



# Hamilton

## **HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES**

Wednesday, October 5, 2011

5:30 p.m.

Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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**Present:** Chair: Andrea Kita (regrets)  
Vice-All: Marc Risdale – Acting Chair  
Members: Sharon Gibbons Roger Tupper Bob Brown  
Brian Chewter Pauline McKinley Brad Tyleman

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Davey Hamada, Chris Hastings, Debbie Sanche, Brad Stapleton, Bob Corsini, Walter Furlan, Marisa Di Censo, Councillor McHattie

**Also Present:** Daryl Bender, PW - Traffic Engineering  
Rachel Johnson, PW – TDM Office/Smart Commute  
Maggie Hughes - visitor

### **1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/INTRODUCTIONS**

Marc chaired in Andrea's absence

### **2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

none

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(Moved/Seconded)**

3.1 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Sept 7, 2011 were approved.

**CARRIED**

### **4. CONSENT ITEMS**

none

### **5. PRESENTATIONS**

- 5.1 Bike Share for Hamilton
- Rachel, City staff, provided an overview of the draft “Business Plan for Hamilton Bike Share”, prepared by GreenVenture. **Marc volunteered to be the representative on the committee to provide feedback to the City** for this project.
- 5.2 e-bikes on Multi-use Trails
- Maggie, a resident, made a presentation asking the committee to support a plan to permit all e-bikes to use multi-use trails in Hamilton. Currently some forms of e-bikes have been deemed inappropriate for multi-use trails thus these riders are being ticketed and scorned by other trail users. Maggie included an appeal to make an exemption even strictly for e-bike riders with physical disabilities. Introducing a license for all e-bikes was also discussed. **Daryl to forward Maggie’s prepared notes to the City’s Pedestrian Master Plan process. Daryl to note this issue to the provincial study dealing with provincial cycling design guidelines (OTM Book 18). Daryl to send an email to Hamilton Police Service to raise this issue** as only they enforce “moving vehicle” laws.

## 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.1 Correspondence:
- Two committee members have emailed resignations (Debbie Sanche and Davey Hamada) – one due to time constraints and one due to personal matters. The committee members agreed to accept these resignations. **Daryl to resolve these matters with City Clerks staff**, including possible replacements.
  - The City of Waterloo responded with a “thank-you” to the letter sent from the HCyC which congratulated Waterloo as being recognized as a silver status Bicycling Friendly Community.
  - The letter to discuss cycling accommodations in the LRT design was sent by Andrea.
  - The letter to explore additional bike parking accommodations at City Hall was sent by Andrea.
  - A letter to raise the issue of the effects of “chip & tar” rural road resurfacing was discussed. **Pauline will make revisions.**
  - A letter in support of the City securing the PanAm velodrome in Hamilton was sent by Brian to City Council members.
- 6.2 Special Projects:
- PanAm Velodrome – The members recognized that the velodrome is the only planned PanAm facility in Hamilton that would be awarding athletic medals. Also discussed were 1) a proposal to have the velodrome provide space for a display of Canadian cycling history **Roger to draft an email**, and 2) ideas to secure private funds to help finance the proposed velodrome. **Daryl to send an email to City staff in Community Services dealing with the velodrome planning, describing the ideas discussed.**

6.3 Education

- Can-Bike – the Can-Bike 2 and Can-Bike Instructor Course classes in Hamilton are scheduled to start in late October.
- Driver Education – The letter drafted by the HCyC to be sent to the MTO summarizing education issues will be reviewed by PWC.
- The Ontario Medical Association (OMA) released a report raising issues regarding actions needed to increase safety for cyclists.

6.4 Promotion

- HCyC booth – the members were pleased with their efforts to have an info booth at at least eight events in 2011.

6.5 Budget

- Committee account – no updates.
- City Volunteer Committee account – the budget for 2012 was reviewed. **Motion: The HCyC requests a budget of \$15,000 for 2012, recognizing that this request will require a modest increase of \$1750.00 in the property tax levy. (Moved/Seconded)**

**CARRIED**

- Cycling Capital account – no updates

6.6 Planning

- Members were reminded of the following studies: the Pedestrian Master Plan, cycling winter maintenance, Hwy 8 Greenville, Waterdown Rd, MTO's provincial cycling routes network, and the Ontario Traffic Council (OTC) Book 18 which is formulating cycling design guidelines for Ontario

6.7 Project Updates

- The official opening event of the CP Rail Trail over Hwy 403 is being planned for late October.
- Dundas cycling facilities – Pauline & Andrea's bike ride with Councillor Powers was a success, including the following streets that are planned for bike facilities: Hatt St, Market St/Creighton Rd, and Governor's Rd/Dundas St. In a brief post-ride meeting paved shoulders on York Rd easterly to Valley Rd was noted as very beneficial. The Councillor expressed his appreciation to the ctte members for organizing the ride.

6.8 Maintenance

- No updates

**7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

none

**8. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Moved/Seconded)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.