



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

Wednesday February 3, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair: William Oates  
Members: Ann McKay, Kevin Vander Meulen, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Councillor Esther Pauls, Sharon Gibbons, Yaejin Kim, Roman Caruk, Christine Yachouh and Cathy Sutherland

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Kate Berry, Jane Jamnik, Jeff Axisa, Councillor Terry Whitehead, Joachim Brouwer and Jessica Merolli

**Also Present:** Rachel Johnson, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Mike Field. Manager of Transportation Operations  
Lauren Vraets, Planner, Planning Policy & Zoning By-Law  
Heather Travis, Senior Project Manager, Planning Policy & Zoning By-Law

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### **1. APPOINTMENT VICE CHAIR**

**(Muis/Gibbons)**

That William Oates be appointed as the Vice-Chair of the Hamilton Cycling Committee for 2021.

**CARRIED**

**2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Pauls/Caruk)**

That the agenda of the February 3, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

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

**(i) January 6, 2021 (Item 4.1)**

**(McKay/Gibbons)**

That the minutes of the January 6, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**(Caruk/Vander Meulen)**

That the presentation given by Lauren Vraets and Heather Travis, Planning Policy & Zoning By-Law regarding GRIDS 2 and Municipal Comprehensive Review, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(i) Women in Cycling Research- Update (Item 8.1)**

Jamie Stuckless and Elise Desjardins ask that if Committee members have articles or documents they think should be considered for the literature review, please send them by February 10 via [desjae@mcmaster.ca](mailto:desjae@mcmaster.ca).

**(ii) HCyC 2021 Budget- Update (Item 8.2)**

Finance staff have advised that until approval of the 2021 Operating Budget the Committee can operate under the assumption of their approved 2020 annual Operating Budget, which was \$10,000. As of the end of 2020 the Committee's reserve fund is \$20,000.

**(iii) Citizen Committee Reports- Update (Item 8.3)**

Staff received an update from Clerks clarifying questions around Citizen Committee Reports. Citizen Committee Reports should be written by members of the Committee, with support from the staff liaison. In addition, reports do not need to go back to the Advisory Committee once a Motion has been made that requires a Citizen Committee Report. If the Committee would like to see the Citizen Committee Report prior to it going to Public Works Committee this should be stated in the Motion.

**(iv) Planned Core Cycling Network Map (Item 8.4)**

Staff presented a new map highlighting the City's planned core cycling network.

**(v) Planning and Project Updates (Item 8.5)**

Staff provided the Committee with a written update on 2021 planned cycling infrastructure projects.

**(Oates/Sutherland)**

That the updates from Staff on Planning and Project Updates be received.  
**CARRIED**

**7. MOTIONS**

**(i) GRIDS 2 (Added Item 9.1)**

**(Sutherland/Muis)**

WHEREAS, the Growth Related Integrated Development Strategy (GRIDS) 2 provides an opportunity to shift gears and provide multiple options of housing, high, medium and lower density in ways that encourage the use of various modes of transportation including cycling;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:**

- (a) That the following feedback from Hamilton Cycling Committee be forwarded to City staff for consideration within the GRIDS 2 strategy:
  - (i) That, the Hamilton Cycling Committee endorse that the City of Hamilton moves forward with a residential intensification rate in alignment with the Ambitious Density scenario (60% on average). This scenario would result in less rural land being added to the urban area and increase use of existing cycling and active transportation infrastructure;

- (ii) That, the City of Hamilton should design its land use policy in such a way to encourage transit. An issue with transit utilization is “first and last mile”. This is often filled by cycling and bicycle share. By focusing land use planning on more compact land use along key transit corridors, the City could further encourage cycling; and,
- (iii) That, the City of Hamilton should design land use policy that is more compact, does not mandate parking and is built in a more environmentally sustainable way to meet the City’s Climate Emergency goals.

**CARRIED**

**(Yachouh/Rogerson)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allowed the meeting to be extended by 15 minutes.

**CARRIED**

## **8. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**(Yachouh /McKay)**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of the following Notice of Motion as a Motion at this meeting respecting, GRIDS 2 (Added Item 9.1).

**CARRIED**

## **10. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

None

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Oates/Vander Meulen)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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