



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, March 6, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Room 192, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Andrea Kita
Vice-All: Marc Risdale (regrets)
Members: Sharon Gibbons Bob Corsini Bob Brown
 Brian Chewter Jordan Fysh Brad Tyleman
 Tyler Shepherd

Absent with

Regrets: Pauline McKinley, Marisa Di Censo, Roger Tupper, Councillor McHattie

Also Present: Daryl Bender – PW staff, Justin Jones (“Yes We Cannon” rep), Dan Botham, Ernie Geisel, and Peggy

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/INTRODUCTIONS

Andrea chaired the meeting and Sharon chaired after Andrea left.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

deferred

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

The community group Yes We Cannon provided an update of their plans to raise awareness of their desire to see bike lanes installed on Cannon St, including meetings with neighbourhood associations and organizing community events.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence

- Letter addressing bike parking at HHSC facilities – Sharon has sent a letter. **Andrea and Brad plan to check other health campuses in Hamilton regarding bike parking facilities.**
- HAMBUR bike route – members were reminded that the Tourism Office is conducting a contest to review other options of names for this signature Hamilton-Burlington bike route around the bay/harbour and through Red Hill Valley.

6.2 Updates from HCyC members on Various Committees

- **OpenStreets** – Jordan informed the members that the plan for 2013 is to organize only one event – on Sunday June 23.
- **Bike Share** – members were updated on the Council discussions following the presentation to the General Issues Committee. The members asked that the follow-up report to GIC specifically state that income to the City from the Bike Share be specifically used to expand the bike share program.

6.3 Maintenance

- Winter Pilot of Bike Lanes – Daryl reported on highlights of winter cycling in Finland. Also, in the first year of the Hamilton pilot, about \$6000 was spent to provide a higher standard of maintenance for the bike lanes in the pilot (~7km total length). The pilot is serving to get a variety of feedback from residents regarding winter cycling.

6.4 Budget

- The 2013 HCyC budget continues its approval as part of the City budget. The committee spent approximately \$13,500 in 2012, which is slightly under budget.
- The cycling infrastructure capital account has been fully allocated to various projects, and the City may modify implementation dates for a few cycling projects in order to allocate funds to the planned cycling infrastructure on Hwy 8 in Stoney Creek that is part of other roadworks.

6.5 Discussion Items

- none

6.6 Building the Bike Network

- **Hunter St** bike lanes are planned to be installed in summer 2013.
- **Mount Albion Rd** bike lanes (south of Greenhill Dr) are needing to be reviewed by Councillor Collins.
- Committee members (Bob B & Marisa) plan to have a meeting with Councillor Whitehead to discuss a few planned bike lane projects in Ward 8, including **Limeridge Rd** (Garth to W 5th).
- **Highland Rd** bike lanes are recommended in the ROPA9 EA (Environmental Assessment) to be presented to Council this spring.

- The **multi-use trail** planned for the north edge of the Chedoke Golf Course to connect Studholme Rd and Glenside Ave has been approved by the NEC and is planned to be constructed in 2013.
- The MTO is reconditioning a few bridges along Hwy 403 and staff are working with MTO contacts to review impacts to existing and planned cycling infrastructure.
- Committee members were made aware that there are a few citizens interested to see a BMX track and/or a Pump Track in the city, and members were notified that Councillor Clark made a motion to investigate the possibility of such a facility in Ward 9.

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects:

- **Bike locker at City Hall** – it has been installed. Staff finalizing rules of use for the bike locker and these rules will be brought to the HCyC for review.
- **Bike Racks** – it was requested to review bike parking at RBG facilities including the Rock Garden.

6.8 Education

- **Can-Bike** – The City Recreation Division has included CAN-BIKE classes in their spring schedule. Comments the HCyC provided include: They wish courses had been offered at more than one Recreation Centre; Perhaps an evening class mid-week would have accommodated different schedules; Is there any special promo that Recreation is arranging for these classes? Why are there no Kids CAN-BIKE classes given that that was the only class with participation last year?
- **Share the Road campaign** – the campaign for 2013 will be discussed at the April HCyC meeting
- **Website** – comments to improve the information on the website were suggested
- **City Bike Routes, Trails & Parks map** – members are pleased with the 2013 edition
- **HCyC info booth** – the booth at the Toronto International Bike Show was a success with lots of questions about cycling infrastructure in Hamilton and over 1000 maps were distributed. The members plan to include more waterfall content in the booth display for 2014. The HCyC members are not available to set up their booth at an upcoming Earth Day event nor at a GreenVenture Clean Air event. ***Daryl to send out details to members of a volunteering opportunity for the Paris-Ancaster Race.***
- **Cootes to Escarpment promotion** – Bob B and Brad expressed interest to be HCyC reps for this project.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Moved/Seconded)

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

Feedback received at the Toronto International Bike Show

- Fill in the missing gaps in the bike network
- Why are there no bike lanes in Dundas?
- Why are there no bike lanes on Queensdale Ave?
- Please create more single tracks and BMX cycling facilities in Hamilton and have a pamphlet showing these facilities
- Have a display copy of trails/mountain biking in Dundas Valley, Christie, Waterdown...
- People from across the GTA like our trails – some use GO Transit to get here with bikes
- Closing the camping option at Confederation Park will deter cycling the Waterfront Trail, and deter Hamilton tourism so please ensure there is some opportunity to camp along the lakeshore as Hamilton is half-way between Toronto & Niagara
- Hamilton can be further developed as a cycling hub connecting the GTA, Niagara, Grand River/Haldimand, Paris...
- Why is Hamilton not part of the Bike Train?
- Have cycling routes downloadable to GPS devices
- Directional signage needed at the south end of Red Hill Valley Trail and at the bridge over the QEW
- Should we hand out the car magnets at the Bike Show?
- More bike lanes needed in Ancaster
- Provide contact info for group rides in Hamilton (Halton Outdoor Club, Great Canadian Rides, Hamilton Cycling Club...)
- Gliding Club? htencate@rogers.com
- Consider a map so people can show where improvements are needed
- Consider a map so people can see connections to neighbouring municipalities
- Consider a “hook” for the booth eg. Other places: Hilly Hundred & Conquer Caledon
- Consider a “Unique to Hamilton” list of info on the display – including strings showing the location of the 10 Routes
- Create a “Waterfalls Grand Fondo” to attract out-of-towners
- The 10-Routes pamphlet is great info – too bad some people did not realize there was a good supply at the booth
- Ensure a large version of “Share the Road” is on the display
- Consider adding “Share the Road: Leave Space, Pass Safely” on the map