Windsor, Ontario May 20, 2014

REPORT NO. 210 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 minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held February 27, 2014 **BE RECEIVED** for information.

Carried.

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

Clerk's Note: The minutes for the Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held February 27,

2014 are attached as background information.

CHAIRPERSON

SUPERVISOR OF COUNCIL SERVICES

NOTIFICATION:	CATION:			
Name	Address	Email Address	Phone	FAX

A meeting of the **Windsor Bicycling Committee** is held this day commencing at 5:00 o'clock p.m. in Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East, there being present the following members:

Dr. Christopher Waters, Chair Kari Gignac, Vice Chair Councillor Alan Halberstadt Neil Campbell Walter Manney Nicole Noel Charles Pope

Guest in attendance:

Dr. Nicholas Scott, Professor of Sociology, University of Windsor

Also present are the following resource personnel:

Jen Leitzinger, Transportation Planning Engineer Constable Brad Rivett, Windsor Police Services Nico Cariati, Co-op Student, Planning Department Cathy Copot-Nepszy, Windsor Essex County Health Unit Karen Kadour, Committee Coordinator

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair calls the meeting to order at 5:06 o'clock p.m. and the Committee considers the Agenda being Schedule "A" <u>attached</u> hereto, matters which are dealt with as follows:

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT</u>

None disclosed.

3. MINUTES

Moved by C. Pope, seconded by N. Campbell,
That the minutes of the Windsor Bicycling Committee at its meeting held
November 27, 2013 **BE ADOPTED** as presented.
Carried.

4. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

4.1 Report of the Chair

The Chair indicates that he has been assured bike parking will be available at the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre in the near future. He suggests that information on bike routes to access the facility be added to the Windsor International Aquatic and Training Centre website.

In response to a question asked by the Chair regarding if a member is willing to follow up with the Public Works Department to develop a strategy to ensure bike lanes are cleared from snow, N. Campbell volunteers.

C. Copot-Nepzy advises she will contact the Parks Department regarding snow removal on multi-use trails and will report back.

4.2 Proposed Enforcement Campaign

The Chair introduces Constable Brad Rivett, Windsor Police Services. He suggests a one week blitz for bicycle enforcement be scheduled in 2014. C. Copot-Nepsy suggests a radio campaign be undertaken prior to the "blitz" for the enforcement campaign. K. Gignac recommends pamphlets providing safety tips for cyclists and motorists be distributed.

Constable Rivett indicates the Community Services Branch may have giveaways to provide to cyclists/motorists during the "blitz". Dr. Nick Scott states he will liaise with Constable Rivett and report back.

The Chair suggests Windsor Police Services take an educational rather than punitive approach (during the "blitz) and focus on dangerous motoring around cyclists as well as cyclists flouting the rules of the road. The issue of of targetting motorists who park in bike lanes is also discussed.

Councillor Halberstadt notes a discussion was held to lower the fine for those who cycle on the sidewalks. The current set fine for this offence is \$100, Court Fees and Victim Surcharge Fines are extra. The dollar value of the set fine is at Council's discretion. Should Council resolve to amend the value of the set fine – Windsor Police Service would have to apply to the Ministry of the Attorney General to amend the set fine accordingly.

Councillor Halberstadt asks Constable Rivett to discuss the lowering of the fine for those who cycle on sidewalks with his superiors. He states some municipalities have lowered their fines to \$25.00 for this particular offence.

4.3 Proposed Cycling Facilities on University Avenue West

In conjunction with proposed cycling facilities on University Avenue West, J. Leitzinger distributes the report of the Manager of Planning Policy dated January 22, 2013 entitled "Participation in 'Opening Our Streets for Sport and Recreation' Program" pertaining to the 8-80 Cities, *attached* as Appendix "A".

N. Campbell volunteers to work with J. Leitzinger to draft recommendations relating to the proposed cycling facilities on University Avenue West. The Chair suggests innovative facilities be considered, such as bike tracks.

4.4 Bike to Work Event

K. Gignac states the Bike to Work event is generally held the end of May/early June and she volunteers to champion the event. N. Campbell suggests inviting other cycle groups to participate in the event.

N. Campbell proposes a "Bike to the Mall" event.

In response to a question asked by C. Copot-Nepszy regarding if residents in LaSalle could participate in the Bike to Work event, the Chair responds affirmatively.

4.5 Earth Day - April 27, 2014 at Malden Park

K. Gignac, N. Campbell and W. Manney volunteer to assist with the Earth Day event to be held on April 27, 2014 at Malden Park.

Moved by N. Campbell, seconded by K. Gignac,

That APPROVAL BE GIVEN to an expenditure in the upset amount of \$35.00 for the procurement of a covered space at the Earth Day event to be held on April 27, 2014 at Malden Park.

Carried.

4.6 Bike Racks on Transit Windsor Buses

N. Noel advises the Director of Operations, Transit Windsor has invited her to a future meeting of Transit Windsor to discuss the use of bike racks on buses. She reports the number of bike rack users in 2012 increased from 15,000 to 20,000 users in 2013. She will contact the Director of Operations to determine what happens to one's bike if all the racks on the bus are being utilized and also, to invite him to attend the next WBC informal meeting.

The Chair suggests a Transit Windsor bus be present at the Earth Day event to allow for a demonstration on how to place a bike on the racks.

4.7 Bike Parking

- N. Campbell states there is a need for a protocol for bike parking. He refers to the document entitled Thunder Bay Bicycle Parking Guidelines, *attached* as Appendix "B".
- N. Campbell distributes his "Bicycle Parking Best Practice Recommendations", attached as Appendix "C".

In terms of requests for bicycle parking, J. Leitzinger will investigate if bicycle parking can possibly be added to the list of service requests on the 311/211 website.

4.8 <u>City of Windsor – Lauzon Parkway Improvements Environmental Assessment (including Lauzon Parkway/County Road 42/Future East-West Arterial) Notice of Study Completion</u>

An e-mail from Jay Goldberg, Lauzon Parkway Improvements Project Team dated February 25, 2014 entitled "Lauzon Parkway Improvements Class Environmental Assessment Study – Windsor Bicycling Committee" is <u>attached</u> as Appendix "D". J. Leitzinger notes there will be buffer-separated bike lanes on County Road 42 and the East-West Arterial. Councillor Halberstadt suggests consideration be given to segregated bike tracks.

J. Leitzinger indicates the Notice of Study Completion for the project was sent to City Council as a communication. The ESR will be available for a 45-day public and agency review period from January 20 to March 6, 2014.

4.9 Sixth Concession Road/North Talbot road Environmental Assessment

- J. Leitzinger reports that Public Information Centre (PIC) #1 for the Sixth Concession Road/North Talbot Road Environmental Assessment was held on February 26, 2014, at Roseland Golf & Curling Club. Information displayed at the PIC is available at www.WindsorEAs.ca
- C. Copot-Nepszy asks if consideration can be given to multi-use trails instead of bike lanes and sidewalks and agrees to follow up on this matter.

4.10 Financial Summary

The Chair indicates the WBC has a 2014 Operating Budget of \$4,300 and requests members provide any further ideas and initiatives for 2014.

Councillor Halberstadt states he will provide a report back at the next meeting regarding the 2014 Bike the Bridge event.

5. <u>NEW BUSINESS</u>

- K. Gignac volunteers to lead the Bike the Fireworks event to be held on June 23, 2014. The Chair and Councillor Halberstadt will also assist at the event.
- K. Gignac indicates she will require a truck to transport the bike racks and the fencing to Charles Clark Square.

The document from Eleanor McMahon entitled "Share the Road Newsletter – Register Now for the Ontario Bike Summit" is <u>attached</u> as Appendix "E". The Ontario Bike Summit will be held on April 14-15, 2014 at the Hyatt Regency, Toronto. In response to a question asked by the Chair if J. Leitzinger is interested in attending the Summit, J. Leitzinger responds she will contact the Manager of Transportation Planning and will report back.

Dr. N. Scott states due to the truck traffic on Wyandotte Street West, students from the University of Windsor are dissuaded from cycling on this route. J. Leitzinger will provide what bike facilities are available on Wyandotte Street West (near the University of Windsor). It is generally agreed Dr. Scott will provide options to mitigate the foregoing issues on Wyandotte Street West for the next meeting.

6. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

The next meeting will be at the call of the Chair (mid-April).

7. <u>ADJOURNMENT</u>

There being no further business, the meeting is adjourned at 6:25 o'clock p.m.

AGENDA

and Schedule "A"
to the minutes of the
Windsor Bicycling Committee meeting held
Thursday, February 27, 2014
at 5:00 o'clock p.m.
Room 407, 400 City Hall Square East



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1. CALL TO ORDER

2. <u>DECLARATIONS OF CONFLICT</u>

3. MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes of the meeting held November 27, 2013 - (previously distributed)

4. <u>BUSINESS ITEMS</u>

- 4.1 Report of the Chair
- 4.2 Proposed Enforcement Campaign
- 4.3 Proposed Cycling Facilities on University Avenue West
- 4.4 Bike to Work Event
- 4.5 Earth Day April 27, 2014

Registration Form for booth space at the Earth Day event to be held at Malden Park on Sunday April 27, 2014 - attached.

- 4.6 Bike Racks on Transit Windsor Buses
- 4.7 Bike Parking

Discussion of best practices.

4.8 <u>City of Windsor - Lauzon Parkway Improvements Environmental Assessment</u>
(including Lauzon Parkway/County Road 42/Future East-West Arterial) Notice of Study Completion

Letter from Michael Chiu, Consultant/Project Manager, McCormick Rankin dated January 10, 2014 – <u>attached.</u>

4.9 Sixth Concession Road/North Talbot Road Environmental Assessment

Sixth Concession/North Talbot Road Environmental Assessment – Public Information Centre No. 1

4.10 Financial Summary

The Financial Summary Variance Report for the period ending December 31, 2013 – attached.

5. NEW BUSINESS

6. <u>DATE OF NEXT MEETING</u>

To be determined.

7. ADJOURNMENT