
Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

Date

2018/05/08

Time

6:30 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members

Donnie Morris, Citizen Member, (Chair)
Irwin Nayer, Citizen Member, (Vice-Chair)
Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3
David Daglish, Citizen Member
Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member
Edisa Kozo, Citizen Member
Greg Symons, Citizen Member
Glenn Voakes, Citizen Member
Jonathan Giggs, Citizen Member
Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member
Natalie Half, Citizen Member
Richard Dubiel, Citizen Member
Roy Buchanan, Citizen Member

Agency Representatives/City Staff

Wayne Chan, Manager, Sustainable Transportation at Region of Peel
Jeremy Blair, Manager, Transportation Infrastructure Management
Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation
Fred Sandoval, Active Transportation Coordinator
Mattea Turco, Active Transportation Coordinator
Max Gill, Supervisor, Traffic Operation
Kimberly Hicks, Communications Advisor

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Find it Online

<http://www.mississauga.ca/portal/cityhall/cyclingadvisory>

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1. CALL TO ORDER
 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA
 3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST
 4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING
 - 4.1. Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee Minutes - April 10, 2018
 5. DEPUTATIONS
 - 5.1. Mississauga Moves – Transportation Master Plan (Michelle Berquist, Project Leader, Transportation 10 minutes)
 - 5.2. Burnhamthorpe Water Project – Cycling Detours and Accommodation (Representatives from Region of Peel and Hatch 10 minutes)
 6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

Pursuant to Section 42 of the Council Procedure By-law 0139-2013, as amended: Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee may grant permission to a member of the public to ask a question of Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee, with the following provisions:

 1. The question must pertain to a specific item on the current agenda and the speaker will state which item the question is related to.
 2. A person asking a question shall limit any background explanation to two (2) statements, followed by the question.
 3. The total speaking time shall be five (5) minutes maximum, per speaker.
 7. MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED
 - 7.1. Cycling Master Plan Draft and Committee Endorsement (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 15 minutes)
 - 7.2. Cycling on the Mississauga Transitway (Mattea Turco, Active Transportation Coordinator 10 minutes)
 - 7.3. Spring Safety Campaign (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 5 minutes)
 - 7.4. Bike Challenge – Partnership and Website Update (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation and Mattea Turco, Active Transportation Coordinator 10 minutes)
 - 7.5. 2018 Community Rides (Jonathan Giggs, Citizen Member and Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member 15 minutes)
 - 7.6. Ontario Bike Summit Debrief (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation, Mattea Turco, Active Transportation Coordinator and Jonathan Giggs, Citizen Member 10 minutes)

- 7.7. Joint Cycling Committees Meeting – June 2 (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 5 minutes)
- 7.8. Road Safety Committee Updates (Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member 10 minutes)
- 7.9. Promotions and Communications Subcommittee Update (Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member 5minutes)
- 7.10. Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee Work Plan
- 8. INFORMATION ITEMS
- 8.1. Cycling Discount (Councillor Fonseca 5 minutes)
- 9. OTHER BUSINESS
- 10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - June 12, 2018
- 11. ADJOURNMENT

City of Mississauga

Minutes



Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

Date

2018/04/10

Time

6:30 PM

Location

Civic Centre, Committee Room A - Second Floor,
300 Civic Centre Drive, Mississauga, Ontario, L5B 3C1 Ontario

Members Present

Donnie Morris, Citizen Member, (Chair)
Councillor Chris Fonseca, Ward 3 (Arrived at 7:00pm)
David Daglish, Citizen Member
Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member (Arrived at 6:54pm)
Edisa Kozo, Citizen Member
Ewelina Luczki, Citizen Member
Greg Symons, Citizen Member
Jonathan Giggs, Citizen Member
Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member
Natalie Half, Citizen Member
Roy Buchanan, Citizen Member

Members Absent

Irwin Nayer, Citizen Member, (Vice-Chair)
Richard Dubiel, Citizen Member

Present Agency Representatives/City Staff

Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation
Fred Sandoval, Active Transportation Coordinator
Mattea Turco, Active Transportation Coordinator
Kimberly Hicks, Communications Advisor
Stephanie Smith, Legislative Coordinator

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1. CALL TO ORDER – 6:30PM2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Approved (G. Symons)

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST – Nil4. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING4.1. Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee Minutes - March 6, 2018

Approved (D. Daglish)

5. DEPUTATIONS5.1. Peter Markiewicz, casual cyclist with respect to novice rider's gear shifting education

Mr. Markiewicz, spoke to conducting education sessions to teach participants of the Community Rides the basics on using bicycle gears when riding.

Members engaged in discussion with respect to: challenges with certain bike styles when changing gears; adding a teaching component to this year's rides; inspection of bikes prior to rides; and that CanBike offers bicycle courses through the City of Mississauga.

RECOMMENDATION

MCAC-0013-2018

That the deputation by Peter Markiewicz, casual cyclist with respect to novice rider's gear shifting education be received.

Received (J. Giggs)

6. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD - 15 Minute Limit

(Persons who wish to address the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee about a matter on the Agenda. Persons addressing the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee with a question should limit preamble to a maximum of two (2) statements, sufficient to establish the context for the question, with a 5 minute limitation. Leave must be granted by the Committee to deal with any matter not on the Agenda.)

7. MATTERS CONSIDERED

7.1. New Staff Introductions (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 5 minutes)

Mr. Sweet introduced the newly appointed Active Transportation Coordinators: Fred Sandoval and Mattea Turco.

7.2. Draft Cycling Master Plan Update Final Report (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 45minutes)

Mr. Sweet spoke to the 2018 Draft Cycling Master Plan and noted that any feedback needs to be provided by May 4, 2018. He outlined the following matters: goals and recommendations; the existing cycling network; needs and opportunities; reporting of cycling collisions; bicycle parking; and implementing costs.

Members engaged in discussion with respect to: the disappointment in the number of years to complete; a visionary plan to obtain corporate funding to fund aspects of the implementation of the master plan; timelines of the implementation of the master plan; creating complete communities between municipalities; vision should encourage non-cyclist to cycle; and endorsement of the Cycling Master Plan from the Committee.

7.3. Tour de Mississauga – Long Term Strategy (Matthew Sweet, Manager, Active Transportation 10 minutes)

Mr. Sweet noted that Council approved a Corporate Report where the City of Mississauga would hire SustainMobility to run the 2018 Tour de Mississauga and that a budget request would be put forward to obtain funding for future Tour de Mississauga's.

Jonathan Giggs spoke to the funding and the amount of staff hours dedicated to the Tour de Mississauga. Mr. Sweet provided clarification to the funding amount provided to SustainMobility.

7.4. Community Rides Update & Kick Off Rides Schedule (Jonathan Giggs, Citizen Member 10 minutes)

Mr. Giggs and Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member outlined the 2018 Community Ride Schedule.

Mr. Sweet spoke to a Bike Ride Challenge, registration system, and the potential to hire a SusatinMobility to run the onsite management of the Community Rides.

Members of the Committee engaged in discussion regarding the options for the Community Ride registration system, a celebration of life event for the late Jim Tovey and a potential opportunity to partner with Partners and Project Green.

RECOMMENDATION

MCAC-0014-2018

That SustainMobility organize the onsite management of the 2018 Community Rides and that the service fee of up to \$10,000.00 be allocated from the 2018 Committee of Council budget.

Approved (L. Verwey)

RECOMMENDATION

MCAC-0015-2018

That the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) enter into an agreement with CCN for the 2018 Community Ride registration system and that a fee of up to \$1,500.00 be allocated from the 2018 Committee of Council budget.

Approved (L. Verwey)

RECOMMENDATION

MCAC-0016-2018

That the following first three 2018 Community Rides be approved and that the remaining 2018 Community Ride schedule be circulated to Members of Council for their information:

- Saturday May 5, 2018 – Greater Toronto Airports Authority (GTAA) Airport Ride
- Saturday May 12, 2018 – Castlegreen Park (Tree planting)
- Saturday June 2, 2018 – Jim Tovey Memorial Ride (Waterfront Trail)

Approved (L. Verwey)

7.5. Road Safety Committee Updates (Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member 10 minutes)

Mr. Verwey spoke to two presentations at a previous Road Safety Committee meeting regarding the Transportation Master Plan update and the Cycling Master Plan update.

7.6. Network and Technical Subcommittee Update (Donnie Morris, Citizen Member and David Daglish 10minutes)

Mr. Daglish spoke to the results from a survey completed by previous Community Ride participants and highlighted areas of improvement for the upcoming Community Ride season.

Kimberly Kicks, Communications Advisor spoke to a issuing a media advisory and the communication tools available to promote the rides.

7.7. Promotions and Communications Subcommittee Update (Dorothy Tomiuk, Citizen Member 5minutes)

Ms. Tomiuk spoke to a Communications and Subcommittee report and outlined the Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee website and opportunities for input from the Committee.

8. INFORMATION ITEM

8.1. QEW Improvement Project from east of Cawthra Road to The East Mall

Leonard spoke to the email dated April 4, 2018 entitled QEW Improvement Project from east of Cawthra Road to The East Mall.

RECOMMENDATION

MCAC-0017-2018

That the email dated April 4, 2018 entitled QEW Improvement Project from east of Cawthra Road to The East Mall from Leonard Verwey, Citizen Member be received for information.

Received (J. Giggs)

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - May 8, 2018

10. ADJOURNMENT – 8:51PM (R. Buchanan)

City of Mississauga

Memorandum



Date: 2018/05/02

To: Chair and Members of Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee

From: Mattea Turco

Meeting Date: 2018/05/08

Subject: Cycling on the Mississauga Transitway

Background

At the January 9th, 2018 Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee meeting, members requested that staff investigate whether cycling would be permitted on the Mississauga Transitway.

Active Transportation staff corresponded with MiWay regarding the rationale for why cycling on the Transitway is not permitted. Staff reviewed nearby existing and proposed cycling infrastructure that serves as an alternative to going on the Transitway.

Transitway and Cycling

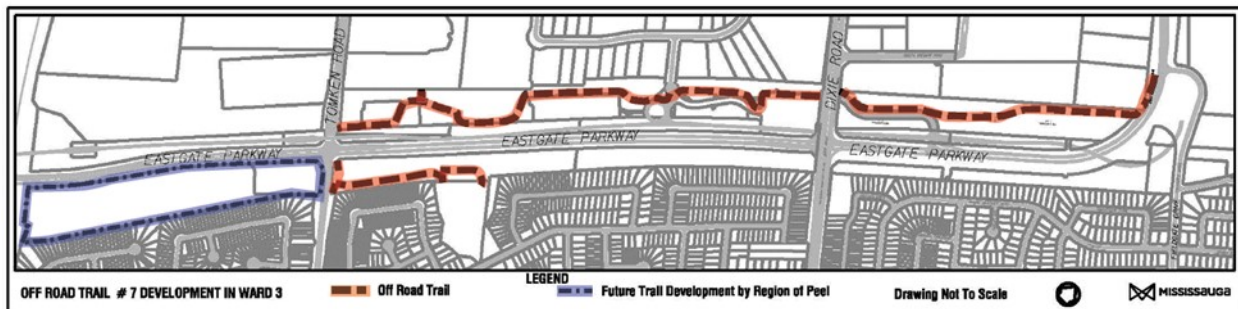
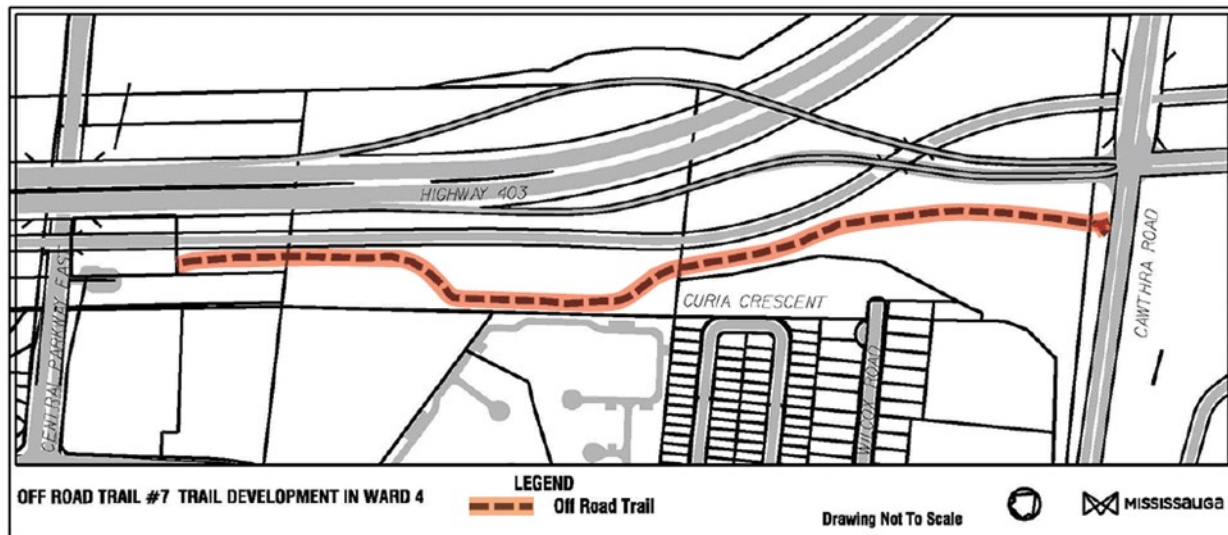
The Transitway operates in a dedicated corridor and is classified as a Restricted Access Municipal Highway under the Highway Traffic Act. Access is only permitted to authorized employees, assigns, contractors, suppliers or agents acting on behalf of the MTO, the City or Metrolinx and emergency personnel including police, municipal enforcement, fire and ambulance services.

From a design perspective, general lane configuration on the Transitway consists of travel lanes with widths of 3.75m and a paved shoulder/maintenance strip which can be as narrow as 0.5m in some areas. Immediately adjacent to the paved shoulder/maintenance strip are RSS (retained soil system) walls, jersey walls, existing grading constraints, etc. Structures on the Transitway do not have any additional space beyond the travel lanes and there are also instances of blind curves. As a result, there is no room to increase the width of the travel roadway to accommodate the minimum width requirements for a bicycle lane of 1.5m as the bicycles cannot travel in the same lane as buses. Furthermore, the posted speed on sections of the Transitway between stations is 80km/h, which is not supportive of a safe environment for cyclists.

Based on the roadway classification and the design of the Transitway and with safety in mind, pedestrians and cyclists are not permitted on the Transitway.

Alternative Route

The Off Road Trail #7 (ORT 7) is a trail that will run parallel to the Transitway from Central Parkway to Cawthra Road, and from Tomken Road to Fieldgate Drive, with the piece between these two sections being built by the Region of Peel (see scope maps below).



The ORT 7 will be a 3.5 metre wide asphalt trail with crossings at Cawthra Road, Eastgate Parkway, Tomken Road, Dixie Road, and Fieldgate Drive. Active Transportation staff are working with Community Services to ensure that proper crossings for cycling are provided at these locations.

The public consultation for this project took place in March 2016 and the construction is scheduled to start later this year, to be complete in 2019.

Prepared by: Mattea Turco

Joint Cycling Committee Meeting – Lake Ontario West

From: Bender, Daryl [mailto:Daryl.Bender@hamilton.ca]

Sent: 2018/04/11 10:00 AM

To:

Subject: Joint Cycling Ctte mtg – Lake Ontario West

Joint Cycling Cttes mtg: Lake Ontario West - contacts,

The City of Hamilton is planning to host the next mtg of this group on June 2. We welcome one or two reps from each of your municipalities, and we have the following ideas suggested thus far as possible agenda items. We welcome your ideas as well.

Legal: e-bikes & pedalecs

Design: Contra-flow bicycle lanes

Design: interchanges

Design: Provincial standards update

PR: Cycling awareness for mid-sized cities

PR: Activities/lobbying in your community

PR: Cycling promotion in elementary schools, etc.

PR: Bicycle anti-theft programs

Operations: Winter maintenance

Hamilton is pleased to host, and invitations have been sent to:

Niagara

Haldimand

Waterloo/Cambridge

Wellington/Guelph

Halton – Burlington

Halton – Oakville

Mississauga

Regards,

Daryl Bender B.E.S.

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Planning and Economic Development, City of Hamilton

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2018 MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

PRIORITIES	DELIVERABLE	LEAD	FOLLOW-UP	ESTIMATED COSTS	STATUS	START DATE	FINISH DATE	NOTES / COMMENTS
COMMUNITY RIDES - 4th Year - 23 Rides - 2500+ Participants - Achieving City of Mississauga's Strategic Plan	23 Community Rides	Network and Technical Subcommittee	Donnie Morris	\$18,000.00	On Going	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	1. Planned routes of 23 rides through the City 2. Each ride to be tested 3. Volunteers to be recruited 4. Continue to improve success of rides and ridership
	Cue Sheets	Network and Technical Subcommittee	Donnie Morris		On Going	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• Maps of Cycling Routes
	Registration	Network and Technical Subcommittee	Donnie Morris		Not Started	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• Online Registration of Participants
	Community Rides Punch Cards	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk		Not Started	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• Community Rides Punch Cards
	T-shirts	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk		Completed	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• T-shirts for Community Rides
	Food	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk		Not Started	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• Coordinate refreshments with various vendors for the end of the ride (e.g. Dairy Queen)
	Social Media	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk		Completed	May 1, 2018	October 31, 2018	• Advertise on Social Media Platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, MCAC Website, etc.)
	TOTAL COSTS FOR COMMUNITY RIDES <i>Please Note: \$8000 is from a sponsorship from the GTAA</i>			\$18,000.00				
MCAC PROJECTS - Maintain MCAC Committee Integrity - Develop and maintain MCAC Committee member's knowledge, experience, and expertise	MCAC Website	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$269.90	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Payment for Yearly Domain Registration Fee
	Participation in Conferences, Bike Show, Meetings, and Seminars by MCAC Committee Members	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$3,000.00	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Conferences, Meetings, and Seminars regarding Cycling Initiatives (e.g. Bike Shows, etc.)
	Cycling Master Plan Update	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$-	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• MCAC members to work with Staff to review, provide support and input into update of the Cycling Master Plan
	Phil Green Award	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Donnie Morris	\$100.00	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Cost towards purchasing the plaque (Award to an individual that is promoting or furthering cycling or other forms of sustainable transportation in the City of Mississauga)
	Promotions & Participation	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$500.00	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Promote various events of partnered local organizations (e.g. Earth Market, Amazing Green Race, Green Belt, Great Waterfront Trail Adventure, Share the Road Greg's Ride, etc.) • Participate in Events

2018 MISSISSAUGA CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE WORK PLAN

PRIORITIES	DELIVERABLE	LEAD	FOLLOW-UP	ESTIMATED COSTS	STATUS	START DATE	FINISH DATE	NOTES / COMMENTS
	Registration for Award Applications	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$ 500.00	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Cycling Master Plan Update
	Youth Engagement	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$ -	Not Started	March 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Working on a tool-kit document to be distributed to schools in the Region
	Public Engagement	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$ -	Not Started	April 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Staff will be working on Education campaign and will incorporate input from MCAC
	Vision Zero	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$ -	On Going	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Educating regarding Vision Zero and cycling safety (i.e. Conduct presentations to various stakeholders)
	Bike Month (May 27 - June 30, 2018)	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$ -	Not Started	May 20, 2018	June 30, 2018	• Advertise on Social Media Platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, MCAC Website, etc.)
	Bike to School Week (May 27 - June 3, 2018)	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$ -	Not Started	May 20, 2018	June 3, 2018	• Advertise on Social Media Platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, MCAC Website, etc.)
	Bike to Work Day (May 27 - June 30, 2018)	Communication and Promotions Subcommittee	Dorothy Tomiuk	\$ -	Not Started	May 20, 2018	June 30, 2018	• Advertise on Social Media Platforms (e.g. Facebook, Twitter, MCAC Website, etc.)
	Year End Report to Council (does deputation occur once a year only?)	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$ -	Not Started	October 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	• Update members of Council on accomplishment related to the Committee
Tour de Mississauga	Tour de Mississauga	Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee	Donnie Morris	\$ 5,000.00	Not Started	January 1, 2018	December 31, 2018	MCAC members to continue to provide support for Tour de Mississauga (organized by Sustain Mobility)
	TOTAL COSTS FOR MCAC PROJECTS			\$ 9,369.90				

TOTAL COSTS FOR MCAC PRIORITIES	\$ 27,369.90
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■ POVERTY REDUCTION STRATEGY UPDATE

CYCLING DISCOUNT

Maryam Mirza

To reduce poverty in the **City of Toronto**, a councillor is saying the city can do more to further transportation equity. One suggestion is to encourage residents of the city's neighbourhood improvement areas to use bicycles by providing free Bike Share program fobs.

Ward 21 St. Paul's councillor **Joe Mihevc** told *NRU* that along with the Fair Fare Pass that was implemented earlier this month to enable some of Toronto's most vulnerable residents to use transit, the city should provide these same residents with free access to Bike Share. Given the strong correlation between poverty and a lack of mobility options, he says the city must address transportation equity if it is to move forward on breaking the cycle of poverty.

The suggestion comes as part of the transportation equity panel—of the Poverty Reduction Strategy Speaker Series—that was held at city hall on Monday. The

series is intended to engage the public and generate new ideas, which will be used to update the Poverty Reduction Strategy, a 20-year plan adopted by council in 2015.

"The issue we're discussing is what kind of programs can be put in place to help people access transit better," Mihevc said. "If people had a greater way to access cycling then they might have more access to appointments, jobs and opportunities."

Currently about 150,000 Toronto residents participate in the Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Program, and are now eligible for the Fair Fare (TTC) Pass. While all participants may not want to cycle as a means to get around the city, Mihevc says discounting the Bike Share program would make active transportation options, such as cycling, more accessible.

The city is building more cycling infrastructure, such as cycle lanes, to allow

access to essential everyday appointments, Mihevc says. However, he says there is more to do, and council should prioritize cycling infrastructure projects in the city's 10-year cycling network plan to improve connectivity for residents of neighbourhood improvement areas.

Engineering and construction services spokesperson **Cheryl San Juan** told *NRU* that two of the 31 designated neighbourhood improvement areas—Thornccliffe Park and Flemingdon Park—have been identified in the 10-year cycling network plan as areas.

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Photographer Lorie Slater takes photos all around Toronto, capturing still scenes of urban change. She prints her photos on wood and metal. See page 3

SOURCE: LORIE SLATER



LORIE SLATER PHOTOGRAPHY
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UPCOMING

APRIL

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Council, 9:30 a.m., council chamber

- 30** Government Management Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

MAY

- 1** Nominations open for municipal electoral candidates

Planning & Growth Management Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 2** Etobicoke York Community Council, 9:30 a.m., council chamber, Etobicoke Civic Centre

North York Community Council, 9:30 a.m., council chamber, North York Civic Centre

Scarborough Community Council, 9:30 a.m., council chamber, Scarborough Civic Centre

Toronto & East York Community Council, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 3** Parks & Environment Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 8** Public Works & Infrastructure Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 9** Community Development & Recreation Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 10** Design Review Panel, time TBC, committee room 2

Economic Development Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

- 14** Executive Committee, 9:30 a.m., committee room 1

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Council, 9:30 a.m., council chamber

- 28** Budget Committee, committee room 1, city hall



IN BRIEF

DCs for secondary units?

Executive committee directed staff to report to council next week on the elimination of development charges for secondary dwelling units as detailed in the residential charge section of the proposed Development Charges By-law.

More consideration for RER grade separation

Report on the SmartTrack Station Program and Metrolinx Regional Express Rail Program was moved forward by executive committee to next week's council meeting with one amendment. The amendment from Ward 37 Scarborough Centre councillor Michael Thompson asked council to direct staff to report early in 2019 on Metrolinx's consideration of additional grade separations on the Stouffville and Barrie GO corridors, in the context of a future staff report on city infrastructure implications of the GO RER program.

More research on vacant home tax

Executive committee adopted

the staff report without amendment, directing the interim CFO to undertake further research on a vacant home tax program and report back, as appropriate, during the 2018 to 2022 term of council.

Reducing GHG emissions

This week the City of Toronto announced that it will be undertaking 10 major projects this year to help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, as part of the city's TransformTO Climate Action Strategy.

The province has committed \$52-million to fund these initiatives through the Municipal Challenge Fund.

By 2031 these 10 projects are estimated to have reduced greenhouse gas emissions by 361,020 tonnes:

- TTC will replace 30 clean diesel buses with 30 electric battery buses
- Dufferin Organics Processing Facility gain a biogas upgrading facility that will reduce biogas production and convert it into renewable natural gas
- Green Fleet Acceleration Project will replace 220

light-duty gasoline-powered vehicles with 156 electric vehicles and 64 plug-in hybrid vehicles

- Toronto Paramedic Services facility will be retrofitted to be energy efficient and reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 91,411 tonnes
 - An Early Learning and Childcare Centre will be built in the Mount Dennis neighbourhood, becoming the city's first net zero facility
 - St. Lawrence Market will be retrofitted to include a renewable geo-exchange system, consuming 75 per cent less gas
 - Etobicoke Civic Centre, seven condominiums in Liberty Village, Canada Square lands at 2180 and 2200 Yonge Street, and a building at 53 Markham Road will be retrofitted with low-carbon thermal-energy networks that will reduce 104,380 tonnes of greenhouse gas emissions.
- The TransformTO Climate Action Strategy aims to reduce the city's greenhouse gas emissions by 80 per cent by 2050. 🌱

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TORONTO WITH A TWIST

Rob Jowett

The Twist Gallery on Queen Street West is showcasing Toronto's architecture and streetscapes through art.

Featuring Toronto artists who depict the city in a variety of different ways, the show—Cityscapes: Skylines, Skyscrapers and the CN Tower—is intended to enable visitors “to explore the city from all angles.”

Featured photographer **Lorie Slater** told *NRU* the diversity, vibrancy, and ever-changing nature of the city is what inspires her work.

“I love cityscapes and I love the city of Toronto and I love to shoot it and kind of memorialize things because things change so fast,” she says.

“You’re walking down the street and it’s very business-y and then like two blocks over it’s something totally different and it’s just alive,” Slater says. “It’s just really got a vibe and an energy of its own.”

Among Slater’s photos, which she mounts on metal, is the Hotel Waverly. The hotel, located at College and Spadina, is now closed and the site slated for redevelopment into condos. But for a long time it was an important destination in the city.

“It was kind of one step from homelessness for a lot of people. A lot of social workers would take people off the streets and put them into the Hotel Waverly until they could

find them more permanent accommodation,” she says. “Hotel Waverly...was kind of a really important piece of our city that will be no more.”

Another featured artist is **Emanuel Pavao**. He says the city is a huge inspiration to him for his work.

“The subject matter of the city is always just a natural thing. It’s the environment,” he says. “I’ve always liked the grittiness of it.”

Pavao works with tape, an art style that both the gallery and other artists say is unique. The tape began as an experiment and now it helps him show his art and his own views of the city.

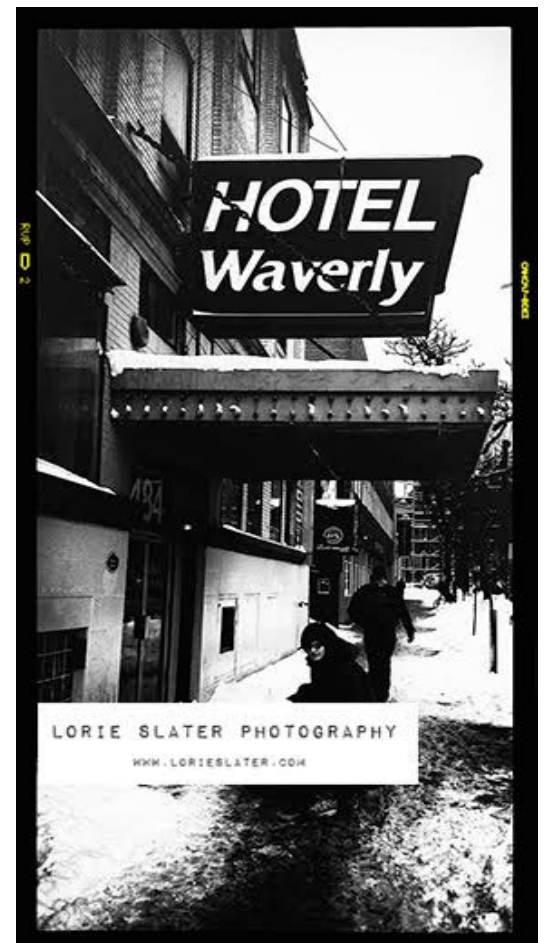
“I try to keep it real. I just think that we’re shaped by our environment and so it’s important to acknowledge everything around us.”

He says that his biggest

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Hotel Waverly,
Finch Car
SOURCE: LORIE SLATER



TORONTO WITH A TWIST

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influence was being raised in Toronto.

"It's a form of identity for me. I identify being from the city and I'm totally cool with that."

Not all the artists focus on life in the city, says photographer **Taku Kumabe**, who is showing his sunrise series of the Toronto skyline. He describes himself as a nature photographer, who often finds that nature right in the city.

"As we get busier and busier, we often forget that... Toronto's surrounded by great parks," he says. "So that series is my way of... showing everybody in the Toronto community, and I guess around the world, that beauty like this is just down the street from you, literally."

Kumabe, like many of the artists, is not a full-time photographer. A graphic designer by day, he says his photography allows him to stay

connected to the city and to the world.

"Ever since I can remember, I've been drawn more to the natural aspects of our city."

He began taking photos of the sunrise as a hobby, and it has grown into a passion for him. He takes his skyline photos around Humber Bay and Colonel Sam Smith parks.

Painter **Marzena Kopatska** has spent over 30 years making renderings of architectural designs. She says this gave her the technical skills to put into her painting.

"I like buildings," she says. "Humans have this interaction with buildings, with spaces, with light, with the stuff that's around us all the time."

Photographer Taku Kumabe is showcasing his Sunrise Series. Kumabe likes to find nature in the city.

SOURCE: TAKU KUMABE

She says she wants to paint urban life through this lens.

"That's what I'm trying to portray. The city, the vibrancy of it, and also the beauty of it."

Cityscapes is showing at Twist Gallery—1100 Queen Street West—until April 28.

Rob Jowett wrote this story while on assignment with NRU. 🌸

Strong Money and Turn the Corner by artist Emanuel Pavao, who uses tape, a unique medium he taught himself. His scenes of Toronto life often highlight social and economic divisions among people in the city.

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needing cycling facilities.

Next week council will consider a staff report recommending cycling routes be constructed in the Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park neighbourhoods. If approved at council's April 24-26 meeting, this cycling infrastructure will be constructed this summer, said San Juan.

Mihevc says the city's installation of bicycle lanes in these neighbourhoods is a positive step forward in improving cycling connectivity across the city. However, Bike Share doesn't provide service to Thorncliffe Park or Flemingdon Park.

Scarborough Cycles bike hub coordinator **Marvin Macaraig** agrees with Mihevc. He explains that having free access to Bike Share would only be useful if the network

of cycling infrastructure is located close to where people live and need to travel.

"This issue may not be apparent in the downtown core, where there are many docks nearby and there is a better network of infrastructure," he said. "But this is definitely an issue in suburban areas, where the location of the Bike Share docks are further apart, and where there is even less cycling infrastructure."

Bike Share program manager **Sean Wheldrake** told *NRU* the priority for growing the program is to install docks in mixed-use areas such as along King and Queen streets, which have higher rates of ridership.

"Thorncliffe doesn't have that component—it's primarily standalone residential buildings, and then it's a giant

mall—so there's very little reason to have lots of trips," he added.

However, the neighbourhood has a lot of residents, and he says, that makes it an attractive area to serve. While plans to install Bike Share docks in Thorncliffe Park is not part of this year's budget, it could be he added.

"We're having meetings with city planning ... because [of] some huge projects going on—for example the

downtown relief line," he said. "These long-term planning projects will foresee changes to these areas, and [then] Bike Share will become a really viable operation in these areas."

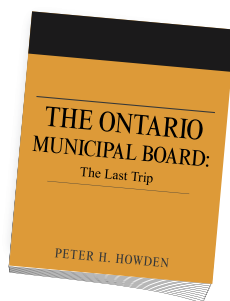
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- Sean Wheldrake

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MIDTOWN MID-RISE APPROVED

In an April 18 decision, LPAT member **Paula Boutis** allowed an appeal by **Muir Park Development** against the **City of Toronto's** failure to make a decision regarding its rezoning application for 2851 Yonge Street.

Muir Park proposes a seven-storey rental apartment building containing 41 dwelling units and a ground-floor commercial retail unit. The proposal has been revised from the initial submission for an eight-storey building with 49

apartment units.

Although the proposal as amended received a positive staff report, it was not approved by council, which passed a resolution requiring that the building be further revised with an increased rear (east) setback, and that no part of the building be located above grade within the minimum rear setback distance. City legal attended the hearing to support the position of council, but called no planning evidence.

Architect **Babak Eslahjou (CORE)** and planner **Ian Graham (R.E. Millward & Associates)** provided evidence

for Muir Park in support of the appeal. They testified that the proposed development has been designed in accordance with the city's avenues and mid-rise design guidelines and conforms to the prevailing

policy framework.

Neighbour **Desmond Layland** called planner **Terry Mills (ARRIS Strategy Studio)** to testify in support of his opposition to the proposed

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development, which arose mainly from his concerns about privacy and overlook. The Layland residence is located across from the rear of the development site, separated by a private lane used only by a few dwellings.

Mills testified, and the city agreed, that the required 7.5-metre rear yard setback of the proposed development should be measured from the rear lot line and should not include the three-metre private lane. The tribunal

did not accept this position and found that Muir Park's calculation of the rear setback, which includes the width of the lane, meets the requirements of the mid-rise design guidelines.

The tribunal adopted Eslahjou and Graham's evidence and allowed the appeal, but withheld issuance of its final order pending finalization of the zoning by-law amendment and submission of a revised functional servicing report.

Solicitors involved in this decision were **David Bronskill (Goodmans)** representing Muir Park Development Inc., **William Roberts (William H. Roberts Barrister & Solicitor)** for Desmond Layland and city solicitor **Alexander Suriano** for the City of Toronto. [See LPAT Case No. [PL170923](#).]



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TLAB NEWS

ROSEDALE VARIANCES APPROVED, NEIGHBOURS' APPEALS DISMISSED

In an April 10 [decision](#), TLAB chair **Ian Lord** dismissed appeals by **Alfred Page** and **Jerome Carron** against the **City of Toronto** committee of adjustment's approval of a minor variance application by **Paul Kuzyk**.

Kuzyk seeks variances to permit a two-storey rear addition to his residence at 72 Crescent Road, in Toronto's Rosedale neighbourhood. The next-door neighbours on both sides appealed the decision

of the COA to approve the variance application.

Carron, owner of the westerly abutting property, objected to the proposal and retained architectural technologist **Cindy McPhee (First Step Design)** to testify in support of his appeal. McPhee characterized the proposed addition as insensitive to the surrounding context, and stated that it will result in shadowing and a loss of privacy for Carron's property

Page, the easterly adjacent neighbor, expressed concerns regarding the massing and

overlook impacts of the addition, and feared that drainage issues causing flooding in his backyard could arise.

Planner **Johnathan Benczkowski (Sol-Arch)** provided evidence for Kuzyk, in opposition to the appeals. He explained that the proposed addition will occupy the same footprint as a previous one-storey rear addition and portico that have been demolished. He testified that many homes in Rosedale have been expanded with a range of additions, and the proposal fits within this

range, as well as within the continuum of variance relief authorized by the committee throughout the surrounding area.

Based on Benczkowski's uncontested expert testimony, the TLAB found that the four tests are met by the application, and that it will have no adverse impact, notwithstanding the objections of the neighbours.

The appeals were allowed, in part, with the TLAB's imposition of an additional condition reducing the width of the rear basement walkout

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from four to two metres in order to increase the east side lot line setback. Otherwise, the variances were authorized.

Solicitor **Amber Stewart** (**Amber Stewart Law**) represented Paul Kuzyk.

LYTTON PARK CONSENT AND VARIANCE APPROVED

In an April 4 [decision](#), TLAB chair **Ian Lord** allowed appeals

by **Kevin Cowie** against the **City of Toronto** committee of adjustment's refusal of his consent and minor variance applications. Cowie proposes to sever his property at 123 Glengrove Avenue into two lots with equal 7.59-metre frontages, and to construct one detached three-storey dwelling on each lot.

Planner **Janice Robinson** (**Goldberg Group**) provided

evidence on behalf of Cowie, in support of the appeals. She presented a study area which demonstrated that 21 per cent of lots in the area have frontages similar to or narrower than those proposed, although there has been zero severance activity in the area during her 10-year study period.

When questioned by the TLAB about whether the proposed development could create a negative precedent, Robinson stated that this would be unlikely, given that extensive renewal and new construction has taken place on existing lots of record throughout the neighbourhood.

Robinson explained that the proposed dwellings are designed with third-storey step-backs and dormer windows to lessen their massing impact and to reinforce the prevailing physical character of the surrounding streetscape.

Neighbours **James Connolly** and **Steven Green**

were in attendance at the hearing, in opposition to the proposal. Connolly testified that lots in Lytton Park predominantly have 50-foot frontages which, he believed, should be maintained to conserve the area character. Green expressed concern that an additional curb cut will have impacts on the road system, exacerbating an existing parking shortage and creating safety concerns for pedestrians.

The TLAB adopted Robinson's evidence that the severed lots will fit within the fabric of the neighbourhood, and that the application meets the statutory tests.

The appeals were allowed, subject to consent and variance conditions.

Solicitors **Mary Flynn-Guglietti** and **Kailey Sutton** (**McMillan**) represented Kevin Cowie. 🌸



72 Crescent Road, Toronto

SOURCE: GOOGLE MAPS

PEOPLE

John Brodhead has been appointed director of policy and strategy at Sidewalk Labs in Toronto, effective April 30. Formerly, Brodhead was chief of staff

to Indigenous services minister Jane Philpott.

Urban Strategies has announced the following changes in its staff team:

Promoted from associate to senior associate are **Anna Iannucci**, **Habon Ali**, **Tyler Baker**, **Josh Neubauer** and **Yiwen Zhu**. Promoted from planner to

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designer to associate is **David Burns**.