



MORE PEOPLE BIKING
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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

April 16th, 2024 | 7:00pm | Sport 4 Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of Bike Winnipeg was held at the Sport 4 Life Centre, 145 Pacific Ave, on Tuesday, April 16th, 2024 at 7:00pm CDT. The meeting was also streamed online through Zoom and Facebook Live. Members were required to attend in-person to vote on motions. Steve Snyder acted as Chair of the meeting and Benjamin Meek as Recording Secretary.

1.0 Call to Order

The Chair called the 2024 Annual General Meeting to order at 7:06pm.

2.0 Land Acknowledgment Statement

Julia Schroeder, Director, read Bike Winnipeg's Land Acknowledgment Statement.

3.0 Introductions

The Chair introduced Bike Winnipeg's Board of Directors, Committee Chairs, and Program Managers:

Julia Schroeder: Director, Chair of Outreach & Education Committee

Steve Snyder: Director (outgoing), AGM Host

Ian McCausland: Director

Corey Dyck: Director, Co-Chair, Chair of Measurement, Audit, and Compliance Committee

Benjamin Meek: Director, Co-Chair

Luke Lorentz: Director, Treasurer, Chair of Finance Committee

Jaya Beange: Director

Patrick Krawec: Director

Adam Johnston: Director

Robyn Dyck: Director, Chair of Fundraising Committee

Patty Wiens: Director, Secretary

Mark Cohoe: Executive Director

Manpreet Gill: Bicycle Parking Coordinator

The Chair introduced two City of Winnipeg Councillors who were in attendance, and invited them to present welcoming remarks:

Councillor Matt Allard

Councillor Janice Lukes (virtual attendance)

4.0 Adoption of the 2024 AGM Agenda

It was **MOVED** by Adam Johnston that the Agenda be adopted. Seconded by Misty Bromley. Carried.

5.0 Approval of 2023 AGM Minutes

It was **MOVED** by Julia Schroeder that the Minutes of the 2023 AGM be approved. Seconded by Dave Elmore. Carried.

6.0 Board Nominations

Three calls for nominations from the floor were made. There were no nominations from the floor.

The following individuals seeking election to the Board of Directors were named and each given two minutes to introduce themselves:

- Doug Hilderman - new board nominee
- Leslie Parisien - new board nominee
- Zachary Rempel - new board nominee
- Andrew Single - new board nominee
- Corey Dyck - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)
- Robin Dyck - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)
- Adam Johnston - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)
- Luke Lorentz - seeking renewal (end of first two-year term)

Members present at the AGM were instructed to cast their ballots for the nominated individuals to fill the six (6) empty seats on the Board of Directors.

The Election Officials, Misty Bromley and Ian Walker, collected ballots and proceeded with ballot counts.

7.0 Reports

7.1 Executive Director

Presented by Mark Cohoe, Executive Director.

- A major focus of the past year was establishing Local Bike Groups and building their momentum.
- A big achievement in 2023 was the rejuvenation of the Bike Valet program. We lost many of our volunteers during the pandemic, so we have had to rebuild that volunteer base. This work was aided by the establishment of a new part-time staff position - Bicycle Parking Coordinator - and the hiring of Manpreet Gill into that position.
- We are thankful that we have had support from a number of City Councillors to ensure that active transportation infrastructure continues to be included in road renewals.
- Construction on the Northwest Pioneer Greenway began in 2023.
- We ran a successful group-ride program in 2023, which included popular offerings such as Pedal Into History and Art Rides, among others. These rides encourage people to get outside and see the sights of Winnipeg. They also give people the opportunity to experience Winnipeg's cycling infrastructure, which hopefully encourages them to bike more often. - Our Cycling

Ambassadors program continued in 2023.

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- Progress has been made on combating bicycle theft, especially through the City's adoption of Garage 529 as its official bike registry.
- The ED encouraged everyone to sign up as a volunteer.

7.2 Treasurer/Finance

Presented by Luke Lorentz, Treasurer.

- Bike Winnipeg received roughly \$140,000 in grants last year, \$64,000 of which will be carried into 2024. It was noted that there is tight cash control on these monies, as grant funds are earmarked for grant activities.
- Bike Valet revenue is recovering following the pandemic, but there were only a couple more events in 2023 than 2022. We are hoping for a bigger year in 2024.
- Bike Winnipeg did not participate in the bike rack installation program in 2023. - The major focus for 2024 will be obtaining charitable status.
- It was noted that the 2022 comparison numbers presented in the Financial Statements contain an omission of \$10,000, which will be corrected prior to adoption.

7.3 Committee Reports

7.3.1 Measurement, Audit & Compliance (MAC)

Presented by Corey Dyck, Chair of the Measurement, Audit & Compliance Committee. -

MAC was established a couple of years ago and continues its work in three primary domains: 1) Measurement: tracking key performance indicators to help Bike Winnipeg describe what it does as a social enterprise; 2) Compliance: tracking organizational risk and ensuring that we have policies, procedures, and/or controls in place to mitigate those risks; 3) Audit: performing financial reviews of the numbers prepared by the Treasurer.

7.3.2 Fundraising

Presented by Robyn Dyck, Chair of the Fundraising Committee.

- In 2023, the Fundraising Committee:
 - Worked to prepare a Sponsorship Package, which has been completed and will be put into use in 2024.
 - Ran a big Giving Tuesday campaign for donations. Donations allow us to seek more grants, as many grants require that matching funding be provided by the organization.
 - Assisted the Executive Director in grant writing.
 - Supported the Bike Valet program as needed.

7.3.3 Advocacy

Presented by Ian Walker, Chair of the Advocacy Committee.

- In 2023, the Advocacy Committee:
 - Ran monthly Bike for the Future rides during the summer. These rides attracted new folks to the organization, including some of the new director nominees!
 - Encouraged the City to join Garage 529 through the Bike Theft working group. - Advocated for better snow clearing on active transportation routes.
 - Supported the Executive Director's presentations to City Council and policy committees.

7.3.4 Outreach & Education

Presented by Julia Schroeder, Chair of the Outreach & Education Committee.

- We ran a record number of group rides (32) in 2023.
- We struggled to run rides and attract volunteers during the pandemic, but we are working on not only getting back to where we were but growing beyond that too. - Julia issued a call for volunteers to help marshal group rides. It was noted that this is the only way these rides will be sustainable.
- Julia offered condolences to Danny Shurr's family on behalf of Bike Winnipeg. Danny used to lead our Strike Bike tours, and he passed away this year.

7.3.5 Local Bike Groups (LBG)

Presented by Adam Johnston, Chair of the North-East Local Bike Group.

- The LBGs often plan rides that highlight cycling infrastructure and challenges in specific areas to local Councillors and decision-makers.
- It was noted that Steve West chairs the Central LBG and Tyler Crichton chairs the South-West LBG.
- Special mention was made of some excellent work that Tyler Crichton has done to encourage local Councillors and the Mayor to attend rides in this area.

It was **MOVED** by Adam Johnston that the Committee Reports be accepted as presented. Seconded by Michael Abon. Carried.

It was **MOVED** by Corey Dyck that the Financial Reports be accepted as presented with the understanding that the missing \$10,000 from the 2022 statement will be corrected. Seconded by Misty Bromley. Carried.

8.0 Questions/Discussion

Members were given the opportunity to ask questions of Bike Winnipeg's Executive Director and board members.

9.0 Guest Speaker: Pekka Tahkola, Vice President of the Winter Cycling Federation [virtual presentation]

Pekka Tahkola presented about the state, history, and maintenance of cycling infrastructure in the city of Oulu, Finland.

10.0 Election Results

The following individuals were elected to the Board of Directors:

Corey Dyck
 Robin Dyck
 Adam Johnston
 Luke Lorentz
 Leslie Parisien
 Zachary Rempel

It was **MOVED** by Kevin Wiersema that the slate of new directors be approved as presented: Corey Dyck, Robin Dyck, Adam Johnston, Luke Lorentz, Leslie Parisien, Zachary Rempel. Seconded by Ian McCausland. Carried.

It was **MOVED** by Misty Bromley that the election ballots be destroyed. Seconded by Steve West. Carried.

12.0 Adjournment

It was **MOVED** by Julia Schroeder that the 2024 Annual General Meeting of Bike Winnipeg be adjourned at 9:03pm. Carried.

