

Bike Winnipeg

May 2014 Executive Director Report

Members: 813

Listserve Subscribers: 1830

Facebook Likes: 427

Administrative Activities

Finance

2014 Budget

We'll need to transfer some funds from our projected surplus, AGM, Mailchimp and Volunteer management line items to pay for the Bicycle Priorities Workshop we are putting on during Bike Week.

Bombers Bicycle Valet Proposal

The Bombers have confirmed that they will be using our bicycle valet service once again this year. The first game will be the pre-season matchup against Toronto on June 9th.

Committee Activities

Education Committee

Hydro Pilot Project

We're still working on this and finalizing dates.

Fundraising Committee

Jerseys

Jerseys are for sale on our website and Stephane has done a great job getting out to the bike shops to set up posters and ask about taking orders for us. We still need to get a Facebook post for this.

Fundraising Concert

Preparations for the fund raising concert on Saturday June 7th are well under way. [Romi Mayes](#) has been confirmed as the headliner, and tickets have been printed and distributed. Tickets can be purchased at Music Trader and Into the Music, and are also available on our [website](#). A poster has been designed and printed as well and is currently being distributed. I will be working on raffle prizes and other details in the coming weeks.

Membership Committee

BTWD Pit Stop

We are set to run a pit stop for Bike to Work Day on June 20th as part of Bike Week. We'll be located on the Point Douglas end of the Disraeli Pedestrian Bridge, which should allow us to catch people coming in across the bridge from Elmwood as well as those coming south along Scotia to Annabella. Loren has done some work on sourcing food. We may need to shift a few things around in the budget to match the number of people I expect we will see at this location. I will invite Kevin Chief (MLA for Point Douglas and Minister responsible for the City of Winnipeg) to join us at the pit stop. The budget for this is very tight, so we may have to move some things around a bit.

Display Trailer

I purchased a number of display frames for the bike trailer. These should help us keep things organized and neat while providing a more wind friendly display.

Advocacy Committee

I've been meeting with the advocacy committee to:

- Develop strategies for the upcoming civic election. We are asking people to pledge to:
 - Vote in this Octobers civic election
 - Vote for candidates who have promised to improve conditions for cyclists
 - Come up with an economic impacts type document
- Work on a Vision Zero strategy

Advocacy Activities

Ride of Silence

Bryan Goods is once again organizing the Ride of Silence for us on May 21st. The ride will start from the Legislature building at 7pm. It looks like we will get a fairly good attendance for the ride this year, so we will need some extra volunteers to act as ride marshalls.

Encouragement

Bike Week

Bike Winnipeg Priorities Workshop

I'm continuing to work on this. Our venue will likely be the Manitoba Theatre for Young People at the Forks.

Theme Rides

The theme rides should all be confirmed and ready for registration by our May meeting date..

StrikeBike!

Registrations are up and running:

- [Morning Tour Registration](#)
- [Afternoon Tour Registration](#)

We will be charging \$20 for this ride.

Infrastructure Ride

Still to be finalized.

Point Douglas Art/History Tour

Here's your chance to explore the art and history of Point Douglas on a guided bike tour. We'll start at the Forks, head up Waterfront, and include the Graffiti Gallery and Jordan Van Sewell on our ride. We'll discuss a little history and see a lot of cool art.

ArtRide

The date and start time have been set for Wednesday June 18th at 8:30pm.

Bike Winnipeg Pit Stop

See above.

Earth Day

Fort Whyte Alive!

We had the display trailer out at the April 27th Earth Day event put on by Fort Whyte Alive!, but in the end we decided to drop the rides into Fort Whyte Alive. The pledge again went over well, and we were able to add about 65 names to the contact list, and handed out approximately 125 maps (again with a Bike Winnipeg sticker).

AECOM

Jeremy and I attended an Earth Day themed employee BBQ at AECOM's office on April 22nd. We spoke to a 20 people and added 9 names to our contact list.

Red River College

I attended Red River College's Earth Day State of Sustainability fair on April 24th.

City of Winnipeg Police Bike Auction – April 26th

This was the first test of our election pledge, and it went quite well. We spoke to about 20 people over 4 hours, and signed up about 45 on the election pledge/ mailing list. We also gave away about 100 maps, which I am now sticking Bike Winnipeg labels onto.

City of Winnipeg Planning Projects

Pedestrian and Cycling Strategies

Open houses for the cycling and pedestrian took place on April 12th and 15th

While there are many positive aspects to the plan, there are shortcomings. I put together a preliminary commentary of the plan and submitted it to the consultants. I will work to refine things for the next stakeholder's advisory committee meeting, which will take place on May 14th. Green Action Centre, Janice Lukes, Anders Swanson

Precinct K

Save Our Seine (SOS), OURS-Winnipeg (Outdoors Urban Recreational Spaces-Winnipeg) and other members of RPARC (Riel Parks and Rivers Commons) are organizing a public forum to be held at the St. Mary's Rd United Church (613 St. Mary's Road) on May 22nd at 7pm. We should look to send members to this event, as we have common causes with this group. The precinct K plan is expected to go before the Riel Community Committee in June.

Corydon-Osborne Neighbourhood Plan

An open house for the draft [Corydon-Osborne Area Plan](#) will take place on May 15th at Gladstone School (4-7pm). Of note is that the proposed bicycle network from the cycling strategy includes MacMillan as a bicycle boulevard, which was one of our objectives.

Bike Winnipeg Submissions

- [November 13, 2013](#)
- [March 21, 2014](#)

Polo Park Infrastructure Improvements

A second open house is taking place Thursday May 8th to display detailed design plans for this project and solicit public feedback. We would still like to see the planned painted bike lanes included with the St. Mathews widening converted into protected bicycle lanes. The cycling strategy has provided additional arguments to make this case. I have written a [blog post](#) to detail the need for the protected bicycle lanes.

I have not heard back from Public Works with regards to the questions sent last month, and will need to follow up.

Northeast Exchange District Engineering Study

Plans can be viewed [here](#) on the city website. I still need to work on recommendations. Please feel free to contact me with comments or input. City of Winnipeg Infrastructure Projects

Sherbrook

I met with community members on April 22nd to discuss some tweaks to the design of the bike lanes we would like to see. An issue about 15 minute loading zones in the bike lane has also arisen, but hopefully this can be dealt with by adding a parking bay as is being done in front of the Ellice Street Café. An initial survey I did of the proposed sites indicates to me that this might be a possibility, as the locations in question have lost the trees in front of or just next to their doorways. The second point of the meeting was to discuss the need to develop some educational materials and strategies to help ensure that the parking protected bike lane planned for installation on Sherbrook between Wolseley and Broadway this summer is a success. We will be looking at planters to act as buffers between the bike lane and the parking lane. I have committed Bike Winnipeg to the development of the educational materials.

Conceptual plans for the parking protected bicycle lane can be viewed on the City of Winnipeg web site [here](#). I will also post our recommendations to the Bike Winnipeg web site and pass them on to the city asap.

Osborne Rehabilitation

I did hear back from public works about this, and they have offered to meet with me to discuss plans for the rehabilitation. The meeting has not yet been scheduled. The issue is further confused by the proposed bicycle network included at the cycling strategy open house. That map appears to show the Fort Rouge Yards pathway that was built as part of the first phase of the SWRT crossing over Osborne to connect to the WinSMART trail along the Red River. I was told at the open houses that this was not the case.