



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, April 3, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Room 192, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Andrea Kita
Vice-All: Marc Risdale
Members: Pauline McKinley Bob Corsini Bob Brown
Brian Chewter Jordan Fysh Brad Tyleman
Tyler Shepherd Roger Tupper

Absent with

Regrets: Sharon Gibbons, Marisa Di Censo, Councillor McHattie

Also Present: Daryl Bender, Christine Lee-Morrison, Peter Topalovic – PW staff, Dan Botham, Evan Schneider

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/INTRODUCTIONS

Marc and Andrea chaired different sections of the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Moved/Seconded)

3.1 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Mar 6, 2013 were approved. **CARRIED**

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

No updates

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence

- **Councillor Priority Message:** The HCyC is aiming to see win-win street design solutions when challenges are faced by either pedestrians or cyclists, and the HCyC would like to know the plan to review the Councillor veto of projects listed in the cycling master plan.
- **OPHA** (Ontario Public Health Assoc.) project – the survey they are conducting of driver training companies in Ontario is almost complete.
- **Bike parking at HHSC facilities** – Sharon has received a response from HHSC that they are investigating bike parking details. Andrea reported that bike parking at St Joseph's Hospital downtown is good and Brad confirmed the same at St Joseph's Hospital near Centennial Parkway.
- **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 planning for Sunday June 23 is progressing. This group is organizing bike valet parking at various events in Hamilton. They hope to raise funds by offering this service at \$2/bike. Jordan asked for volunteers to staff the booth at Bike for Mike (11am to 2pm).
- **Bike for Mike** – Sunday May 5 at Bayfront Park
- **Bike Share** – Peter answered questions from the members including why Dundas is not included in the initial implementation. The plan is to have it operating by spring 2014.
- **Bike To Work Day** – Monday May 27. There will be three or four routes profiled to ride downtown to Gore Park. SmartCommute employers will have materials to promote the event to their employees.
- **Bike Month** is set for June across the entire GTHA. A group is organizing that may be a community-wide group to organize various cycling events in the city. Jordan agreed to be the HCyC contact for this group at this time.
- **Gore Park** – Daryl informed the members that the City is finalizing the plans for the promenade, including cycling elements.
- **Dundas EcoPark (Cootes to Escarpment)** – an event is being planned for the fall of 2013 to promote plans for this park.

6.3 Maintenance

- **Winter Pilot of Bike Lanes** – members stated that maintenance of the bike lanes has been inconsistent this past winter. Sterling was typically clear, but Dundurn bike lanes were frequently icy and more ploughing of snow was needed.

6.4 Budget

- no update

6.5 Discussion Items

Bike cage locations – the members listed ideas to Peter for future possible bike cage locations including: increased capacity at the existing facility on Summers Lane, Lime Ridge Mall, Eastgate Mall, Centre Mall, other possible locations downtown, McMaster Innovation Park, Turner Park, and City Rec Centres. The HCyC also asked to see if a “bike tree” parking facility could be developed as a pilot.

6.6 Building the Bike Network

- **King St** bike lanes – staff are addressing on-street parking concerns raised by businesses near Longwood Rd.
- **Mount Albion Rd** bike lanes (south of Greenhill Dr) – **Roger is contacting Councillor Collins** to check on the status of his review.
- **Limeridge Rd** bike lanes – **Daryl to arrange a meeting** with Councillor Whitehead and the HCyC members Marisa and Bob B. to discuss planned bike lane projects in Ward 8.
- **Hwy 8 in Stoney Creek** – various cycling infrastructure will be a part of this 2013 project.
- **Governor’s Rd** – committee members asked why there was no mention of bike lanes in the media coverage of this 2013 project. **Andrea will draft a letter** to Councillor Powers asking for details.
- The MTO is reconditioning a few bridges along Hwy 403 through Ancaster.
- Cannon St bike lanes – **Daryl to send an email** to the four Cannon St Councillors stating the status of bike lanes as part of this planning.

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects:

- No updates

6.8 Public Education

- **Can-Bike** – The City is pleased that New Hope Community Bikes has created some safe cycling classes called “Ride Smart”. Roger shared some great information/pamphlets promoting cycling safety in Vermont.
- **Share the Road campaign** – the campaign for 2013 is planned to include ads on the outside panels of the HSR busses for four weeks in June, the installation of the big yellow banner in front of City Hall in early July and early August and in Dundas in mid May and early June. The media article will be finalized at the May HCyC meeting. **Daryl to submit the final order of car magnets and stickers** for 2013. **Marc to review the funding application process** for the MTO’s Road Safety Challenge program.
- **Website** – out-of-date links on the website have been corrected.
- **City Bike Routes, Trails & Parks map** – about 15,000 copies of the 2013 edition of the map have been distributed in the past month.
- **Cyclists speeding on the Beach Strip** – members discussed ideas to address speeding cyclists on this multi-use trail including improved etiquette signage and even possible speed-humps by Hutch’s.
- **Paris-Ancaster Bike Race** – **Daryl to email a call for volunteers** to the HCyC members to help stuff 2000 envelopes for the race participants.

- The **Steel City Bike Festival** is in early June as is the MEC Bikefest. There is an event being organized called ChristieFest at Christie Conservation Area.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

The City has accepted resignations from three members of the HCyC as their schedules are preventing them from attending committee meetings.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Moved/Seconded)

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