Bike to the Future Monthly Meeting

May 8, 2012 5:30 to 7:30 PM Sport for Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave

Minutes

Directors:
Present: Tom McMahon (meeting chair), Liz Erickson, Mark Cohoe, Bill Newman, Chris Chypyha, Charles Feaver
Regrets: Loren Braul, Kevin Miller, Dave Elmore, Barrett Ens, Curt Hull
Absent: Shona Kusyk
Members:
Present: Rosanne Ritchot (office admin), Amanda SanFilippo (Bicycle Valet Winnipeg), Cara Fisher (the WRENCH), Anders Swanson, Jeremy Hull, Kevin Champagne, Dave Cassels, Caleigh Christie (UofW Bike Lab), Jim Chapryk, Maybe Drouet, Joe St-Mars
Regrets: Currie Gillespie, Shannon Keys, Gareth Simons, Philip Wolfart
Non-members: Sheldon Mindell (Riverview Health Centre)
1. Welcome and Introductions
☐ All attendees introduced themselves.
2 Assessed of Assessed
2. Approval of Agenda ☐ We approved the agenda by consensus.
3. Approval of Minutes from the previous Monthly Meeting
☐ The <u>April Monthly Meeting minutes</u> , which have been posted for three weeks, were approved by consensus.
4. Sharing
a. Good News!
b. Emerging Challenges
☐ Caleigh shared a story of an altercation between a friend of hers on a bicycle and a driver.
5. Monthly Updates
a. Finances (Liz)
☐ Financial report attached. The May items were standard.
☐ Bill has progressed with moving Bike to the Future accounting from an Excel workbook to an accounting program.
Accounts have been set up and report templates arranged.
☐ The City of Winnipeg cheque for Bike to Work Day (\$20,000) was deposited and a cheque was written to Curt. BttF's 10% admin fee will be paid out after BtWD.
b. Administration Fundacional Country and Portneyshing (Pagerna) We associated an association that PAF will be associated as
☐ Fundraising, Grants and Partnerships (Rosanne) - We received an email indicating that BttF will be receiving a \$3500 grant from the Assiniboine Credit Union. The official letter and cheque will be sent soon.
☐ Membership (Rosanne) - We still receive a few each month.
Communications

- **Website Committee (Tom)** Tom, Bill, Philip, and Kevin met with web designer David Pensato. They presented him with a 'wish list' of ideas and features for the new website. David will create a proposal document.
- Bill suggests creating a survey to find out what the Board, the members and the wider BttF audience would like to see on the new website to give guidance to the website development team.
- Online Profiles (Rosanne) an increase of approximately a dozen likes/followers on Twitter and Facebook.
- Media Request Action Plan (Rosanne) Due to Media Requests often being a timely matter, Rosanne proposes that BttF have a detailed Media Request Action Plan, stating who from BttF to contact, when and at what email address and/or what telephone number.
- Directors and Officers Liability Insurance (Rosanne) Loren would like to see BttF get Directors and Officers Liability Insurance. We have a quote of \$750/year for \$1 million or \$1000/year for \$2 million. The Board would like to see other quotes to try to get a lower cost.

c. Public Advocacy ☐ Province (Charles) - Cyclists' Pledge and Cyclists' Bill of Rights - A sub-committee will meet to narrow down the documents. - Tom wrote letters to the Chief Provincial Public Health Officer, Chief Medical Examiner of Manitoba, Winnipeg Regional Health Authority officials, and provincial politicians. We urge them to promote safety for cyclists on public roads, and to enact public policy and legislative actions to increase safety for cyclists. - Anders may have found a champion for school zone legislation in Flor Marcelino, Minister of Culture/Heritage/Tourism. He will meet with her (as an individual, not on behalf of BttF). ☐ City (Mark) - report attached. d. Safety and Education (Dave) - report attached. e. Community Bike Events ☐ *Ride of Silence* (Bryan Goods) - Bryan was not in attendance, so no discussion. □ WRENCH - Wheely Fun Bike Ride will take place on June 10th -- The Forks to the Legislative Building, with satellite rides coming from all corners of the city. Amanda offered for Bicycle Valet Winnipeg to be there and hopefully there will also be the BttF trailer. The Board agreed to give the WRENCH \$450 for this ride. This money was supposed to be used for a scavenger hunt, which never happened (money initially donated by City Councillor Mike Pagtakhan). ☐ Riverview Health Centre's Cycle on Life (guest Sheldon Mindell) - Sheldon explained this ride, which is a fundraiser for Riverview Health Centre. This is its 14th year, and Sheldon would like this ride to become to cycling what the Manitoba Marathon is to running. He is asking for BttF's partnership to help reach out to cyclists to increase his number of participants to make it a critical mass ride. In return, BttF could have their logo on the posters and the t-shirts (handed out to all participants). Tom inquired about the t-shirts being printed with 1 Metre Please on the back. Sheldon neither agreed nor disagreed. The ride could evolve to include many distinct rides, such as relay rides, family rides (currently there is one shorter ride, and a one longer one). - After Sheldon had left, Bill asked whether we should support only rides that sponsor our mandate. Tom felt that we had nothing to lose, and that cycling needs more supporters. It was agreed that BttF would advertise the ride through the Announce list, the website, and by having the BttF trailer at the event. Tom is registered to ride. Mark agreed to bring the BttF trailer. \Box 4th annual MEC Bikefest (Rosanne) – is taking place on June 16th at The Forks. Is anyone interested and willing to be there with the BttF trailer? f. Bicycle Valet Winnipeg (Amanda)

□ BVW will attend the River East Community CYCLE event on May 12th.

☐ Amanda asked for the Board's position on doing fundraising events, in this particular case for *Party in the Park* for Assiniboine Park, and whether or not BVW should do these events for free. Tom stated that the Board trusted Amanda to make the decisions that would make BVW grow.

6. Issues

a. BttF's position on mandatory helmet legislation

☐ Mark proposed that BttF take the position to be against mandatory helmet legislation. While most people present were personally opposed to the legislation, not everyone agreed that BttF should take an official position as this could alienate some of our members. Kevin, by proxy, proposes that "I am in favour of a neutral policy that recognizes opinions differ on the use of helmets, and asks our members to examine both sides of the debate and come to their own conclusions".

7. Other Items

8. Upcoming Dates

a. Next meeting: Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at 5:30.

Safety and Education Report - May 2012 - by Dave Elmore

Can-Bike Training

The training for the Can-Bike 2 course started April 29 and will continue on May 13, and June 2. Not much else to report until the training is completed.

MPI Agreement

All of the materials for the workplace champion courses including mapping of training routed is complete and MPI has been billed for the materials and the first session of the CAN-Bike training.

I met with MPI recently to discuss the workplace champion courses and they are working currently on contacting workplaces (champions) and setting dates for the training. They have a quite ambitious plan for these which may be more than they can complete given the restrictions of the summer holiday season. They hope to meet with the new CAN-Bike graduates shortly after they complete their course in early June to discuss their plans.

Safety Committee on Active Transportation (SCAT)

As I have stepped down from this committee, Tom will have to update us on any progress. Expect it to be very slow!

Leisure Guide Courses

The 1st Leisure Guide course which targeted beginner riders was cancelled due to a lack of registration. The May 12 course intended for commuters is set to proceed. I do not believe that this means there is no demand for a beginner course, simply people do not know about it. In addition, I believe the cost of \$42 is a restriction and BttF should consider whether we could undertake these types of course on our own. This requires further discussion and planning.

CCA and CAN-Bike

There has been no further update from The Canadian Cycling Association on their Public Heath Agency of Canada (PHAC) funded recreational cycling program for children and youth. The proposal calls for expanding of Can-Bike instructors certified to provide the "CAN-Bike Kids" program and this may be an avenue for yet another CAN-Bike 2 course in the fall.

City Committee Report - May 2012 - by Mark Cohoe

ATAC

The city's Active Transportation Advisory Committee has been wound down pending revisions to its mandate.

Pembina Highway

Pembina Underpass

On May 1st, we discovered that only one of the three options being proposed for the Pembina Underpass Rehabilitation Project will allow for an AT Pathway to be included in the BRT overpass of Pembina when Stage 2 of the Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor (SWRTC) is completed. This came as quite a shock, since the AT pathway has been part of the SWRTC project since funding for the SWRTC project was announced in September 2008, and we have been repeatedly reassured that a multi-use path similar to the one on the Fort Garry Bridge would be incorporated into the plans for the BRT Bridge over Pembina Highway. This separated pathway was to provide a critical line in the city's cycling network. It is an integral part of any plan to link the Harrow bike lanes and Taylor bike path to the Jubilee pathway/Elm Park Bridge and to the Fort Rouge Yards pathway. It is also critical for any connection between the Fort Rouge Yards pathway and any potential bikeway along the CN Letellier rail line that runs south to the U of M. Our Communities, one of the city's main planning documents lists 3 major redevelopment sites that will be directly, and negatively affected by any decision to exclude an AT pathway over Pembina; Fort Rouge Yards with a planned of population 0f 1800, the Parker Lands area with plans for up to 3500 townhouses, and the Taylor Lands area. If the city hopes to hold to its vision of creating walkable communities, a grade separated pathway across Pembina should be considered mandatory, not optional.

We are asking all members to make an effort to get out to the Pembina Underpass <u>open house</u> this Wednesday May 9th, fill out the on line survey (available after May 9th) and write your City Councillor and Provincial MLA to make it known that the only acceptable option for the Pembina Underpass is one that includes room for a separated AT Pathway over Pembina Highway when Rapid Transit is extended. The open house is being held at the APEGN office (870 Pembina Highway) just north of the underpass. Comments can be sent to the <u>project website</u> or sent directly to the head planner in charge of this project, <u>Jacqueline East</u>.

Date: Wednesday May 9, 2012

Time: 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.(drop-in format)

Location: Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists of the Province of Manitoba (APEGM), 870 Pembina Highway, Winnipeg, Manitoba

Certainly, all three options being considered will vastly improve north/south travel for cyclists, as there is provision for separated cycling facilities on both the northbound and southbound directions of travel. Also included is a bicycle/pedestrian underpass of the off ramps on the west side of Pembina.

Option 1



This option will use tunnels to get pedestrians and cyclists under the rail lines. The tunnels would be behind the existing bridge piers. Tunnels generally suffer from a "stranger danger" as it is harder to design them with open sight lines that provide for outside observation. We have been told that there is no possibility of an AT pathway over Pembina if this option is chosen.

Option 2



This option would replace the existing rail bridge to provide a lengthened crossing that could provide the north/south pedestrian and bicycle access without the need for tunnels. We have been told that there is no possibility of an AT pathway over Pembina if this option is chosen.

Option 3



This option will replace the existing bridge, but will move the new bridge further north to widen the gap between the Pembina Underpass and Jubilee Overpass. This will necessitate the relocation of the rail lines, as was done as part of the first stage development of the SWRTC. This is the option being recommended by Bike to the Future.

Pembina Highway Buffered Bike Lanes

I attended a meeting with city staff and members of the city's access Advisory Committee April 16th. The focus of the meeting was the planning of the buffered bike lanes on Pembina Highway, and specifically on the design of the bus stops along the route, where cyclists will be diverted behind the bus platforms.

The main issue is separating pedestrians and cyclists in a way that is comprehensible for those with impaired vision. The designs they were looking at consist of a concrete slab with longitudinal ridges 6mm (1/4") high spaced out at 75 mm (3"). Tina Tenbergen and I were present at the meeting, and we both expressed concerns over the longitudinal ridges, which would be a risk for cyclists.

Construction is currently scheduled for July.



Income Statement - Year to Date - April 2012 Financial Statement

Account	DB	CR	Net
Revenue/Partnerships/Grants			
Interest BTWD	0.85 20,000.00	20,000.00 \$	-
Expenses	20,000.85	20,000.00 \$	0.85
Admin Exp Part Time Admin		60.27 \$ 333.33 \$	
BV Expense		60.00 \$ 453.60 \$	
Opening retained earnings		\$	9,127.83
Net change YTD		\$	(452.75)
Closing retained earnings		\$	8,675.08

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Note: As of Apr 1 '09 T-shirts had yet to recover \$497.64 of cost
T-shirt net to date: \$

Note: Opening retained earnings includes \$450 liability for July 25, '08 Scavanger Hunt grant

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01-Apr-12 **Balance Forward** 9,127.83 Date written Bank Date Acct DB Balance Who Memo Ck# CR 10-Apr-12 17-Apr-12 Part Time Admin 120 \$ 333.33 Rosanne Ritchot Monthly Payment \$ 8,794.50 17-Apr-12 17-Apr-12 Admin Expenses Companies Office and Interview Exp 120 \$ 8,734.23 Rosanne Ritchot 60.27 10-Apr-12 121 \$ 60.00 19-Apr-12 BV Expense Sandeep Dhariwal February, March & April equipment storage 8,674.23 10-Apr-12 18-Apr-12 BTWD Bike to Work Day Wpg Please see invoice sent to the City 122 \$ 20,000.00 (11,325.77)10-Apr-12 BTWD Deposit cheque received on behalf of BTWD \$ 20,000.00 \$ Liz Erickson 8,674.23 30-Apr-12 Interest ACU Credit Interest 0.85 \$ 8,675.08