

Bike Winnipeg Education Committee Meeting Notes – Aug 24, 2015 - 7 pm at Jeremy's – 175
Wildwood Park

Attending: Bromley Basford, Mark Cohoe, Dave Elmore, Jim Falloon, Jeremy Hull,
Regrets: Laura Donatelli,

1. Employer-based Cycling Courses (Jeremy/Dave)

Jeremy approached two organizations about offering this course - Great West Life and Investors Group. Great West Life responded and have tentatively scheduled a course for Sat. Sept 12 provided enough employees sign up. Dave will design the course and teach it with assistance from Mark or Jeremy. We won't try to offer any other courses this fall. Green Action Centre would like to include an article on the course in their newsletter, either the fall or winter issue. We decided the fall issue would work best and that we will gear up and approach a larger number of employers in late winter or early spring next year.

5. Cycling education in schools (Bromley)

We discussed the idea of a pilot program to incorporate cyclist education into the school curriculum. We reviewed the idea as proposed by Bromley and discussed many specifics that will need to be dealt with, such as

- who will instruct the class and how they will be trained,
- what the role of phys. ed. teachers would be,
- what grades/ages it would be designed for,
- how many hours of instruction there would be,
- how to make sure students have bikes that fit them,
- insurance and safety issues,
- etc.

At this point we need to develop a proposal based on Bromley's initial presentation, with input from people with practical experience and advice. Bromley will form a working committee that will include members of the Bike Winnipeg Education Committee. We will invite others from WRENCH, Green Action Centre and other organizations to participate in this committee. We will also research similar programs in other jurisdictions. We anticipate that the proposal will go through several drafts and may then be presented to school divisions and potential funding organizations.