

# Cyclists take riverside ride

Close to 100 cyclists took part in the 2008 Riverfront Ride Sunday in Windsor, helping promote awareness about bicycling in the city and cycling safety. The event, sponsored by the Windsor Bicycling Committee, drew mostly adult cyclists and some children, said Windsor Bicycling Committee member Jason Turpin.

They rode alongside the Detroit River, starting at Assumption Park or Alexander Park and ending at Charles Clark Square.

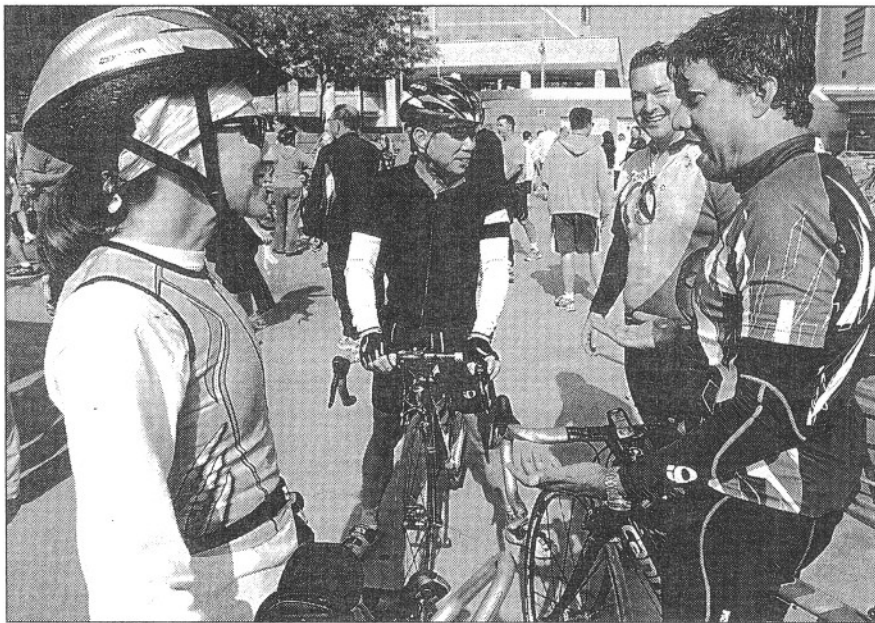
Turpin said event organizers handed out safety equipment to cyclists such as reflectors and lights for their bikes. The focus of Riverfront Ride was encouraging safe cycling and finding efficient ways to get around the city on a bike, Turpin said.

"It's about bringing the cycling community together," he said. "We are trying to get more people to join (the bicycling committee)."

Turpin said the committee currently has only five members. Membership applications will be available after October at the city hall clerk's office, he said. Those interested must apply in person.

Turpin said the Windsor Bicycling Committee is trying to focus more on lobbying rather than event planning these days and would particularly like to tackle changes to the city's bicycle use master plan, which was adopted by council in 2001.

"When the plan was drawn up a while back ... it didn't consider that gas prices would skyrocket and people would be cycling for sustainability purposes and not just for recreation," Turpin said. "So we'd definitely want to look at that."



**CYCLING ENTHUSIASTS:** Michelle Mastellotto, Ernie Wong, Alex Rae and Mig Kanungo were among the cyclists who gathered at Charles Clark Square Sunday after the 2008 Riverfront Ride, held to promote cycling safety and cycling issues in Windsor. *Star photo: Scott Webster*