

REPORT NO. 209 of the
ENVIRONMENT, TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC SAFETY
STANDING COMMITTEE
of its meeting held April 23, 2014

Present:

- Councillor J. Gignac**
- Councillor A. Halberstadt**
- Councillor R. Jones**
- Councillor H. Payne**
- Councillor F. Valentinis, Chair**

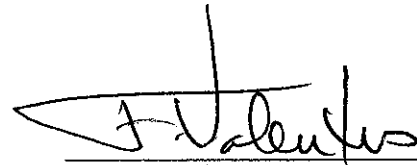
That the following recommendations of the Environment, Transportation and Public Safety Standing Committee **BE APPROVED:**

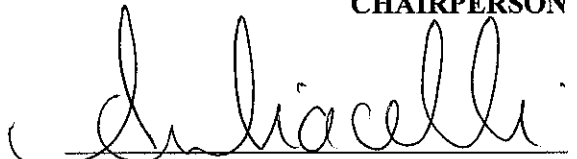
Moved by Councillor Gignac, seconded by Councillor Jones,
THAT the Annual Report for the Windsor Bicycling Committee 2013 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

Councillor Payne was absent at the time the vote was taken.

Clerk's Note: The Annual Report for the Windsor Bicycling Committee 2013 is attached as background information.


CHAIRPERSON


SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

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Windsor Bicycling Committee		on file		

Annual Report for the Windsor Bicycling Committee 2013

The Windsor Bicycling Committee worked on many projects throughout 2013 that raised awareness of the benefits of cycling, encouraged Windsorites to ride and increased the safety of our citizens while riding in Windsor.

In May, chairperson Kari Gignac was sent to Toronto for the annual Ontario Biking Summit, hosted by the Ontario Share the Road Coalition. The Share the Road Coalition was founded by native Windsorite Eleanor MacMahon, a staunch advocate of safe cycling. Kari learned how other municipalities handled their cycling departments, networked with other organizations and was able to give input regarding Ontario's new Cycling Strategy.

On May 31st, the WBC co-hosted their annual Bike to Work Day with the CBC. Around 30 Windsorites came out early to ride the city's bike lanes, trails and signed routes from the WFCU Centre to the CBC on Riverside Drive West. At the finish, breakfast was served and the CBC interviewed the cyclists and the organizers.

In the weeks leading up to Bike to Work Day, the CBC advertized a contest for the Windsor Bicycling Committee and it was at the breakfast that they announced the city's very first Cycling Commuter of the Year. Joan Murphy-Walker, an avid rider, was nominated by numerous people, and took home the well-deserved award, along with a brand new Bobbin commuter bike, graciously donated by the City Cyclery.

In May, the WBC partnered with the Maple Leaf Cycling Club to give students at St. Angela's Elementary School some instruction on safe cycling in the city. The two-day event educated the children on safe cycling skills, drills were practiced in the school yard, helmets were provided to those that didn't have them and safe cycling certificated were handed out to each child involved.

The WBC also participated in many other events that encouraged cycling in Windsor. These included Earth Day hosted by the City of Windsor at Malden Park on April 28th, the Spring Tweed Run organized by the City Cyclery on May 11th, the annual Mayor's Walk on May 20th, the Windsor-Essex Health Unit's yearly Re-Discover Your Bike event held at Remington Booster Park on June 22nd, Bike Day at the Downtown Windsor Farmer's Market on June 29th and the Great Waterfront Trail Adventure that had cycling tourists ride through Windsor on August 12th. At each of these events, the WBC handed out safe cycling literature and bike bells to the public.

At the end of 2013, chairperson Kari Gignac resigned from her position and committee member Dr. Chris Waters was elected as the committee's new chairperson.

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