



Hamilton

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

Wednesday, March 4, 2020

5:45 p.m.

Room 192, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair: Sharon Gibbons  
Members: Councillor Esther Pauls, Councillor Terry Whitehead, Kate Berry, Cathy Sutherland, Ann McKay, Kevin Vander Meulen, Jeff Axisa, Cora Muis, William Oates, Roman Caruk, Christine Yachouh, and Jessica Merolli

**Absent with  
Regrets:** Joachim Brouwer and Yaejin Kim

**Also Present:** Rachel Johnson, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Daryl Bender, Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Ciaran Egan, Sustainable Mobility Student  
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility

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### **1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES**

None

### **2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Ritsma/Caruk)**

That the delegation request, submitted by Cameron Kroetch, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting an all Advisory Committees event, be added to today's agenda and approved for today's meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(Ritsma/Caruk)**

That the agenda of the March 4, 2020 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Christine Yachouh declared an interest in any item pertaining to Active and Sustainable School Travel, as she is a consultant to the City on this project.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

**(i) February 5, 2020 (Item 4.1)**

Three members abstained from the vote to approve the minutes of the previous meeting, in violation of the Section 246(2) of the *Municipal Act, 2001*, as amended, and Section 3.13(9) of the City's Procedural By-law 18-270, as amended. As such, the vote taken at the Committee meeting is null and void and will be retaken and voted on by all members present at the next Committee meeting.

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

None

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS**

None

**7. CONSENT ITEMS**

**(i) Updates from Local Organizations (Item 7.1)**

**(Morelli/Yachouh)**

That the updates from Cycle Hamilton, Share the Road Cycling Coalition and Dundas Rides, be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. PUBLIC HEARINGS/DELEGATIONS**

**(i) Cameron Kroetsch, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting an all Advisory Committees event (Added Item 8.1)**

Cameron Kroetsch, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee respecting an All Advisory Committees event.

**(Merolli/Pauls)**

That the delegation by Cameron Kroetsch, LGBTQ Advisory Committee, respecting an All Advisory Committees event be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) Cycling Infrastructure and Secondary Plans, Melanie Pham, Community Planning and GIS (Item 9.1)**

City staff, Melanie Pham, addressed the Committee respecting Cycling Infrastructure and Secondary Plans.

**(Ritsma/Yachouch)**

That the presentation by staff, Melanie Pham, be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Councillor Whitehead, Ward 14 Councillor (Item 9.2)**

Councillor Whitehead addressed the Committee respecting his decision to join the Cycling Committee.

**(Yachouch/Morelli)**

That the presentation by Councillor Whitehead be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(i) Planning and Project Updates (Item 10.1)**

Sterling Street: Staff are exploring options on Sterling Street and are aware of existing conflict areas, including at Sterling Street and Forsyth Avenue North. Feedback provided by the Committee at the February meeting is being taken into consideration.

Hunter Street and the Claremont Multi-Use Path (Keddy Trail): Both projects will be going to tender soon and plan to initiate construction in 2020.

York Boulevard: Reconstruction continues to be on hold.

Highway 8 (Dundas): The road is not wide enough to add proper cycling infrastructure, however a pedestrian path will be added on the north side. Cyclists not comfortable with cycling up this route are encouraged to dismount and use the pedestrian path as a safe route up the escarpment.

**(Yachouch/Morelli)**

That the updates from Staff be received.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) 2020 Workplan (Item 10.2)**

Kate Berry is continuing to work on the 2020 workplan, edits and updates still to be made. The events working group will be meeting later this month to go over and confirm changes to the workplan, and it will be submitted in full for committee review at the next meeting.

**(iii) Motherload Documentary Screening (Item 10.3)**

The documentary will be screened on June 11, 2020 at the Waterfront Trust Centre. The event would benefit from volunteers from the Committee. Staff will provide posters for the event.

**(iv) Upcoming Public Events (Item 10.4)**

SoBi Hamilton will be turning 5 this year, a ride is planned for March 20 with a ride to Capitol Bar and celebration there.

Dundas Rides will be meeting tomorrow, March 5. The meeting location will be 150 King Street Dundas, not Grupetto.

**(v) Presentation to Public Works Committee (Item 10.5)**

Kate Berry and Chris Ritsma presented to Public Works Committee on February 21. The presentation went very well, they received many questions from Councillors.

**(vi) City of London Cycling Review (Item 10.6)**

At the upcoming Ontario Bike Summit, the City of London will present on the Cycling Review report. Ann McKay plans to attend. The report outlines how the City of London will use transportation to mitigate their carbon footprint. The London report noted that 33% of people surveyed were interested in cycling, but didn't feel safe doing so. This was a target audience to engage with. McKay will attend the presentation and report back to the Committee.

**(vii) Review of HCyC Monthly Meeting Dates (Item 10.7)**

The current Wednesday evening meeting time for the Committee often conflicts with Council and General Issues Committee for Councillors. The Committee will consider changing the meeting time. These changes will be based on room and committee member availability. Staff, Rachel Johnson, will confirm room availabilities and send a Doodle poll to all members of committee.

**11. MOTIONS**

**(Ristma/Yachouh)**

That consideration of the following items be deferred to the April 1, 2020 Hamilton Cycling Committee meeting due to time constraints:

- (i) Elfrida (Item 11.1)
- (ii) Land Use Planning (GRIDS) (Item 11.2)
- (iii) Truck Route Master Plan Review (Item 11.3)
- (iv) Bill 148, Doored but not Ignored (Item 11.5)

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Climate Emergency (Item 11.4)**

The Climate Emergency motion was discussed. The Committee elected to pursue having the motion championed by a Councillor and brought forward to the General Issues Committee. The Committee will seek Councillor support on the motion.

**(Caruk/Vander Muellen)**

That Roman Caruk and Kevin Vander Muellen be authorized to submit a delegation request to the General Issues Committee, on behalf of the Hamilton Cycling Committee, for the purposes of delegating respecting a Climate Emergency Motion.

**CARRIED**

**12. NOTICES OF MOTION**

None

**13. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**14. PRIVATE AND CONFIDENTIAL**

None

**15. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Ristma/Yachouh)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma

Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Rachel Johnson  
Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Transportation Planning, Planning & Economic Development