



Hamilton

## HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, June 2, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair: William Oates  
Members: Jeff Axisa, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Ann McKay, Jessica Merolli, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Kevin Vander Meulen, Cathy Sutherland, and Christine Yachouh.

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Kate Berry, Joachim Brouwer, Yaejin Kim, Jane Jamnik, Councillor Esther Pauls, and Councillor Terry Whitehead

**Also Present:** Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Daryl Bender, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Mike Field, Manager, Transportation Operations and Maintenance  
Tyler Brown, Police Constable, Hamilton Police Services

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**(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**(Yachouh/Merolli)**

That the agenda of the June 2, 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) April 7, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

**(Oates/Merolli)**

That the minutes of the April 7, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) May 5, 2021 (Item 3.2)**

**(Merolli/Oates)**

That the minutes of the May 5, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

**(d) Correspondence**

**(i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board respecting the Feasibility of Launching Project529 (to reduce bike theft) in the City of Hamilton (Item 4.1)**

**(Sutherland/Oates)**

That the correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board be received.

**CARRIED**

**(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**(Caruk/Oates)**

That the Staff Presentations be received:

**(i) Hamilton Police Services Bike Registry (Item 8.1)**

That the presentation given by Police Constable Tyler Brown respecting the new bike ownership and theft registry system, be received. More information on the program can be found on the Police Services' website.

**(ii) Transportation Operation's Role in Cycling (Item 8.2)**

That the presentation given by Mike Field, regarding Transportation Operations and Maintenance role in cycling, be received. The presentation will be circulated to members after the meeting.

**(iii) King West Enhancements Feasibility Plan (Dundurn to Paradise)  
(Item 8.3)**

That the presentation given by Peter Topalovic, regarding the planned enhancements to King Street (Dundurn to Paradise), be received. The work will take approximately two weeks and will primarily be done overnight. The existing bollards will need to be removed for a few days to allow the lines to be repainted, and will be replaced.

**CARRIED**

**(f) DISCUSSION ITEM**

**(Gibbons/Axisa)**

That the Project Updates from Staff be received:

**(i) Planning and Project Updates (Item 9.1)**

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

**(ii) Wilson Street Construction Detour (Item 9.2)**

Staff provided an oral update on the planned cycling detour during repaving of Wilson Street.

**CARRIED**

**(g) MOTIONS**

**(i) Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenter (Item 11.1)**

**(Oates/Rogerson)**

WHEREAS, the Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender and Queer (LGBTQ) Advisory Committee recommended that an All Advisory Committee Event be hosted for the purpose of providing City Advisory Committees with an opportunity to introduce themselves to one another and educate each other in terms of their respective Committee's purpose (mandate) and goals;

WHEREAS, an All Advisory Committee Event was approved by Hamilton City Council on April 14, 2021 (see Item 4 of Audit, Finance and Administration Committee Report 21-005 for reference);

WHEREAS, at the All Advisory Committee Event, each Advisory Committee will be allotted 5 minutes to introduce their respective

Committee's purpose (mandate) and discuss the successes and the challenges the Advisory Committee has experienced; and,

WHEREAS, the staff liaisons for each Advisory Committee met and mutually agreed upon a tentative date for the All Advisory Committee Event.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the proposed date of Monday, September 27, 2021, commencing at 4:00 p.m., for the All Advisory Committee Event be approved; and,
- (b) That Christine Yachouh and Jessica Merolli be authorized to represent the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee at the All Advisory Committee Event and deliver a five-minute presentation on the Committee's behalf respecting the Committee's purpose (mandate), successes and challenges.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Support for the Hamilton Light Trail Transit (LRT)**

**(Yachouh/Oates)**

WHEREAS, the B-Line LRT is part of a strong and connected active transportation network;

WHEREAS, LRT is aligned with Hamilton's Climate Change goals; and,

WHEREAS, cycling is a solution of a first/last mile connection option to transit.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee support the Hamilton B-Line LRT project.

**CARRIED**

**(h) NOTICE OF MOTION**

**(i) Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenter**

That the Rules of Order be waived to allow for the introduction of the following Notice of Motions as Motions at this meeting respecting (1)

Approval of All Advisory Committee Event Date and Selection of a Presenter, and (2) Support for the Hamilton LRT.

**CARRIED**

For further disposition, refer to Item (f)(i) and (f)(ii).

**(ii) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 11.2)**

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.

**(i) General Information / Other Business**

**(i) Expectations for Committee Member Attendance**

The Chair reviewed attendance expectations for Committee members, and discussed the process by which a Committee member may be removed. A member will be given an opportunity to provide an explanation to the Chair prior to any decision on removing them.

**(j) ADJOURNMENT**

**(Axisa/Merolli)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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