

Dundas Rides- February 2020 Update

1. We have established one of the key priorities for Dundas Rides as active community engagement with respect to cycling infrastructure in Dundas. We see this role as involving both ongoing communication with our Councillor, discussions and consultation within the cycling community, and engagement with the non-cycling community focused on education regarding the importance of cycling infrastructure and the cycling master plan. In order to play a role in community engagement and consultation with both the cycling and non-cycling community we need to be informed of infrastructure plans as far in advance as possible. We have a scheduled meeting with our Councillor February 10th to discuss the cycling master plan, but beyond this we generally rely on the committee for updates.

Expectation for the committee: We hope that any updates the committee receives regarding cycling infrastructure in Ward 13 can be communicated to us either via our Ward 13 representative or otherwise.

2. A second priority for the group is to support cycling infrastructure and advocacy in other parts of Hamilton via participation in events as well as promoting and mobilizing the Dundas community. Recently we were in close contact with our Councillor regarding the Hunter Street Bike lane and we will be leading a ride from Dundas (leaving Grafton Part at 7:30 am) to Gore Park for Winter bike day.
3. With respect to currently planned cycling infrastructure, we are advocating for the Creighton street bike lane to extend to Hatt street, if not right away then at least once the Hatt Street bike lane is complete. We are also advocating for the Creighton street bike lane to include a barrier (e.g. bollards). Since this is a key bike lane connecting families to the Governor's road cycle path and the three schools along that path, we think it is only logical that the Creighton lane is also connected with the safety of youth cyclists in mind.

Expectation for the committee: We would like to make a motion that the Creighton Street bike lane extend from Governor's road to Hatt Street and include a physical barrier from traffic (e.g. bollards). We would also like to inquire about the current construction on Hatt Street (moving of hydro poles) and if this is related to the bike lane. If so, is there a plan in place and can details be shared at this time?

4. We are actively planning a June bike ride through Dundas and event in the driving park for which William has submitted a grant request. We submitted a rough budget based on known base costs but are still working out full costs and budget for the event.

Expectation for the committee: We appreciate any support the committee can provide.

5. We meet the first Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm in Grupetto and would welcome all guests or new members. We also invite anyone interested in receiving updates or information about our ongoing activities to email dundasrides@gmail.com to ask to be added to the "friends of Dundas Rides" email list.