



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, March 3, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair: William Oates
Members: Roman Caruk, Jane Jamnik, Ann McKay, Jessica Merolli,
Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland, and Kevin
Vander Meulen

**Absent with
Regrets:** Jeff Axisa, Kate Berry, Joachim Brouwer, Sharon Gibbons, Yaejin Kim,
Councillor Esther Pauls, Councillor Terry Whitehead and Christine
Yachouh

Also Present: Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Sarah Eakins, Landscape Architect, Landscape Architectural Services

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Caruk/Oates)

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

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) February 3, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Oates/Muis)

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

CARRIED

(d) DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 9)

(i) Planning and Project Updates (Item 9.1)

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

(Oates/Muis)

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

CARRIED

(ii) Pipeline Trail Update (Item 9.2)

Staff provided the Committee with an oral update on the planning of the Pipeline Trail Extension. Committee members asked that they be informed of future public consultation events.

(iii) 2021 Cycling Committee Work Plan (Item 9.3)

Committee members discussed potential projects to undertake during 2021 as part of their work plan. Projects that members raised include the ongoing Gender and Cycling study, a school streets pilot, a bike-in movie night (possibly in collaboration with Hamilton Bike Share Inc. who has hosted them previously), and an education/promotional campaign.

It was raised that the committee's Term of Reference encourages members to meet with their Ward Councillor to discuss cycling, typically once a year. It was suggested that Committee Members could suggest having a socially distanced bike ride with their Councillor.

(e) MOTIONS

(i) Concrete Curbs on Cannon Street (Added Item 10.1)

(Oates/Muis)

WHEREAS, Cannon Street is the most utilized cycling route in the city;

WHEREAS, Cannon Street is on a truck route;

WHEREAS, Cannon Street is a 50 km/hr road; and,

WHEREAS, Cannon Street has an eastbound lane for bicycles against a single direction of vehicular traffic.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Cannon Street rubber barriers and knock down bollards be replaced with poured concrete curbs in places that permanent curbs have not already been installed; and,
- (b) That Cannon Street barriers between James Street North and Hess Street North be replaced immediately.

CARRIED

(f) NOTICE OF MOTION

(i) Concrete Curbs on Cannon Street

(Oates/Jamnik)

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of the following Notice of Motions as Motions at this meeting respecting Concrete Curbs on Cannon Street.

CARRIED

For further disposition, refer to Item (e)(i)

C. Ritsma provided notice of the following three motions for the April 7, 2021 Committee meeting.

(ii) Keddy Access Trail Artwork

WHEREAS the Keddy Access trail has been completed or near completion;

WHEREAS City of Hamilton is a city known for its art, and its growing arts scene;

WHEREAS City of Hamilton supports the arts; and,

WHEREAS there is an empty canvass along a massive stretch of concrete.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee recommends City of Hamilton hire artists to paint the entire barrier of the Keddy Access in a memorial fashion with input from the community and family, friends and students of Mr. Keddy.

(iii) Bicycle Lane Asphalt Quality During and Following Road Works

WHEREAS road works, emergencies, development, construction, utilities and other events require removal of asphalt and/or concrete in bicycle lanes;

WHEREAS asphalt is typically patched quickly then properly repaired at a later date;

WHEREAS work requiring removal of asphalt and/or concrete can take months or years;

WHEREAS bicycles require a smoother surface, both for safety and quality of ride; and,

WHEREAS there are various examples of uncomfortable and unsafe patchwork on key pieces of cycling infrastructure.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee recommends all asphalt and/or concrete crossing the path of a bicycle lane, bicycle trail, bicycle route, or other bicycle infrastructure be repaired/patched immediately after work is complete. All asphalt and/or concrete for these locations be repaired to the same quality regardless of whether the entire project is complete or in progress. The quality of the repair should be to the same quality or better than the adjacent untouched asphalt and/or concrete; and,
- (b) That the Committee recommends Public Works Committee take this motion and present it as direction to staff.

(iv) Bicycle Lane Curbs

WHEREAS physical protection is the best practice to maintain cyclist safety;

WHEREAS vehicles regularly access bicycle infrastructure rendering the infrastructure unusable;

WHEREAS existing concrete curbs and flex posts are easily driven over by vehicles and crushed;

WHEREAS the goal for cycle tracks should be to be made as all ages and abilities; and,

WHEREAS grey concrete curbs are easily missed in summer or snow.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Committee recommends curb heights be no less than 25cm tall; and,
- (b) That the Committee recommends curbs be painted brightly with artwork from local artists or when not possible, clear markings so they do not blend into the grey asphalt.

(g) ADJOURNMENT

(Vander Meulen/Muis)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Trevor Jenkins
Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Transportation Planning, Planning & Economic Development