

Bike Winnipeg Business Meeting

December 9, 2014 – 6:00 to 7:30

Sport for Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave

Minutes

Directors:

Present: Stephane Dorge, Jackie Collett, Jeremy Hull, Tyler Markowski, Jeremy Hull (meeting chair), Guy Bonnetta, Kaye Grant (co-chair), Laura Donatelli, Bill Newman, Derek Yao

Absent:

Regrets: Charles Feaver

Staff:

Present: Mark Cohoe, Amanda San Filipo

Regrets:

November Minutes

- approved

Reports

- **Executive Directors report**
 - The Cycling and Pedestrian Strategies should be presented before the Public Works Committee on Tuesday January 6th 2015 [it now appears as though this meeting will be delayed until January 16th]. The agenda for that meeting will be made public on the Friday before the meeting, and will be the first chance we have to review the strategies, which are expected to be over 300 pages in length, setting out an implementation plan for the next 20 to 25 years. Advocacy
 - Bike parking agreement
 - Mark is waiting on some information from Kevin Nixon to continue with this project, which would essentially see Bike Winnipeg act as a middle man to help provide bicycle parking to city businesses and organizations not covered by existing agreements through BIZ organizations.
 - Bike week (follow up on last year's success)
 - June 13-19
 - Mark wants to expand on it by offering more themed rides
 - Will take place in June
 - It may be prudent to choose a liaison person for bike week
 - Downtown protected bike lane project
 - Would be done on an existing bike lane
 - The document will highlight what areas have the most need
 - Temporary lanes would be made using pylons or other types of dividers
 - Would need to be done on roads that already meet the curb to curb width requirements
 - Need to push the city for a pilot project
 - Would work best if we had buy in from the Downtown Biz
 - City of Winnipeg councillor meetings
 - Going to request meetings in advance of strategies meeting to discuss what's coming up and how it might affect their wards
 - Tyler will sit in on Brian Mayes meeting and Ian and Stephane will sit in on Matt Allard meeting
 - Interested individuals will contact Mark asap to find out what contacts he's made and to organize meetings
 - Has already spoken with Debbie Sharma and Ross Eadie

- Winter bike to work day
 - February 13th, 2014
 - Natural Cycle has been involved in the past
 - Bike Winnipeg should look into taking part in Winter Bike to work day by participating in events and communicating information about winter bike to work day

- Bike Map
 - This proposal will be conjunction with Climate Change Connection and a number of people who have previously been working on the City bike maps. The proposal will set up a data structure to record the city cycling network in a GIS data format, as well as work flows to turn that information in to print and online/mobile accessible maps, plus a distribution and communications strategy to make sure the maps and associated messaging get out to the public. The new map will allow for inclusion of new areas of the city as well as an insert promoting safe cycling practices.
 - 5% admin fee to Climate Change Connection and 10% admin fee for Bike Winnipeg
 - \$20000 project

- Legislature open house
 - December 6, 2014
 - Mark was unable to speak with Drew Caldwell but did talk to his assistant
 - Mark spoke with Kevin Chief and his assistant
 - Mark will schedule a meeting with the healthy living minister and have a meeting regarding city infrastructure
 - Mark will talk to Rob Altermyer regarding the removal of the bike rack from the front of the Legislature

- December 12th Mark will speak before the AT advisory committee
 - Mark will be presenting in front of the City of Winnipeg's active Transportation Advisory Committee on December 12th. The push for this will be priorities for the cycling strategy implementation, winter snow removal, and to follow through on previous and future AT Action Plans. Cycling Strategy
 - Mark will break up the report and have multiple people analyze it due to a short time line of its release and the meeting
 - The way finding strategy needs to be picked up by someone on the board to be analyzed
 - Mark will send out information to the board to solicit help when he receives the strategy
 - The most important part of the strategy that need to be gone over are
 - Arterials
 - And protected bike lanes

- Manitoba infrastructure projects
 - Ken Schykulski and I met with the provinces AT coordinator (Katy Walsh) and provincial MIT staff assigned to this project on November 24th. We had a good meeting, where Ken provided information on cyclist use of the Trans Canada Highway service roads heading west to Highway 26 and to St. Francis Xavier.
 - Mark is unaware of the needs of rural cyclists

- City of Winnipeg Infrastructure projects
 - Chief Peguis trail
 - The Chief Peguis Trail West Extension project held its first open house come and goes meeting on November 25th. The project will create a preliminary design for extension of the Chief Peguis Trail from Main Street to McPhillips and a functional design for extension from McPhillips to Route 90 (Brookside). Total cost for the project is projected to be \$240 million, in 2011 dollars). At the same time, the province is in the very early stages of design work on a by-pass of Headingly that would connect to Centre Port Way, which also connects to Route 90 (Brookside). Together, these projects have the potential to create substantial motivation for exurban and suburban development that will erode the city's tax base, increase demand on city streets, and tie up funding that could be better used to promote active transportation.

- Mark suggests that we push for a precast tunnel under the cloverleaf to allow for AT traffic
 - CPR yards crossing study
 - The Arlington Bridge is scheduled for decommissioning by 2020. The study is looking into all crossings between and inclusive of McPhillips and Salter, and will consider both existing and 5 potential crossings within that study area. In addition, the study will consider traffic and roadways/intersections from Notre Dame to Inkster. Currently, there are severe load restrictions on Arlington (9.1 tonnes max, which precludes transit), as well as McPhillips (which is lower than the current standard, and suffers from semi frequent closure when over height trucks hit the bridge).
 - Current traffic counts for the bridges are as follows:
 - McPhillips 44,000 vehicles/day
 - Arlington: 14,000 vehicles/day
 - Slaw Rebchuk: 33,000 vehicles/day
 - Feedback from open house was that it was not a very organized situation. Information on tour was not very good.
 - There is strong representation for active transportation throughout the area
 - 17 different groups are involved
 - Widening of Arlington is a possibility
 - We should push to keep it two lanes with separated bike lanes over the bridge
 - Possibility to connect to Harrow as city has right of way on both sides
 - Waverly underpass
 - The first open house for the Waverley Underpass will be held December 9th (the same night as our meeting) at the Cabota Centre on Wilkes. We have had good discussions with the consultants as part of the project so far. I hope to see westward extension of the Taylor pathway included as part of the project, as well as both an east and west side path along Waverley between Mathers and Hurst, plus a connection along Hurst connecting to the planned Southwest Rapid Transit Corridor AT Pathway. Provision for adequate crossings of Taylor is also a concern.
 - Other stakeholders
 - Winnipeg School division, Humane society
 - Jackie has suggested we contact the community club to develop new connections with people in the neighbourhood
 - We currently have 6 people in the neighbourhood that are actively involved in this issue
- **Finance**
 - We need to get more income from memberships as we are nearly out of money
 - We will run out of money by mid to late summer at this rate
 - Mark has talked to MEC about the \$2000 grant and it is in the works
 - There is a possibility that we could move the date of our AGM to April or May which may facilitate more fundraising as it would be at the beginning of the summer cycling season
- **Advocacy**
 - The PUB process had a number of points related to safety and they cited Bike Winnipeg on multiple occasions.
 - They agreed with Bike Winnipeg about what MPI should be doing
 - Road safety should be left separate from loss prevention as human lives are more important than material loss
 - MPI will have to provide an update on high school driver education program
 - MPI is to provide a budget for road safety
 - A collision heat map will be provided which will highlight problem collision areas in the city
 - Has been ordered to provide an independent review of road safety
 - They have approved the cost of an intervener in the process of approximately \$1800
 - The PUB report will be emailed to the board and will be linked on the Bike Winnipeg website
- **Fundraising**
 - Bike Winnipeg decals are being sold for \$5

- Decals will be distributed by Stephane with a \$20 donation
- **Bike Valet update**
 - Bill and Amanda have been working on inventory
 - The Bombers have sent us a cheque
 - Amanda will continue to store Bike Valet equipment
 - New items will need to be purchased and a list has been compiled by Bill and Amanda
 - The email account will need to be managed by someone else once Amanda leaves her position
 - Some of the equipment will need to be repaired before next season (note: wheel bearings on trailers need to be custom ordered)
 - Everything that needs to be paid has been paid
 - The volunteer windup was successful (there were approximately 20 people in attendance)

Committee structure

- **Internal committees**
 - Executive Committee
 - Handles admin and database things
 - Bylaws, and board members recruited
 - Finance Committee
 - Oversees expenditures
 - Policy Committee
 - Documentation of policy's of Bike Winnipeg
- **External committees**
 - Fundraising
 - To identify funding opportunities and work with E.D.
 - Education
 - Identify education needs with cyclists and general public
 - Membership / awareness
 - Engage members
 - Needs to work with fundraising
 - Advocacy committee
 - Government relations / advocacy needs
 - Work with E.D. to develop strategy

Orientation / planning meeting

- 3 hour meeting
- In early January
- Stephane will resend the email with potential dates to those that missed it
- Executive will set agenda for this meeting

Calendar

- Next Bike Winnipeg meeting is on January 13th, 2014

Adjourned at 7:30