



MARCH 2020 UPDATE – HAMILTON CYCLING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

2020 ONTARIO BIKE SUMMIT

The 12th Annual Ontario Bike Summit is taking place in Toronto on April 6 & 7th, 2020. Points of interest for the committee include:

- Cycling Advisory Committee has purchased 1 ticket to attend the full summit
- Speaking proposal from City of Hamilton and McMaster University about Bike Buddies program was accepted as part of the agenda
- Draft agenda available online at www.sharetheroad.ca/OBS
- This year we are offering municipalities and organizations a special offer to help build community capacity. Our new discounted "community ticket" is available for municipalities and organizations to purchase to send a member of the community to the summit who would otherwise not attend the event due to cost. The tickets are \$250 +HST for the full event. Official representative of municipalities and organizations are not eligible (ex. staff, advisory committee member, Board of Directors not eligible for community ticket). Connect with Erica@sharetheroad.ca to purchase a ticket for your community today!

Proposed committee action:

Consider purchasing a community ticket for a member of Hamilton's community to participate in the Ontario Bike Summit.

WHAT'S HAPPENING WITH E-SCOOTERS

Ontario's 5 year pilot for kick-style e-scooters officially started on January 1, 2020. But you won't have seen any of the e-scooters in your community just yet. Now that the province allows e-scooters, municipalities must each decide whether they want to pass a by-law to permit e-scooters in their community. While the province has established some requirements as part of the provincial framework, municipalities that decide to allow e-scooters can decide where they can ride (ex. bike paths, trails, types of roads), where they should park and how they are managed. According to our research, many jurisdictions around the world permit e-scooters to travel in the same space as bicycles, therefore, this is of relevance to the committee.

On February 24th, the City of Windsor became the first municipality to approve an e-scooter pilot. A program to allow e-scooter sharing as well as bike share will be considered by council in the next year. Discussions about permitting e-scooters are also underway in London, Mississauga, Toronto and Hamilton. Ottawa recently launched a public consultation on e-scooters.

You can read more about what's happening with e-scooters in Ontario at: <https://medium.com/share-the-road-cycling-coalition/whats-happening-with-e-scooters-b87b2e595677>

Proposed committee action:

Compose an e-scooter recommendation for the City of Hamilton.