

# Bike Winnipeg

## May 2015 Executive Director Report

### **Administrative Activities**

Admin activities have basically revolved around web site and Facebook postings.

### **Committee Activities**

#### **Finance**

##### ***2015 Budget***

I've revised the proposed budget to take into account that the bike map proposal will not go forward this year, and that the Blue Bombers will not be contracting Bicycle Valet Winnipeg in 2015. To bring the budget back into balance, I have cut expenditure (see highlights), increased our projected t-shirt sales, and added a fall fundraising concert (see fundraising below).

#### **Fundraising/Membership**

##### ***Three Protected Bike Lanes Membership Meeting***

May 12<sup>th</sup> 7-8:30pm – Sport for Life Centre

This will be our first general membership discussion meeting. We will have three presenters providing descriptions of plans for protected bike lanes on specific roadways (Main St, Provencher Blvd, and Fort/Garry Streets).

Given that the plans for the widening of Marion have also come out since we started planning this event, we have decided to add a discussion of those plans as well.

We will be selling memberships and surveying attendees for feedback on the plans as well as the benefit of holding such meetings, including what they liked, and what they did not like. View details [here](#).

##### ***Provencher Protected Bike Lanes Fundraiser***

May 22<sup>nd</sup> – 7-10pm – Le Cercle Moliere

This will be a second opportunity to present plans that Stephane has put together for a protected bike lane along Provencher Boulevard, and will double as a fundraiser for Bike Winnipeg. With a location on Provencher, I think we will get a good turnout. View more information [here](#).

##### ***StrikeBike!***

Tickers for our Bike Week StrikeBike! tours are now available [online](#).

### ***2015 Fall Concert Fundraiser***

I have discussed the possibility of getting a reduced rate to put on a fundraising concert at the WECC in the fall, and will be applying for a grant that would allow us to rent the WECC for \$250 on a Friday/Saturday after Labour Day and Ciclovía in September or early October. With this rate, and this run up, we should be able to make a reasonable profit. However, we need to act fast to reserve the date and get some sponsors. A proposed budget will be sent to the fundraising committee asap.

## **Outreach Activities**

### **Display Trailer Events**

#### ***Past Events***

Spring has allowed us to get out to a number of events with the display trailer. Popular topics for discussion were the pedestrian and cycling strategies, and a few specific projects (Clarence, SWRTC).

- Aecom – April 22<sup>nd</sup>
- Police Auction Saturday – April 25<sup>th</sup>
- FortWhyte Alive – April 26<sup>th</sup>
- NAOSH – May 4<sup>th</sup>

As part of the FortWhyte Alive Earth Day celebrations on April 26<sup>th</sup>, we organized a number of rides heading into the site. The weather was great for the rides, but we failed to get a lot of participation.

#### ***Upcoming Events***

I have a number of events planned for the summer and fall. Let me know if you have an idea for any other events.

- Ellice Street Festival – June 6<sup>th</sup>
- St. John's Picnic in the Park – June 13<sup>th</sup>
- Bike to Work Day – June 19<sup>th</sup>
- Folk Festival – July 9-12<sup>th</sup>
- Sherbrook Street Festival – September 12<sup>th</sup>
- Cyclovía - September 13<sup>th</sup>

### **Bike Week**

Bike Week will be taking place June 13<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> this year. Planning continues, and we are looking for people and organizations to develop events for the week.

### Bike to Work Day Pit Stop

I've asked to have our pit stop at the Point Douglas end of the Disraeli pedestrian/bicycle bridge once again in 2015. We have \$150 budgeted for the pit stop, and will likely purchase food and beverages through Neechi Commons again this year.

### *Theme Rides*

As with last year, I am working with various organizations and individuals that Bike Winnipeg can partner with to organize a number of theme rides for Bike Week.

#### ArtRide Thursday June 18<sup>th</sup>

We are working with the Winnipeg Arts Council once again to put on ArtRide. This year we will be starting at the Disraeli Pedestrian/Bicycle Bridge to view Light Through and will then be working our way south through the Exchange, St. Boniface, and St. Vital before finishing up at the Duck Pond in St. Vital Park to view Ecobuage.

#### Infrastructure Ride

Erik Diskson has once again agreed to lead a bicycle infrastructure tour. With the addition of the Sherbrook parking protected bike lane and the (hopeful) passage of the pedestrian and cycling strategies, there should be lots to learn on this year's tour.

#### North End Ride

John Anderson has agreed to lead a tour through the North End. It will be a mix of history and art once again.

#### StrikeBike – Saturday June 20<sup>th</sup>

Danny Schur will once again be leading us from Crescentwood through to City Hall on this popular tour of sites linked to the General Strike of 1919. Tickets are \$20, and can be purchased through our [web site](#).

## Advocacy Activities

### Pedestrian & Cycling Strategies

The Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies are at long last public and moving through the political approval process. You can view and download the strategies at [walkbike.winnipeg.ca](http://walkbike.winnipeg.ca).

#### Highlights:

- Recommends \$334 million expenditure over 20 years
- Propose development of a complete, connected and dense bicycle network
- Develop a downtown protected bicycle lane network with a 200m mesh width
- Develop a network of local and regional bicycle facilities with a 400m mesh width throughout the mature neighbourhoods in Winnipeg
- Mesh width may drop down to 800m in outlying areas

- Calls for \$100 million for new grade separated crossings
- Ensure new communities are connected
- Calls for improved bicycle parking requirements
- Calls for integration with transit (although the recommendations related to bike racks on transit are pretty weak)
- Calls for traffic calming and reduced design speeds as specific measures to improve the walking and cycling environment, particularly along neighbourhood greenways

While these strategies do not set in stone any new policy or bike route, it does provide recommendations to move forward with and a blueprint for the development of the city's bicycle network. Each change to city policy and each development of the cycling network will involve further public consultation. - See more at: <http://bikewinnipeg.ca/2015/05/06/pedestrian-cycling-strategies-pass-first-hurdle/#sthash.vLrnbkHb.dpuf>

The strategies have passed through the public works committee, and will now move on to the executive policy committee on May 13<sup>th</sup> before heading to a full council vote on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

Read more [here](#).

Read our submission [here](#).

## 2015 AT Action Plan

Along with the release of the pedestrian and cycling strategies, the May 5<sup>th</sup> meeting of the public works committee also passed the 2015 AT Action Plan. Read more about that [here](#).

I will work with local groups to try and push for a number of AT improvements as part of regional/local street renewals. You can read a fuller review of local street renewal projects [here](#). The critical projects will be:

- [Clarence Avenue](#) - Marshall Bay W Leg to Pembina
  - Important rapid transit/regional mixed use corridor connection
- Lyon Street – Point Rd to Oakenwald
  - part of the Riverside neighbourhood greenway
- Calrossie – Pembina to Riverside
  - (part of the Riverside neighbourhood greenway)
- [Ellice Avenue](#) (start developing a Spence/Ellice/Balmoral/Qu'Appelle bikeway)
- River Road – Nicollett to Mimetonka – widening for bike lanes, sidewalks
- Greyfriars – Killarney to Dalhousie
  - potential link to Ulster & U of M
- Powers – Burrows to Pritchard
  - Review changes made in 2010
- Redwood Avenue

Note that the Winnipeg Trails Association has put together a comprehensive review of the local street renewal projects. It can be viewed through the city site [here](#) (see submission by Anders Swanson, report #13).

Note that there may be leftover funding as a result of reimbursement to the AT fund for work carried out to improve Chancellor Matheson near Investors Group Field to provide improved transit facilities. We have recommended that first call on this money be put towards improvements along the Ruby/Banning Corridor (see our suggestions for a neighbourhood greenway treatment along [Ruby/Banning](#)).

## 3 Plans for Protected Bike Lanes in Winnipeg

The discussion topic for our May membership meeting will be [3 Plans for Protected Bike Lanes in Winnipeg](#). We hope to use this meeting as a platform to build awareness of the potential to add protected bike lanes along Main Street, Provencher Boulevard, and Fort & Garry Streets. We will continue to work with neighbourhood organizations to move these projects forward following the meeting.

## **SWRTC Phase II**

The city has narrowed the contractors down to 3. I will be attending a stakeholders meeting on Tuesday to find out more about the project on such topics as station locations, rapid transit routings, active transportation pathways, other project components, and the planned time frame for completion and implementation.

One of the benefits of getting the display trailer out to events over the last month was that we were approached by some of the companies that will be bidding on this project, which has allowed us to share ideas with the teams that will be doing the detailed design for this project.

The U of M has also held a number of open houses based on its [Visionary \(re\)Generation](#) plan. They can be viewed [here](#).

## **Provencher Protected Bike Lanes Fundraiser**

I have been helping Stephane organize a fundraiser based around his plans for protected bike lanes on Provencher and a screening of the film FM Youth. You can view more [here](#).

## **Meeting with Kevin Nixon/Scott Suderman**

I met with Kevin Nixon and Scott Suderman from the City of Winnipeg on April 15<sup>th</sup>. We had a positive meeting and discussed plans for roadway renewals in 2015 as well as a few other AT issues. I have followed up with specific plans for Clarence, Banning, and Ellice, and will also follow up with recommendations for bus platform treatments for the extension of the Pembina buffered bike lanes for 2015 and beyond.

## **CPR Yards Crossing Study**

We have now held our 6<sup>th</sup> PAC Meeting for the [CPR Yards Crossing Study](#). The next step will be for the preferred options to move ahead to a public open house (date to be determined). We will be working with the WRHA to provide a background paper (maps, cross sections, health and economic benefits, ...) for what we believe to be the best option, complete with a transportation demand management plan. With that in hand, we will work to present our recommendations to community groups in and around the study area.

## **Marion Widening**

An open house was held on April 28<sup>th</sup> to show the preferred option for the Marion Widening & Grade Separation project. The recommended plan can be viewed [here](#). I am very concerned about the impact that the proposed Marion/Archibald interchange will have on cyclists (particularly those using Archibald), on the future rapid transit route, and on the future development of the Public Market lanes east of the CN Emerson line. We will have to put some effort into halting or revising this plan, but we will have partners to work with.

## **Sherbrook Bike Lanes How To**

I've worked with the Sherbrook Street BIZ to put together a how to/etiquette guide for the Sherbrook parking protected bike lane, which should get distributed this spring/summer.