

Dundas Rides Update- March 4, 2020

1. Dundas Rides met with our councillor Arlene Vanderbeek. We presented the draft motion from the HCyC. She said that the council was already addressing what is asked for. We requested updates on various projects, but she did not have the information requested.
2. We attended a city meeting about the planned work on Highway 8 and were dismayed to hear from staff that the final plan would be a road with no real accommodation for cyclists or pedestrians, moreover, they felt it would not be safe for either. We wonder why the city cycling budget is then being spent on this project and have asked for an update from city staff.
3. We have found that the day for our Dundas event is also the day for Buskerfest in Dundas (June 6) and will try to co-ordinate the two events to make them complimentary. We will offer to the BIA to provide bike parking at their event (courtesy of the city's assistance). Our event is planned to take place on Saturday morning before Buskerfest opens for the day (around noon).
4. In order to determine our advocacy priorities, we will be seeking updates on the following elements:
 - a. Planned projects on Market/Creighton and Highway 8, Hatt street, and Dundas street.
 - b. The '5 schools project'. We would like to meet with staff to obtain an update on the various pieces that project requires and determine how we can best help move it forward. This project will require elements from the recreation master plan as well as the cycling master plan and a few pieces currently on neither.
 - c. The planned cycling route on Ogilvie to connect downtown to the rail trail and potential access through St. Joseph's Villa.