

CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Minutes
October 26, 2004

Present: Susanna Grimes, Tom Sutton, Gerald Hartwig, John Luton, Bruce Dean, and Claire Lynch.

Regrets: Geoff Johnson

Staff: Councillor Denise Savoie, Brad Dellebuur, Transportation Planner, Transportation Section, and Christine Brinton, Recording Secretary

The meeting was called to order at 12:04 p.m., in Committee Room #2, with Susanna Grimes in the Chair.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

MOVED

SECONDED

That the agenda dated October 26, 2004 be approved as circulated with the following additions:

Chestnut Street at Fort Street – street reopening
Blanshard Street and Caledonia Avenue – curb extension

CARRIED

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES

MOVED

SECONDED

That the minutes of September 28, 2004 be approved as circulated with the following changes:

Under the heading *Arena Bike Parking*, third paragraph of page 2, the first sentence should read:

- ◆ **Concerns** were raised about the impermanency, visibility, and security of the planned bicycle structure, and the number of bicycles the current design holds.

CARRIED

NEW BUSINESS

Council Update

Councillor Denise Savoie updated the Committee on several issues:

Bicycle Courier Bylaw – at the April, 2004 Cycling Advisory Committee meeting, the Victoria Police Department requested support from Cycling Advisory Committee to amend and strengthen the Bicycle Courier Bylaw by incorporating a suspension clause (show-cause

hearing) for bicycle couriers who repeatedly violate the *Motor Vehicle Act* and City Bylaws. Common infractions include riding on sidewalks, riding against the flow of traffic, riding through red lights, as well as not meeting the identification requirements of the bylaw. This issue was referred back to the Cycling Advisory Committee by City Council, who felt this should come back for further discussion.

A meeting between the Victoria Police Department and the bicycle courier businesses was suggested, and as a result of this meeting, the two may be able to jointly resolve this issue and bring a resolution to the Cycling Advisory Committee.

ACTION:

- **That the Victoria Police Department and the bicycle courier companies be requested to meet together and bring a joint recommendation back to the Cycling Advisory Committee.**

Parking Bylaw – this proposed bylaw is now complete, Brad Dellebuur to advise when this item will go forward to City Council.

Announcement on Cycling Infrastructure Partnerships Program – Staff will be applying for 2004 funding for the 800 block Caledonia Avenue and will also be applying for 2005 funding. The maximum available funding per project is \$250,000.

Bay Street – Sweep and Clean – Councillor Denise Savoie advised the Committee that Bay Street is back to its previous condition. City crews are doing regular cleanup, but the condition remains the same. City staff are currently meeting with property owners to help resolve this issue.

12:20 pm – Tom Sutton entered the meeting.

CONTINUING BUSINESS

Cyclist Right-of-Way Enforcement - MOTION

Constable Blair Martens, RCMP, Integrated Road Safety Unit was present for this portion of the meeting.

Constable Martens of the IRSU gave the Cycling Advisory Committee a briefing on the new Integrated Road Safety Unit. The IRSU will be comprised of 15 police officers from the following departments: 5 from the RCMP; 4 from the Victoria Police Department; 4 from the Saanich Police Department; 1 from Central Saanich; and, 1 from the Oak Bay Police Department.

The IRSU will be specifically targeting impaired drivers, aggressive drivers and those failing to wear their seatbelt. The enforcement area will be the Capital Regional District. This Unit will deploy strategically to high crash areas and work in concert with existing Traffic Sections of the area municipalities.

The City of Victoria Bicycle Master Plan has focused on key areas that should form the basis of future municipal efforts in promoting cycling. These areas include: developing community acceptance and educating the community on the benefits of cycling. If we are to fully integrate cycling as a viable transportation option; improving the level of safety is a priority; and,

education programs, enforcement, legislation and developing cycling facilities (with the provision of safe cycling routes).

After some discussion the Cycling Advisory Committee made the following recommendation:

MOVED

SECONDED

Recognizing the true threats to cyclist and pedestrian serious injury and death, as supported in the 2003 City of Toronto Bicycle/ Motor-Vehicle Collision Study, the City of Victoria Cycling Advisory Committee recommends that Integrated Road Safety Unit (IRSU) target enforcement campaigns be directed towards preventing cyclist and pedestrian serious injury and death through Enforcement of Cyclist and Pedestrian Right-of-Way – in locations and situations where studies indicate the greatest threat.

CARRIED

Greenways Plan

Joseph Daly gave the Committee an overview on the City of Victoria Greenways Plan, which provides a policy framework for the development of a greenways system throughout the City of Victoria. This was adopted by City Council on August 28, 2003.

There have been two meetings of the Greenways Committee, new and current issues include the Bicycle Master Plan, policy development, implementing a City-wide greenways grid, incorporating greenways requirements into development reviews, identifying capital projects on greenways, and identifying pilot greenways projects.

Committee members inquired about the path leading to Banfield Park and possible pedestrian/cyclist conflicts at the water fountain, near the Trans-Canada Trail kiosk.

ACTION:

- **Joe Daly will look into this issue.**

Johnson Street Bridge: Metal Sewer Covers and Bridge Decks

Brad Dellebuur advised the Committee that several metal sewer covers will be “anti-skid” coated as a trial, and once this has been completed he will report back.

West Side Rail Trail

Staff advised the Committee that there is an upcoming Committee of the Whole Report stating that Kimta Road frontage will have bike lanes on both sides of the road, parking and greenspace.

Caledonia at Blanshard

John Luton requested the City look at the southbound bike lane at the proposed curb realignment along Caledonia Avenue. Brad Dellebuur stated this is currently under review.

Capital Projects

Dallas Road Seaside Trail Twinning – this issue is currently with Parks, however there are no immediate construction plans.

Bike lanes to UVIC – the Committee discussed the need for more cycling routes connecting to Fort Street. Staff advised that the City is reviewing a more cycling-friendly cross-section for Fort Street.

Gallopig Goose at Alpha Street – John Luton asked staff to review Alpha Street at the Gallopig Goose Trail. They may need paving, as gravel is loose and unstable for cyclists.

ACTION:

- John Luton will forward pictures to Brad Dellebuur.

Chevron Stenciling Pilot – a stencil is used where cars and bikes share a wide curb lane. This issue was discussed a number of months ago. A stencil is to be installed on Finlayson Road, east of Douglas Street.

Chestnut at Fort – Some Chestnut Street residents want their road closure to stay in place and have contacted John Luton to advise that placing a median on Fort Street will reduce road space for cyclists.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be Tuesday, November 23, 2004, 12:00 - 2:00 pm in Committee Room #2 at City Hall.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 p.m.