



Cycle Toronto

2022 Annual General Meeting Minutes

30 March 2022
7:15PM - 8:30PM
Online

MCs: Eric McGoey, Kegan Gartz

Secretary: Sarah Grant

Quorum: #	yes	Yes, > 15 members are present
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13 Panelists:

- Eric McGoey (Board of Directors)
- Francesca Allodi-Ross (Board of Directors)
- Sarah Grant (Board of Directors, Secretary)
- Lachlan Holmes (Board of Directors)
- Ashley Quan (Board of Directors)
- Adrian Currie (Board of Directors)
- Sonam Vashisth (Staff)
- Taneisha Lawrence (Staff)
- Kris Kinsey (Staff)
- Kevin Rupasinghe (Staff)
- Mark Shultis (Board of Directors)
- Kathryn Randle (Board of Directors)
- Andrea Imada (Board of Directors)
- Aaron Myran (Board of Directors)
- Darnel Harris (Board of Directors)
- Christopher McGarrell (Board of Directors)

94 Attendees:

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| 1. Lachlan Holmes | 10. Jeff Sauer | 20. Al Rezoski |
| 2. Rhoda Potter | 11. Cheryl Cohen | 21. Julia Armstrong |
| 3. Jorge Coelho | 12. Kristen Morith | 22. Riccardo Caimano |
| 4. Marianna Di Iorio | 13. Ingrid Buday | 23. Joan Milway |
| 5. Chantelle
Campbell-Sholzberg | 14. Dave Shellnutt | 24. Rachel Doll |
| 6. Robyn Hughes | 15. Richard Wu | 25. Christopher McGarrell |
| 7. Heather Jackson | 16. Rob Tarantino | 26. Greg Andre-Barrett |
| 8. Adrian Currie | 17. Kathryn Randle | 27. Caitlin Allan |
| 9. Spencer Roth | 18. Andrea Calver | 28. Ethan Chiddicks |
| | 19. Cliff Mewdell | 29. Jane Church |



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30. Stuart Mussells	41. Darnel Harris	52. Bill Barber
31. Clay Mcfayden	42. David Juliusson	53. Murray Lumley
32. Lee Scott	43. Charles Barrett	54. Adam Rosenfield
33. George Hume	44. Danielle D'Ornellas	55. David Simmons
34. Priyanka Vittal	45. Julia Huys	56. Ashley Quan
35. Derek Cain	46. Lauren Corindia	57. Péter Sós
36. Erin Campos	47. Brandin O'Connor	58. David MacMillan
37. Brad Bradford	48. Melissa Dowrie	59. Jeannie Lee
38. Suzanne Aplin	49. Bradley Hammond	60. Edward Eng
39. Steven Fistell	50. Armin Krauss	61. Dianne Saxe
40. Debra Alexander	51. Peter Rogers	

Draft minutes: Not approved by the membership yet

7:10 PM: Call to order, Opening Remarks

- MCs: Eric McGoey, Keagan Gartz
- All materials available here: <https://www.cycleto.ca/2022agm>
- Housekeeping: Everyone is on mute, if you have questions put them in the chat, recording
- Land acknowledgement
- Thank you to everyone who chose to attend tonight

Approve 2022 Minutes, 2022 Agenda

Motion: Approve 2022 Agenda

2021 AGM Agenda

- *Moved by: Joey Schwartz*
- *Second: Dana O Born*
- *Unanimous*
- *Motion carries*

Motion: Approve 2021 Minutes

2021 Minutes

- *Moved by: Ashley Quan*



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- *Second: Kathryn Randle*
- *Unanimous*
- *Motion carries*

Highlights of Annual Report - Keagan Gartz

Annual Report

- After our AGM, Keagan encouraged everyone to look at our Annual Report that is up on our website. Thanks to Claire McFarland and Allison Stewart for their hard work!
- Cycling has become broadly accepted as a realistic way to get around, particularly in the midst of a pandemic
- Keagan had just returned to Cycle Toronto after her maternity leave and the death of her mother. We were facing year 2 of a pandemic and a climate crisis.
- Created public commitment to anti-oppression and anti-racism focusing on 3 pillars
 - Issues around police and enforcement
 - How we address internal practices
 - How we cultivate and ensure reciprocity with our community partners
- We hold ourselves to this commitment with more actions we can take as we learn
- We are now asking how we can approach our work in areas that have historically been under-represented wrt transportation decisions.
 - The questions asked highlighted Scarborough and why there's no active cycling link. Residents of Flemingdon and West Toronto also raised the lack of cycling infrastructure.
- Move365 - goal to take a more holistic approach to cycling outside of the downtown core. We forged many new partnerships.
- We created cycling and vivid engagement work. Organized countless meetings to get cycling on the map in areas that have historically been ignored.
- New approach - Thorncliffe Park and Flemingdon Park- instead of Cycle TO being front and center we worked with local community organizers to bring the issue to light and deliver one of the most compelling stories. The city is now bringing forward a new vision for Overlea Boulevard. This project is now viewed as a priority by a lot of people at city hall.
- 2021 - we launched a number of new campaigns and have seen progress on each of them. Extend Bloor west into Et. Danforth to come into Victoria Park and up to Kingston road. Eglinton for Everyone. Connect Sheppard.
- Connect Scarborough - advocate for a protected cycling network. Produced a comprehensive plan for walking and cycling in Scarborough. Got lots of media coverage and a mini documentary. Lots of work left to do but progress is exciting.
- Road safety issues - automated speed enforcement campaigns expand and we've seen data on how



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effective these are at saving lives.

- Support City's ambitious climate action plan
- Got the province to recognize that dooring is a collision in the Highways Act and it's now working its way through Queen's park.
- Policy for the city to consider complete streets design for every major road rehabilitation.
- Fought to bring back the ActiveTO program and some new areas such as Black Creek Drive.
- StreetSmartsTO - partnership with the City of Toronto. Held nearly 50 street smarts sessions (bike safety stations). Created cycling videos, handbooks and workshops developed in new languages. June to Oct we handed out a record free lights and worked with over 500 people to provide bike repair support
- Bike Month bike safety stations we launched at the same time. Looked differently this year due to the pandemic. We were able to get creative. Over 50,000 kms logged in our calculator and are looking forward to an in-person Bike MOntH this year.
- The Big Toronto Bike Ride - pulled off 4 rides in different areas of the City. Self-guided and the really big bike ride route. Able to raise \$50,000 toward our advocacy work.
- Bike Winter - We built a brand new program with Bike ShareTorontoto encourage winter cycling. Also advocated for a new low-income pass
- Staff changes - Michael Longfield (interim ED), Tamara Nahal (Community Engagement Manager), Clare Mcfarlane (who wore many hats!), Mark Romeril (Former Senior Development Manager)
- New Team- Sonam Vashisth, Taneisha Lawrence (coleading Move 365), Kris Kinsey (Partnerships Manager), Cindy Sanee (Partnership support), Allison Steward (Advocacy), Rye and Kevin Rupasinghe
- Also became a charitable organization in 2021!

Financials – Mark Shultis

- Revenues up 4% from 2020. However there have been some ups and downs between individual categories.
- Grants - down due to timing of certain programs
- When we became a charitable org some memberships became classified as donations so both of those links (Donations and Membership Fees) show similar performance between 2020 and 2021
- Expenses - by far the largest line item. Had some increases in staff
- In 2021 and 2020 received significant government funding, primarily with the wage subsidy program
- We are in a healthy financial position given the volatility. Strong revenues and spending money where we should (staff, IT, advocacy)
- Cash is up \$130k this year which coincides with the government funding received. Means without that funding we were almost able to maintain a balanced budget. It's a nice windfall to have been a recipient of that government funding and be able to invest it where it matters. Cash gives us a comfortable buffer



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of 6 months of expenses.

- Question
 - Tamara Berstein - does Cycle Toronto get to keep the COVID funding given we didn't use it all?
 - Mark - Not aware of any such requirement. Some of that money is being used and will continue to be drawn on in fiscal 2022.
 - Kaegan - need to pay back CEBA loan
 - Andrea - \$20,000 over 2 loans is forgiven

Motion: Approve 2021 Financials

Link to financials

- *Moved by: Joey Schwartz*
- *Second: Michael Longfield*
- *Unanimous*
- *Motion carries*

Dutch Auction - Segment 1 Adrian Currie and Kris Kinsey

- Goal of raising \$50,000 to support our non charitable work
- \$10,000 - Rollout our 2022 Municipal Election Campaign or Kickstart the development of our new website (better tools to engage our members and improved forms and layout)
- \$5,000 - Purchase a stock of 1,000 pairs of high quality bike lights for Get Lit! Stations or Deliver a services of 5 free "ride your neighborhood" workshops with community partners
- \$2,500 - Deliver 5 free Cycling and Civic Engagement workshops or Plan and execute one of our guided group rides
- \$1,000 - Produce a new safe cycling video tutorial OR Purchase a new Cycle Toronto
- Melissa Dowrie with Bike Law Canada contributed \$3,000! Hooray Melissa! Thank you!

2022 Engagement Survey — Kris Kinsey

- We conduct this every 3 years. Launched in early March we received over 1,500 responses over 40% from members
- We just received results from the survey on Monday afternoon. Analysis is still underway.
- Top 3 reasons for biking
 - More active/healthy (84%)
 - More environmentally friendly(68%)
 - More convenient (51%)
- Tio 3 barriers
 - Poor weather conditions (82%)



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- Lack of biking infrastructure (50%)
 - Personal safety concerns (46%)
- Areas respondents believe is most important
 - Advocating for a city-wide bike lane network (81%)
 - Advocating for broader road safety issues (74%)
 - Advocating for complete streets (73%)
 - Reducing bike theft (60%)
 - Road safety training for drivers and couriers (52%)
 - Working with businesses and communities to encourage every day trips (52%)
- 84% of responses agree or strongly agree that Cycle Toronto has made a difference in addressing cycling issues that I care about
- 81% of respondents believe it's important for Cycle Toronto to dedicate resources to programs and initiatives in Toronto's suburbs
- 73% of respondents believe it's important to dedicate resource to anti-oppression and anti-racism initiatives
- Shoutout to Ontario Trillium Foundation and Curbside Cycle for their donation

Dutch Auction - Part 2

- \$500 - Deliver a 3-hour Bike Safety Station OR Secure 2 speakers for our Advocacy Forum
- \$250 - Stock one of our Bike Safety Station outreach kits for the season OR Train a new cycling educator
- \$100 - Deliver a capacity-building session to partners OR Deploy our advocacy and outreach staff to consultations and meetings
- \$50 - Delivery 1-hour of recurring "phone a thons" OR Equip a team of volunteers and local advocates with an outreach kit
- \$20 Picks up the Pizza at one of our next volunteer appreciation events OR deliver 1 hour of free bike safety checks

We raised \$12,000 by the end of the AGM. Thank you everyone for your generous donations and to Kris and Ashley for the joyous bike bells!

Thank You to Outgoing Directors

- Adrian Curry - thanked outgoing Board members. Thank you for your contributions!

Introduction of Voting, Candidate Speeches

[Candidate Profiles](#)



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- Returning Directors:
 - Eric McGoey
 - Ashley Quan
- New Candidates:
 - David Shellnutt
 - Julia Langer
 - Mark Emilia

Vote: Approve above list of Board Candidates (Eric McGoey, Ashley Quan, David Shellnutt, Julia Langer, Mark Emilia)

- 89% in favour, 2% no, 9% abstain
- Motion carries

No additional Questions/Comments/Discussion

Motion: Adjourn 2022 Cycle Toronto AGM

- Moved by: Julia Langer
- Motion carries