

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Guelph Cycling Advisory Committee**
 DATE June 9, 2009
 TIME 4:00 pm
 PRESENT M. Cameron, M. Colvin, T. Donegani, L. Hohenadle, G. Hunter, J. McDowell, B. Thompson, V. Waugh
 REGRETS G. Logue; A. Krol, C. Carrere, R. Philips. D. Llewellyn,

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION/ACTION ITEMS (in green)
Youth Cycling Program – Presentation by Evan Ferrari	Evan outlined the cycling education programs available in Guelph. These include: police cycling education in schools for grade 4-6 students, a GORBA trail patrol program, Can-Bike program run by Evan through Parks and Recreation for 9-13 year olds each spring, Can-Bike certification for participants in the School Boards' CELP and TERRA environmental leadership programs, Can-Bike II training for police officers who will ride bikes on the job. Goals of programs are to improve cycling confidence and safety. Next steps for the GCAC members include: networking among cycling educators, to promote each others programs, add value to existing programs.
Cycling Infraction Diversion Program	Jennifer introduced concept of a diversion program whereby police or bylaw officers would offer those caught violating cycling rules (especially cycling on the sidewalk) the opportunity to take a cycling course instead of paying a fine. GCAC was generally very supportive although they expressed some concerns about forcing people off the sidewalk in select cases where that is a safer option than cycling on the roadway. Recommendation that drivers not obeying laws related to sharing the road with cyclists also be offered the class.
Further Results from Cycling Survey	Overall, there are no large surprises in the survey results. However, respondents report cycling more frequently than members expected. The report identified recreational cyclist as a possible captive audience for programs and infrastructure improvements. GCAC recommended increasing the use of charts instead of tables in many cases, and correcting some ambiguous wording. GCAC members are encouraged to provide further comments on or before Friday, June 12.
Evaluation Enforcement Recommendations Brainstorm	Possible indicators: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of bike facility maintenance complaint made to City Hall 2. Evaluation checklist that includes yes/no monitoring items, such as whether Guelph Police has done an annual update on safety concerns/infraction stats./collisions etc 3. Enrolment in cycling education courses 4. Number of bike safety blitzes/number of citations issued <p>Item deferred for further consideration by GCAC</p>
Toronto Bike Summit Highlights	Bike summit on May 29 th brought together bike professionals from around the world to share ideas, success and challenges. Some highlights were presented: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Demographic factors that <i>do not</i>, and policies that <i>do</i> explain the difference in cycling mode share between North America and Germany • The state of research regarding the effectiveness of various cycling interventions • New bicycle pavement markings and signs proposed by the Transportation

	<p>Association of Canada</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New York City's successes with physically separated bike facilities • Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals updates for Bicycle Parking Best Practices and in street bicycle parking • Go Transit's approaches to shifting station access away from the private car and towards other modes • City of Toronto Bicycle Parking Guidelines address issues of parking quality and site access to be used as a resource by developers and city staff
"Bike Rack"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Further evaluation of enforcement recommendations brainstorm 2. Bicycle User Groups – Melissa Cameron
Meeting Adjourned	5:45 pm
Next Meeting	July 14th, 4 p.m. unless otherwise indicated.