



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, January 3, 2018

5:45 p.m.

Room 192, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Sharon Gibbons
Vice-All: Kevin Love (regrets)
Members: Brad Tyleman Cora Muis Pierre Barras
Kate Berry Ann McKay Bob Corsini
Greg Blunsdon Jeff Axisa

Absent with

Regrets: Jason Copple, Linda Meerveld, Brandon Curtas

Council: Mayor Eisenberger (regrets), Councillor Green (regrets)

Also Present: PW staff (Daryl Bender, Rachel Johnson), William Oates, Roman Caruk

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ INTRODUCTIONS

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Moved/Seconded)

HCyC meeting minutes, dated June 7, 2017, were approved.

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

none

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence

Hamilton Cycling Stakeholders meeting – This meeting is being organized by City staff and Ann will represent the HCyC. Community groups and City staff will attend and discuss items such as community promotions, education, and infrastructure.

6.2 Updates from HCyC reps on committees

Cycle Hamilton – This community organization is helping to organize 1) Hamilton’s participation in the international “Winter Bike-to-Work Day”, 2) exploring the idea of an Out-spoke & Slow-roll event similar to an event in Niagara, and 3) a Hamilton screening of the new movie “Why We Cycle”. They recently participated in BARC’s Winterfest (Bay Area Restoration Council) event promoting cycling to recent immigrants to Hamilton.

6.3 Maintenance

Committee members were impressed to see very good clearing of some of the on-street bicycle lanes round the city. Of course there can always be problem areas too, but they stressed that the efforts and successes of Road Operations staff are very much appreciated.

6.4 Budgets

Plans for specific 2018 projects were reviewed, including more bike lights distribution (both front & rear/ white & red lights), the “Share the Road” banner, “Jane’s Ride – A Trail of Two Cities” promotions, and participation in cycling conferences.

6.5 Discussion

Provincial OMCC funding – The Committee was pleased to learn that the Province has approved all but one project that was submitted for Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) funding, and that it will be great to see these projects completed during the next few years.

Annual Update to PWC – Two committee members, Sharon & Jeff, volunteered to present the annual review to Councillors on January 15. A few other members are available to fill in if needed.

Cycling Master Plan update – the Committee was notified that the draft document is being finalized, to be presented to Council in 2018; and committee members were thanked for their contributions to the update.

Bicycles Counter-theft – The members discussed proactive efforts in Vancouver that are hoped to curb bicycle theft. One key effort is to strongly promote bicycle owners to register and/or record their bicycle identification so they have documented proof of ownership. Greg will lead these efforts and Jeff volunteered to assist.

6.6 Building the Network and Councillor Outreach

Staff provided a brief summary of projects planned for 2018 including:

- W 1 - Emerson Ave (design)
- W 2 - Hunter St (by GO Centre)
- W 3 - Gage Ave, Delaware Ave/ Maplewood Ave
- W 4 - Melvin Ave
- W 4/5 - King St @ RHVP
- W 7 - Upper Wentworth St (at Queensdale Ave)
- W 8 - Rymal Rd (at Garth St)
- W 10 - Frances Ave (review)
- W 13 - Governor’s Rd/ Creighton Rd
- W15 - Centre Rd/ Sydenham Rd

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects

TDM (Transport Demand Management) activities – City staff are planning “Winter Bike-to-Work Day” for February 9. The City and School Boards have pooled resources to hire a School Travel Planner to promote walking & cycling to schools, primarily for elementary students.

6.8 Public Education

Bike Lights promotion – The distribution of free bike lights on November 6, 2017 (the first Monday after the time change) was a great success; with approximately 150 bike lights distributed at four locations: King St @ Hwy 403, Bay St @ Cannon St, Bay St @ Hunter St, and the Beach Strip Breezeway/ Waterfront Trail. Citizens receiving the bike lights were very appreciative, and it was also noted that more education is needed to teach people to turn lights on BEFORE it is dark.

Toronto Bike Show – Sharon will arrange the volunteer schedule to staff the information booth. Staff will ensure materials for free distribution will be available.

7. **GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

Announcements

Ontario Bike Summit – April 2018

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

(Moved/Seconded)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:45 p.m.