

Etobicoke-South Cycling Committee (ESCC)

Minutes of Meeting: May 22, 2014

Present

Jim Carr
David Juliusson
Carole Goyette
Yeung Lau
Ed Trejis
Steven Carson
Mark Romeril (Cycle Toronto)
Robert Pliywith

Regrets

Ted Mann
Barb Kozakewich

1. Doable Neighbourhoods Project

- September 27 and 28 is Culture Weekend. Good time to do an event
- On September 27 we proposed a chair bombing. We would take over an area in Sam Smith Park and make it a community area. We could do Heritage Bike rides from there, have paddleboats and allow kayakers and canoeists to attend.
- September 28 we would have a community sociability event. We could take over parking spots at Lakeshore and Islington, set up tables, have community groups attend. There was a good Janes Walk in May. Perhaps they would be willing to do it again?

2. Etobicoke Creek

- Nothing new is happening on getting the trail extended under the QEW. It will still happen sometime in the fall. Robert is working on this project.
- Steven brought up the issue of going under the Lakeshore. The underpass is still closed. When will it reopen?
- Parts of the existing path have been washed away with this winter's storms. How can we get them fixed?

3. Bike to School Day

- May 26 is Bike to School Day. Jim Carr has organized to help at John English School. Steven Carson will join him.

4. Bike to Work Day

- ESCC has organized a community ride. David Juliusson will lead a ride at 6:30 AM from the Thunderbird Bridge to the main west meeting place at Bloor and High Park. He will then travel downtown with the riders.

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Other bike issues

5. When TTC work happened on Lakeshore, the westbound bike lane between 36th and 37th St was removed. We want it back but done properly so cyclists can continue along Lakeshore.
6. The westbound road at Lakeshore and Louisa St was narrowed by TTC work. It needs sharrows to make it safe.
7. The bike lanes are filled with sand in many locations, especially westbound at Park Lawn. The city is not sweeping. This is dangerous for riding and bad for our health. 311 calls need to be done to get them swept.
8. Marie Curtis Park plans to build an off road bike park. This is in an attempt to curb people who are creating their own trails. It will happen in three phases beside the off leash dog park. More study to be done.
9. Inspiration Lakeview is happening. The land will have approximately 8000 new homes and 20,000 people move into the neighbourhood. As part of the program Mississauga will be adding 100+ feet of landfill around the water treatment plant. This will create a waterfront connector park that meets Marie Curtis at the Toronto border. A bike lane will be part of it.
10. The New Toronto BIA held a meeting on May 15. Part of their proposal is for artistically inspired bike racks. What do we know of them.
 - Mark will send us information on how they are working in other parts of Toronto.

Our next meeting will be June 23 at 7PM. We will meet at Among Friends. 2970 Lakeshore Blvd. West.