

**Bike Winnipeg  
Executive Directors Report  
May 11, 2016**

**Statistics:**

- FaceBook: 1521 Likes
- Twitter: 2,356 Followers
- Listserve: 1,328
- Member: ~90

## **Advocacy**

### **Pembina Highway**

I developed a number of [recommendations](#) for the Pembina Highway rehabilitation project and posted them to our website. I attended the open house for the project on April 21<sup>st</sup> and discuss the project with many of the people who came by to look at the plans and provide feedback. I hope to get a revised set of recommendations that incorporates some of these suggestions into MMM today or tomorrow.

### **2016 AT Action Plan**

The 2016 Pedestrian and Cycling Action Plan came out with the agenda for the May 3<sup>rd</sup> Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee meeting. I spoke before the Infrastructure Renewal and Public Works Committee on May 3<sup>rd</sup> in support of the plan and to ask that implementation of the plan be included as one of the city's Building Canada priorities so that these projects would benefit from shared provincial & federal funding.

Two projects included in the draft action plan were deleted and replaced with other projects.

1. The St. Anne's Road Corridor Study was dropped off in favour of studies of Des Meurons and a River Road/Rivergate connection.
2. The Seven Oaks/Kildonan Crossing, which would have studied a Red River Crossing between the Harry Lazarenko (Redwood) Bridge and Settlers (Chief Peguis) Bridge (a 4.3km gap), was dropped in favour of a review of options to improve the bicycle and pedestrian facilities on the Kildonan Settlers (Chief Peguis) Bridge. A likely candidate location for such a bridge would be in the vicinity of Rupertsland to Bronx Park, essentially lining the Jefferson Corridor in Seven Oaks to the Kimberley Corridor in Kildonan. Both are important east/west connections in the planned bicycle network, so this could prove to be a highly used connection across the Red River if it were ever built.

I contacted councillors Mayes and Allard to discuss some recommendations for the Des Meurons study that would see its scope widened to include parallel streets and ensure that we looked at the full length of Des Meurons and the major crossings as part of this study. See below for my specific recommendations, which were presented before the Executive Policy Committee on May 11<sup>th</sup>.

1. Include St. George Road between Beliveau and Fermor within the scope of the study.
2. Include Des Meurons from Fermor Avenue to Provencher Boulevard within the scope of the study.
3. Include Enfield & St. Jean Baptiste within the scope of the study (including upgraded crossings of Marion, Goulet, and Provencher)
4. Include Youville & Rue Bourgeault from Marion to Ave De La Cathedrale within the scope of the study, including the crossing of Marion.

In the first case, Councillor Mayes felt that the St. Anne's study should wait until plans for a widening of St. Mary's move forward. His concern was that a quality facility along St. Anne's would simply dead end at St. Mary's, and that it is better to wait for improvements to St. Mary's to move forward before making improvements to St. Anne's

In the second case, Councillor Browaty objected to the eventual cost of any future Red River crossing, estimated to be around \$30 million including links on the Seven Oaks and Kildonan sides of the river.

Moving the deleted projects forward will require grass roots community support. Hopefully we can start to build up that support by cooperating with groups such as the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation and Northeast Pioneers Greenway Trial Association. See the Outreach section below for some outreach work that will help with this.

### **Fermor Avenue Seine River Bridge**

The project manager for the Fermor Avenue Seine River Bridge project has asked us to look at a potential cycling network for the Southdale/Island Lakes and Windsor Park areas. I am thinking that the best way to go about this is to try and set up an informal meeting of area members to get their input before replying to the city.

### **Arlington**

We should find out by May 15<sup>th</sup> whether our grant application for some additional outreach activities on Arlington Street was successful. Once we get that decision in hand, I will get in contact with the Daniel McIntyre/St. Mathews Community Association and Councillors Gilroy, Pagtakhan and Eadie to begin setting up some outreach activities to help build public support for protected bike lanes along Arlington.

### **Northwest Hydro Corridor**

I also want to do some public information sessions this fall to talk up the Northwest Hydro Corridor Greenway. These would focus on intersection crossings, and I would like to involve Councillor Sharma, who is very interested in seeing this project move forward. I am thinking we can do one session on the northern crossings, and a second session focused on the connection south to Empress.

## Fundraising

### MEC Partnership Agreement

We completed our partnership agreement with MEC, and have received \$3,400 for 2016. I have updated the MEC logo on the Partners page of our website, and am working with the local store to put together a ride during Bikefest on May 28<sup>th</sup>.

### Bontrager Helmets Funding

Phil Roadley from Bikes & Beyond connected me with the Canadian Sales manager for Trek Bikes, who donate \$1/helmet towards People for Bikes in the U.S. and the same amount per helmet to Share the Road in Ontario.

I sent an email requesting that they consider offering the same donation amount to Bike Winnipeg. Both Bikes & Beyond and Alter Ego sell Trek's Bontrager helmets in Winnipeg, so if this were to go ahead it could mean \$300-\$500/year for us.

## Membership/Outreach

### RENN

I presented before the River East Neighbourhood Network on April 27<sup>th</sup> to give the neighbourhood stakeholders an overview of some of the upcoming AT projects for their neighbourhood. It was a well-received presentation; the neighbourhood is definitely interested in improving conditions for walking and biking in their neighbourhoods. I've been asked to follow up with the Chalmers Neighbourhood Renewal Corporation who will be starting work on their 5 year neighbourhood plan next year and would like to involve us (similar to what we have offered to do for the Daniel McIntyre/St. Mathews Community Association, ride audits, planning, and facilitation).

### Winnipeg Arts Council ArtRides

We are working with the Winnipeg Arts Council again in 2016 to present a number of ArtRides that explore the city to link together a number of public art works. This year we are presenting 5 rides (weather permitting), up from 3 last year. The ArtRides are guided tours that include interpretation at the various stops where participants can learn about the art work. This year the Arts Council has arranged for the artists(s) that created the work to be present on some of the tours/art works to give participants a chance to discuss the art works. We'll need ride marshals to help with each of these rides, so if you are able to volunteer, please do.

[Sunday, June 19 • 3:00PM • St. James & Downtown • 2 hours](#)

[Sunday, July 17 • 10:30AM • Downtown, Osborne & St. Boniface • 1.5 hours](#)

[Saturday, August 13 • 10:00AM • Seven Oaks • 2 hours](#)

[Sunday, September 11 • 10:00AM • Downtown, St. Vital, St. Boniface • 2.5 hours](#)

[Saturday, September 24 • 7:45PM • Downtown, St. Boniface • 2 hours](#)

## Display Trailer Events

We had the display trailer out for two days at the Police Auction in Transcona and for the Earth Day celebration in FortWhyte Alive last month. We handed out over 150 maps between the two events, and signed up around 25 people to our mailing list at each event.

## Upcoming Display Trailer Events

We have a bunch of display trailer events coming up where we could use some help. Let me know if you can help out.

5/21/2016	Display Trailer	St. Norbert Farmers Market	3514 Pembina Highway	8:30am-12 noon
5/21/2016	Display Trailer	St. Norbert Farmers Market	3514 Pembina Highway	12 noon - 3:00pm
5/28/2016	Display Trailer	MEC BikeFest	Moutani Equipment Coop 303 Portage Avenue	9:30am - 1:00pm
5/28/2016	Display Trailer	MEC BikeFest	Moutani Equipment Coop 303 Portage Avenue	1:00pm-4:30pm
6/4/2016	Display Trailer	Ellice Street Festival	West End Cultural Centre 586 Ellice Avenue	11:30am - 2:00pm
6/4/2016	Display Trailer	Ellice Street Festival	West End Cultural Centre 586 Ellice Avenue	2:00pm - 4:30pm
6/8/2016	Display Trailer	Clean Air Day	The Forks Skating Canopy	TBD
6/11/2016	Display Trailer	Happy Days on Henderson	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Near Disraeli AT Bridge	10:30am to 1pm
6/11/2016	Display Trailer	Happy Days on Henderson	Mennonite Brethren Collegiate Institute Near Disraeli AT Bridge	1:00-3:30pm

## Bike Week

Aside from the ArtRide on June 19<sup>th</sup>, I am hoping to set up an infrastructure ride with Erik Dickson again this year, and a South St. Vital ride with Denis DePape. Both have committed to lead rides, I just need to nail down dates and details of the ride.

I have yet to pick a location for our Pit Stop (Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> 6:30am to 9:30am). I am thinking of setting up along Arlington.