

2ND REPORT OF THE
CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting held on January 20, 2016, commencing at 4:08 PM, in Committee Room #4, Second Floor, London City Hall.

PRESENT: D. Mitchell (Chair), J. Jordan, H. Ketelaars, W. Pol, C. Quirk, D. Szoller, M. Zunti and J. Martin (Committee Secretary).

ABSENT: B. Schulz and G. Sinclair.

ALSO PRESENT: M. Albanese, D. MacRae, A. Miller, E Soldo, J. Stanford and G. Strang.

I. CALL TO ORDER

1. Disclosures of Pecuniary Interest

That it BE NOTED that no pecuniary interests were disclosed.

II. SCHEDULED ITEMS

None.

III. CONSENT ITEMS

2. 1st Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee

That it BE NOTED that the 1st Report of the Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC), from its meeting held December 16, 2016, was received; it being noted that the CAC reconsidered part b) of clause 8, as noted in clause 5 of this Report.

3. Letter of Resignation - Ian Dantzer - London Chamber of Commerce Representative

That it BE NOTED that the communication dated January 11, 2016, from G. Macartney, London Chamber of Commerce with respect to the resignation of I. Dantzer, London Chamber of Commerce representative, was received.

IV. SUB-COMMITTEES & WORKING GROUPS

4. Cycling Advisory Sub-Committee Report

That it BE NOTED that there was not a Cycling Advisory Sub-Committee report.

V. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

5. Idaho Stop

That the Municipal Council BE ADVISED that the Cycling Advisory Committee (CAC) no longer recommends or supports the consideration of the implementation of "Idaho Stops" as previously noted in the 1st Report of the CAC; it being noted that the CAC received the attached presentation from D. MacRae, Division Manager Transportation Planning and Design, with respect to this matter.

6. Cycling Master Plan Update

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from D. MacRae, Division Manager Transportation Planning and Design, with respect to the Cycling Master Plan, was received.

7. Proposed London Bicycle Friendly Award

That the following actions be taken with respect to the proposed London Bicycle Friendly Award:

- a) the attached proposed London Bicycle Friendly Award Policy BE APPROVED;
- b) subject to the approval of part a) above, consideration BE GIVEN to presenting the London Bicycle Friendly Award annually, with the presentations of the Mayor's New Year's Honour List recipients; and,
- c) the communication dated November 3, 2016, from D. Szoller, with respect to this matter, BE RECEIVED.

8. 2016 Budget

That it BE NOTED that the Municipal Council resolution from its meeting held on January 12, 2015 with respect to the Draft 2016- 2019 Multi-Year Budget, was received; it being noted the Cycling Advisory Committee Sub-committee will prepare a submission with respect to this matter.

VI. DEFERRED MATTERS/ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

9. (ADDED) Letter of Resignation - Amir Farahi - Transportation Advisory Committee Representative

That it BE NOTED that the communication dated January 15, 2016, from A. Farahi, Transportation Advisory Committee representative, with respect to his resignation, was received.

10. (ADDED) Dundas Place

That it BE NOTED that a verbal update from D. MacRae, Division Manager Transportation Planning and Design, with respect to the Dundas Place project, was received.

VII. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 PM.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 17, 2016



“Stop as Yield” Law

Implemented in the State of Idaho in 1982 and approximately four Colorado municipalities. Originated in Idaho due to an influx of minor cycling tickets.

“A person operating a bicycle or human-powered vehicle approaching a stop sign shall slow down and, if required for safety, stop before entering the intersection...”

“A person operating a bicycle or human-powered vehicle approaching a steady red traffic control light shall stop before entering the intersection and shall yield to all other traffic...”



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Yield as Stop Benefits

- Bicycle Friendly Policy that can promote cycling
- Codifies natural behaviour
- Can promote cyclist use of neighbourhood streets with frequent stop signs
- Cyclist accommodation at traffic signals without bike detection

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Yield as Stop Concerns

- Limited precedents and data available on safety effects (two studies located).
- CanBike and League of American Bicyclists educate around principles of predictability - safety is improved when cycling like a vehicle. Stop as Yield codifies unpredictability.
- Could reduce pedestrian safety.
- Could undermine goodwill between road users and expend political capital. Oregon’s Bicycle Transportation Alliance, a cycling advocacy group cited animosity and loss of clout after a debate.
- Not a priority with Share the Road and the Ontario Traffic Council. Bike Advocacy Groups seem split. Bike Law Canada, Canadian Automobile Association and Bike Minnesota opposed.
- Not identified in the Ontario Cycling Strategy.

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City Staff Current Direction

- Highway Traffic Act modifications are provincial jurisdiction.
- Provincial laws create consistent expectations and behaviours.
- City staff do not have enough data to inform a position to promote.
- Cycling Master Plan focusses on other priorities such as infrastructure and programs.
- City staff will not be undertaking further research at this time due to resource limitations.

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Proposed London Bicycle Friendly Awards Policy

1. That following policy be established for the issuance of yearly London Bicycle Friendly Awards:
 - a) One Bicycle Friendly Award be presented once a year, in conjunction with the advisory committee process (to include public submissions) for nominations involving the Mayor's New Year's Honour List. These will be awarded to an exemplary individual or an organization or business that has contributed to making the City of London much more bicycle friendly.
 - b) The Cycling Advisory Committee members be authorized to collect/make nominations and select the recipient to be considered for Bicycle Friendly Awards with endorsement by Council;
 - c) The following criteria be established to qualify for the award, that nominees meet a minimum of three of these criteria:

Individual that:

- i) Volunteers or participates with local cycling events, bike rides or tours;
- ii) Actively cycles year round in compliance with the Ontario Highway Traffic Act and municipal by-laws;
- iii) Leads by example in demonstrating safe cycling skills; and,
- iv) Publically and proactively promotes the benefits of cycling.

Organization or Business that:

- i) Engages their staff, members, constituents and/or clients to actively commute to work and/or ride recreationally;
 - ii) Invests in secure, sheltered, monitored bicycle parking;
 - iii) Invests in on-site shower and change facilities;
 - iv) Offers employee training in bike safety, repair and maintenance;
 - v) Offers support for onsite or community bike events and functions;
 - vi) Offers a bicycle-friendly dress code and/or incentives to ride to work; and,
 - vii) Uses bicycle friendly services (ie bike couriers, bike trailer deliveries).
- d) On the understanding that:
- i) Unsuccessful nominations may be resubmitted in future years;
 - ii) Individuals currently serving on the Cycling Advisory Committee are not eligible for consideration; and,
 - iii) Businesses and organizations to be considered include but not be limited to: restaurants, grocery stores, manufacturers, offices, media, small and large retailers, bike stores, tourism operators, malls, boards and departments (ie library board, school boards, government, police) hotels and organizations (ie YMCA, health agencies).