract	38		1,750.00			\$ 6,719.10
1-Oct-08	03-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Kaj Hasselriis	Industry Images inv#3652 - poster printing	40		534.24			\$ 6,184.86
6-Oct-08	08-Oct-08	T-shirts	Modern Man	Modern Man Screen Printing inv#15	39		2,537.64			\$ 3,647.22
17-Sep-08	16-Oct-08	Admin cost		Planner's Network Conference invoice #002	37	\$	86.88			\$ 3,560.34
17-Sep-08	16-Oct-08	Admin cost	Univ. of Manitoba	Planner's Network, Anne Verez, Invoice #001	36	\$	200.00			\$ 3,360.34
	17-Oct-08	Donation		Wheely Green \$150	х			\$	155.00	\$ 3,515.34
	17-Oct-08	Fall Forum		Musician "Süss" CD to add to the door prizes	х	\$	20.00			\$ 3,495.34
	17-Oct-08	Membership		Sold at Fall Forum	х			\$	785.00	\$ 4,280.34
	17-Oct-08	T-shirts		Sold at Fall Forum	х			\$	960.00	\$ 5,240.34
15-Oct-08	20-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Janice Briggs	Volunteer pizza	42		157.05			\$ 5,083.29
22-Oct-08	23-Oct-08	Bike Shorts	Kaj Hasselriis	Industry Images inv#3795 - poster & tix printing	44		34.80			\$ 5,048.49
22-Oct-08	23-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Kaj Hasselriis	Industry Images inv#3727 & poster distribution	46		109.50			\$ 4,938.99
22-Oct-08	24-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Mark Cohoe	Fall Forum printing - Staples receipt	45		86.32			\$ 4,852.67
26-Oct-08	27-Oct-08	Fall Forum	Kaj Hasselriis	Final pmt as per Fall Forum Event Planner contract	47		1,750.00			\$ 3,102.67
15-Oct-08	29-Oct-08	Admin cost	MCA	Affiliate membership	41	\$	25.00			\$ 3,077.67
	31-Oct-08	Interest	-	Interest		Ļ		\$	0.65	\$ 3,078.32
21-Oct-08	06-Nov-08	Fall Forum	Organic Planet	Fall Forum Food, Invoice #88	43	\$	369.58			\$ 2,708.74
	19-Nov-08	Membership		Membership renewal at AGM				\$	235.00	\$ 2,943.74
	19-Nov-08	T-shirts		T-shirt sales at AGM				\$	120.00	\$ 3,063.74
	21-Nov-08	T-shirts		T-shirt sale		Ļ		\$	20.00	\$ 3,083.74
18-Nov-08	25-Nov-08	Admin cost	Jackie Avent	AGM Food	48	\$	37.26	Ļ		\$ 3,046.48
	25-Nov-08			\$817 deposit - \$582 - Bike Shorts Film Fest	х			\$	582.00	3,628.48
		Membership		\$817 deposit portion - \$195 - Memberships	х			\$	195.00	3,823.48
ļ]	25-Nov-08	T-shirts		\$817 deposit portion - \$ 40 - Two t-shirts	х			\$	40.00	3,863.48
		Interest		Credit Interest				\$	0.33	3,863.81
18-Nov-08		Fall Forum	Uptown	Newspaper advertising, Inv#D2005090	49	\$	404.78			\$ 3,459.03
	31-Dec-08			Interest				\$	0.43	\$ 3,459.46
		Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$		3,464.46
		Fall Forum		Grant - SDIF (Final payment)				\$	500.00	3,964.46
	23- Jan-09	Membership		Deposit - memberships				\$		\$ 4,064.46
	23-Jan-09	T-shirts		T-shirt sales				\$	160.00	4,224.46
		T-shirts Interest		Interest				\$	0.35	\$ 4,224.81
24-Apr-08 8-Jul-08	23-Jan-09	T-shirts	Planners Plus		12	\$	30.00			\$,