

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 5, 2015 5:30 p.m. Room 192, 1st Floor City Hall 71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Andrea Kita (regrets)

Vice-All: Marc Risdale

Members: Brad Tyleman Bob Brown Marisa Di Censo

Sharon Gibbons Tyler Shepherd

Absent with

Regrets: Brian Chewter, Bob Corsini, Jordan Fysh, Pauline McKinley, Roger

Tupper

Also Present: PW staff (Yishan Liu, Daryl Bender), Kevin Love, Gail Erbert, Rob

Berberick, Ann McKay, Dan Botham, Jeff Axisa

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Moved/Seconded)

HCyC meeting minutes, dated July 8, 2015, were deferred.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

none

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence

Public School Board bike parking – Awaiting a response

Committee renewal – Review of Advisory Committees Report was presented to the General Issues Committee on July 6.

Marianne's email – A bus driver named Marianne sent a lengthy e-mail. She is concerned with the traffic infractions of cyclists. Marianne supports more education campaigns. The staff email response to her stressed New Hope Community Bikes's education campaigns and commended her for CCing the police.

6.2 Updates from HCyC Reps on Committees

Cycle Hamilton (PATH) – This new group is discussing how to structure itself. Cycle Hamilton plans to organize group rides and to monitor the implementation of cycling infrastructure.

Tourism Event in Durham – A one-day conference on cycling tourism will be held on August 13th in Durham Region.

6.3 Maintenance

Studholme Rd at Aberdeen Ave – Bicycle stencils have faded.

Stone Church Rd – Some bicycle stencils have faded – many at intersection. Re-applying bike stencils on Paramount Dr are in the works.

North Service Rd – Street sweeping is requested in a few segments of these bike lanes.

Chedoke Radial Rail Trail – The repair of unpaved segments looks to be sometimes done with very course gravel, but limestone screenings are requested as they are a smoother and hard-packed material.

6.4 Budget

No discussion

6.5 Discussion

Transportation Master Plan/Cycling Master Plan/Trails Master Plan -

A summary list of planned cycling infrastructure projects from the Cycling Master Plan (2009) showing which projects have been completed in the past six years was reviewed.

Joint Cycling Committees – Two items from this group's recent meeting were discussed. The two items address ebikes on multi-use trails and cycling education in schools. Staff are to prepare draft Volunteer Committee Reports for PWC.

Annual presentation – Members were asked to prepare their annual presentation to PWC. It was suggested that a summary of HCyC activities over the past 4 years was appropriate. Staff are to send an email requesting volunteers.

6.6 Building the Network and Councilor Outreach

Charlton/Herkimer bike lanes – Staff continue to work on the design. The plan is to install them in September/October after Cannon bike lanes east of Gage Ave.

Escarpment Rail Trail – Ideas to improve this trail crossing at Wentworth St were discussed.

Cannon St bike lanes and Pipeline Trail – Bike lanes will be installed this year from Gage Ave to Kenilworth Ave/Barons Ave, and intersecting the Pipeline Trail.

Queensdale Ave – Sharrows will be installed in the next few weeks between Upper Wellington St and Upper Sherman Ave.

Highland Rd/Winterberry Dr – Councillor Conley submitted a motion which Council approved for bike lanes on Highland Rd plus additional infrastructure for safety for pedestrians. Staff are proceeding with the design, and the Councillor requests to see it installed this year.

Ridge Rd – This road resurfacing project is deferred to 2016. The project is planned to create a wider platform to make it more comfortable for cyclists. HCyC members appreciate the wider platform, which will suffice, as the auto volumes are moderate; however separate paved shoulders would be ideal – although recognized to be much more expensive.

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects

Greenbelt Route – The route signs are being installed. On Aug 20 & 21 a group ride will launch the new Greenbelt Route through the Hamilton area.

6.8 Public Education

Traffic fines summary – McMaster University has a list of fines for cycling traffic offences on their website. Staff made the committee aware of this, and inquired whether any members would want a side project to review/develop such a list.

Burlington materials – Andrea shared cycling materials produced by the City of Burlington with the committee.

10 routes pamphlet – The pamphlets are being reprinted. **Events:**

- Ancaster Farmers' Market No HCyC info booth this year.
- **Beckett Dr in the Summers** It was suggested by a resident that Beckett Dr be converted to a multi-use trail on Sundays in the summer, similar to a street in Ottawa along the Ottawa River. The suggestion was also sent to OpenStreets Hamilton.
- Around the Bay Road Race A resident suggested that a cycling event be added to the spring race. It was suggested that the race director Anna Lewis needs to be approached. Some negative concerns were noted.
- **Toronto International Bike Show** The committee confirmed their desire to attend in 2016.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS Announcements

Bike Friendly Businesses – This new program is being rolled-out to employers by the Share the Road organization.

Our Future Hamilton – Information about "Our Future Hamilton" was circulated.

8. ADJOURNMENT (Moved/Seconded)

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