

6.1 Correspondence

Bicycle Friendly Community – Silver award – The Share the Road organization has determined that Hamilton continues to rate Silver status. Highlights of their determination include the City's per capita cycling investment, existing gaps in the cycling network, the HCyC's cycling education campaign, and New Hope's education program. Staff to provide a summary of 2015/2016 cycling expenditures.

Hamilton Burlington Trails Council – The HBTC asked for volunteers to help complete the last two months of trail surveys on multi-use trails.

6.2 Updates from HCyC reps on committees

Cycle Hamilton – No update as this community organization's next meeting is next week.

Community in Motion Awards – These awards were announced at Bike-to-Work/School Day. The recipients are:

Advocate of the Year – Active & Safe Routes to School Steering Ctte

School of the Year – St. Marguerite d'Youville

Bicycle Friendly Organization – SoBi Hamilton & New Hope Community Bikes

Transit Friendly Organization – Supercrawl

Pedestrian Friendly Organization – Jane's Walk

Media Award – Molly Hayes

LRT streetscape workshop – Members were notified that a representative is requested to provide feedback at an LRT workshop. The HCyC will identify a representative once they know the meeting details.

6.3 Maintenance

Bollards on Multi-use Trails – Examples of bollards in the city that are sometimes a hazard were noted (eg. not very visible in low-light conditions). Staff provided details of current designs and practices, and noted that staff will contact Parks Maintenance staff to review issues.

Chippawa Rail Trail at Rymal Rd – Staff were requested to investigate this crossing to make it easier/safer.

Crack repairs in asphalt – HCyC members let staff know that the crack seal is problematic when the cracks are very wide and longitudinal. Staff will forward to Road Maintenance staff to see if something more could be done so bicycle tires don't get stuck in these cracks when the sealer is soft in hot weather.

Cannon Cycle Track – Staff were asked for a status report of catch basin repairs in the cycle track.

6.4 Budgets

2016 HCyC volunteer budget – Expenses associated with the Share the Road campaign are being processed, which total about \$6000 for car magnets, HSR advertising, and street banner installations.

6.5 Discussion

Western Lake Ontario Joint Ctte actions – The joint meeting was well attended and topics discussed include cycling education efforts, chip & tar repair of rural roads, Vision Zero, cycling promotion efforts, and the importance of decision making based on analysis rather than anecdotal

information. Three other cycling committees have sent a letter to the Ministry of Education in support of cycling education in the curriculum.

Import Duties on Bicycles – There is apparently minimal domestic cycling manufacturing, so in discussion it was not understood why a 13% tariff is applied to bicycle imports. Cora and Brandon are drafting a letter for the HCyC to review.

6.6 Building the Network and Councillor Outreach

Charlton Ave & Herkimer St bike lanes are to be installed in June.

Britannia Ave bike lanes are planned for 2017 with street resurfacing.

The Upper Red Hill Pkwy multi-use trail will be asphalt.

Limeridge Rd resurfacing, west of Upper Ottawa St, will include sharrows.

Ridge Rd reconstruction is not expected to have as wide of a paved roadway platform as planned due to geotechnical issues along the existing ditches.

Wilson Ave resurfacing will include bike lanes where there is sufficient width and some segments of sharrows. The 2017 reconstruction westerly of the 2016 project is planned to be designed with bike lanes.

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects

Start the Cycle – This bicycle-lending program for children is asking for volunteers to demonstrate cycling skills to children and parents at Westmount Recreation Centre on Saturday June 18.

HamBur Loop – The Regional Tourism Office (RTO3) is resolving a signage plan with other partners (Trans Canada Trail, Waterfront Trail, etc.) to sign this 50km loop around Macassa Bay/Hamilton Harbour.

6.8 Public Education

Events

- **MEC Bikefest** – The event was good. Staff to provide a suggestion to the organizers to improve the schedule of events.
- **Bike to Work Day** – The event was a great success at City Hall with about 800 cyclists arriving. 20% of riders were new to biking, indicating that cycling is growing in Hamilton.
- **OpenStreets** – This year's festival will be on Father's Day, June 19. A few details are being finalized, and the HCyC asked the organizers to consider bike rides/tours as part of the event.

7. **GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

Announcements

Jane's Walks/Rides – May 7-8. Kevin and Brad hosted two bike rides – one to demonstrate a suitable route to cycle to the General Hospital from the Durand neighbourhood; and a second ride to show cycling connectivity to schools, etc. along alleyways in the Durand and Kirkendall neighbourhoods.

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Moved/Seconded)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:50 p.m.