



# Hamilton

## **HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES**

Wednesday, July 4, 2018

5:45 p.m.

Room 192, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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**Present:** Chair: Sharon Gibbons (regrets)  
Vice-All: Kevin Love  
Members: Bob Corsini Cora Muis Brad Tyleman  
Kate Berry Ann McKay

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Brandon Curtas, Greg Blunsdon, Jeff Axisa, Linda Meerveld, Pierre Barras

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

**Also Present:** PED staff (Rachel Johnson, Daryl Bender), Douglas Brown, Cindy Stranak, Sheri Selway, Frances Murray, Al Ward, Jessica Merolli

1. **CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/ INTRODUCTIONS**
2. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**  
HCyC meeting minutes, dated June 6, 2018, deferred.
4. **CONSENT ITEMS**  
None
5. **PRESENTATIONS**  
None
6. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

6.1 Correspondence

**Education of Children** – Sharon has written a letter to the Province addressing Provincial plans for cycling education. The members approved it and a report to PWC is being prepared.

**Letters to New MPPs** – Kevin will work with Sharon to draft a letter.

**Burlington Cycling Committee** – Burlington’s cycling master plan is in first draft form.

6.2 Updates from HCyC reps on committees

**Cycle Hamilton** – This organization reviewed the Cycling Master Plan update, and provided comments to City staff.

**Hamilton Burlington Trails Council (HBTC)** – Kevin is interested in becoming the new contact and is waiting to hear back from HBTC.

**Tourism** – Cycle tourism stakeholders, primarily City staff, are working to improve cycle tourism information in Hamilton. Ontario By Bike is hosting a webinar for businesses to become “bike friendly”, staff to send more information to HCyC members to share with their contacts.

6.3 Maintenance – Discussion of a few issues noted by staff, including a sinkhole in a trail, barrier design, utility asphalt patches, and locally fabricated catch basins.

6.4 Budgets

Costs for the 2018 projects are within the proposed budget.

6.5 Discussion

**Women and Cycling** – The HCyC members thought a discussion of impediments to women cycling is a very good idea, and also recognized more academic research on the issue would be very valuable. The members are considering a subcommittee of their membership to investigate the issue in more detail. Existing data indicates different gender splits with various data:

SoBi riders are almost 50/50 male and female – suggesting access to a bicycle or the responsibility of bicycle maintenance may be a factor.

The City has conducted some observational studies and the gender split is approximately 1/3 female.

The discussion recognized that there are a lot of possible contributing factors for the gender split; not any specific reason. Possibilities include bicycle lane design, gaps in the cycling network, children passengers are more typically part of a mother’s morning commute, mechanical/ repair considerations, even heckling could be a deterrent for women.

It was suggested to collect gender-split data on the Cannon Cycle Track before the planned 2019 enhancements that are planned to be part of the street resurfacing project. Another immediate task is to compare the routes of female and male Sobi users – this data exists but would need to be extracted and analyzed. In 2019 the committee plans to assess the feasibility of a study on cycling and gender in Hamilton.

A recent bike ride took place to raise awareness for women, cycling and safety.

6.6 Building the Network and Councillor Outreach

[www.hamilton.ca/BuildingTheBikeNetwork](http://www.hamilton.ca/BuildingTheBikeNetwork)

Staff provided a brief summary of current projects and answered questions:

W 1 - Emerson Ave. (design)

W 2 - Hunter St. (design), John St. (design), new signal at Ferguson Ave./Main St.

W 3 - Gage Ave., Delaware Ave./Maplewood Ave.,

- W 4 - Melvin Ave.
- W 4/5 - King St @ RHVP. (design)
- W 7 - Upper Wentworth St. (at Queensdale Ave)
- W 8 - Rymal Rd. (at Garth St), Scenic Dr. (at Upper Paradise Rd.)
- W 10 - Frances Ave (review)
- W 13 - Governor's Rd. (install), Creighton Rd. (design)
- W 14 - Brock Rd. (paved shoulders)
- W 15 - Sydenham Rd. (paved shoulders)

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects

**Sustainable Mobility Program Activities** – Mountain Climber is now expanded to three accesses (James/Beckett/Kenilworth) as of June 24.

**HamBur Loop** – The signage is planned to be installed in 2018.

**Planning** – (Waterdown by-pass, TMP/CMP, Mountain Brow Trail) – Feedback provided to staff.

**Cycling Without Age** – Staff attended a meeting on this concept aimed at taking mobility challenged people on assisted bike rides, and there is the potential for a Hamilton pilot.

6.8 Public Education

**Why We Cycle** – 55 tickets were sold for the film screening. The film spoke of community engagement and the sensory experience of cycling.

**PEDTalk** – Successful, about 200 people attended, the speaker highlighted the Dutch success of cycling culture.

**Bike Month** – Very successful with lots of Hamilton events taking place.

7. **GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS**

**Announcements**

8. **ADJOURNMENT**

**(Moved/Seconded)**

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