

Bike Winnipeg March 2016 Executive Director's Report

Statistics”

- Paid Members: 129
- Facebook Likes: 1384
- Twitter Followers: 2299
- Newsletter Subscribers: 1834

Admin

Budget

Still in progress, but I hope to have something at the March meeting for approval.

AGM

I've booked the West End Cultural Centre for April 30th for a 1-3pm AGM. I've also sent in a request for someone working on the Downtown Bike Lanes Network Study to provide a presentation at the AGM.

Advocacy

Provincial Election

Charles and I are setting up meetings with the political parties. We should also set something up on the web site and social media channels to ask our supporters to write to their candidates and ask for dedicated funding for infrastructure and for a commitment to the establishment of a Vision Zero policy for Manitoba.

City of Winnipeg Budget

The preliminary 2016 City of Winnipeg budget was released on March 2nd, with committee meetings to discuss the budget scheduled for March 8th through March 16th with a final vote of council scheduled for March 22nd.

I have signed up to speak in front of the following committees:

- March 8th - Standing Policy Committee on Property and Development, Heritage and Downtown Development
- March 14th - Standing Policy Committee on Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works
- March 15th - Executive Policy Committee

Some highlights from the budget

- Funding for new AT rises from \$2.4 million in 2015 to \$4.1 million in 2016
 - \$6.2 million in 2017
 - \$5.4 million 2018, 2019, 2020, and 2021
- AT included in roadway Projects rises from \$1.255 million in 2015 to \$4 million in 2016

- \$5.850 million in 2017
- \$2.000 million in 2018

While we are happy to see funding for AT increasing, the 2016 funding levels is still less than 50% of the funding recommended by the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies (averaged over 20 years).

Part of the problem is that all of the money spent on new AT facilities is cash to capital, meaning that there is no provincial or federal funding attached. One of the things we will be asking for is that implementation of the Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies be included as a priority for the Building Canada Fund.

As part of our provincial election strategy, we will also be asking for dedicated AT infrastructure funding from whoever forms the next provincial government.

City of Winnipeg Infrastructure

SWRTC

We prioritized our 'out of scope' requests for the SWRTC project, based on when we think work needs to begin on a given identified priority, and how important we think it is to the overall success of the project.

Downtown Protected Bike Lanes

A number of popup engagement opportunities have been announced to showcase 3 options that have been developed for Fort and Garry. Three options have been developed at this point. An online survey will also be available beginning March 11th.

I have asked for and received turning movements for the am and pm peak period for Fort and Garry as well, which need to be considered as part of the decision process. I will try and set up a meeting of interested people to discuss the various options after March 11th.

I have posted an [article](#) on our web site and added events. It links to the work that Dustin and I did last summer, points out some critical questions that need to be considered in any evaluation of the various designs, and includes a number of guide book links for people who want to delve a bit further into the issue.

McDermot

A number of popup engagement opportunities have been announced to showcase options that have been developed by the consultation team. An online survey will also be available beginning March 11th.

We will want to look to see that proper protection has been included (or that measures have been put in place to drastically reduce traffic if a mixed traffic option is being considered).

U of W Connectivity

This is still progressing, but there is nothing to report at this time.

CPR Yards Crossing Study

Nothing new to report.

Arlington Protected Bike Lanes

Nothing new to report, other than that I am hoping to get a grant from MEC to help us undertake a public outreach campaign centred around a proposal for protected bike lanes on Arlington.

Northwest Hydro Corridor

Nothing new to report.

East Corridor Rapid Transit

Its mentioned in the City of Winnipeg budget, but there is nothing to report at the moment.

Chief Peguis Trail Extension

No new news to report.

City of Winnipeg Planning Projects

No new news to report.

Provincial Infrastructure

No new news to report.

Outreach

I am working on a schedule of events for the spring/summer/fall.

I am also in touch with Functional Transit and will be setting up a meeting to discuss ways that we can collaborate in the future. Projects like the Main Street, Provencher and Arlington protected bike lanes would be discussed, as would a potential bike share along the SWRTC.

I have also been working with Transcona Trails and Councillor Wyatt regarding a connection between the Panet & Mission intersection and the Regent/Transcona Trail intersection.

Education

See [Jeremy's report](#). We will need to write a letter of support for the Green Action Centre to attain funding from MEC.

Fundraising

MEC Sponsorship Agreement

I am still waiting on terms of the partnership. I suspect we won't hear back until after the March 10th deadline for spring grant requests at MEC.

Grants

MEC Advocacy & Awareness Grant

I am working on an Advocacy and Awareness grant to help with outreach with regard to the Arlington Protected Bike Lanes proposal.

Manitoba Community Services Grant

I will get something together on this after March 10th. The request will be to cover operating costs related to our participation in stakeholder groups.

Canada Summer Jobs

Shawn, Kaye and I will need to meet this week.