



HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, July 7, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Absent with

Regrets: Kate Berry, Joachim Brouwer, Yaejin Kim, Gary Rogerson, 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
Dana Borcea, Tourism Development Officer, Tourism Hamilton
Tyler Marr, Project Coordinator, Sustainable Mobility

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The following item was added to the agenda:

9. DISCUSSION ITEMS

9.4 Barton and Fifty Road Environmental Assessment.

(Caruk/Oates)

That the agenda of the July 7, 2021 meeting be approved, as amended.

CARRIED

(b) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

(c) APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) June 2, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(McKay/Muis)

That the minutes of the June 2, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

(d) CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence from the HSR respecting the Mountain Climber program expansion to Aldershot GO Station (Item 4.1)

(Muis/Oates)

That the correspondence from the HSR respecting the Mountain Climber program expansion to Aldershot GO Station be received.

CARRIED

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(Jamnik/Vander Meulen)

That the Staff Presentations be received:

(i) Cycling Tourism in Hamilton (Item 8.1)

Dana Borcea provided an overview of cycling-related tourism activities in Hamilton. Tourism Hamilton is happy to receive any suggestions to improve cycling tourism, or receive feedback on their cycling materials.

(ii) Bike Month 2021 Results (Item 8.2)

Tyler Marr provided an update on the results of Bike Month 2021. The event was delivered virtually due to the ongoing pandemic, and managed to attract over 630 registrants and earn media attention.

(iii) Healthcare Connector (ICIP COVID Resilience Stream) (Item 8.3)

Peter Topalovic presented the Healthcare Connector route approved for funding through the ICIP COVID Resilience Stream.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEM

(i) HCyC 10 Great Ride Routes (Item 9.1)

Staff informed the Committee that the City has received public feedback over the past few months regarding the Cycling Committee '10 Great Ride Routes' brochure created in 2010.

(ii) Truck Route Master Plan (Item 9.2)

Committee members noted their concerns about the draft Truck Route Master Plan Network presented at the recent PIC. A Notice of Motion was presented for consideration at the August meeting (Refer to (h)(iii)).

(iii) Planning and Projects Updates (Item 9.3)

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

(Caruk/Oakes)

That the Project Updates from Staff and discussion items be received.

CARRIED

(iv) Barton and Fifty Road Environmental Assessment (Item 9.4)

Committee members discussed concerns about the cycling infrastructure proposed during a recent Public Information Centre. (For further disposition refer to (h)(iv)).

(g) NOTICES OF MOTION

(i) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 11.1)

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 all asphalt and concrete repairs impacting a bicycle lane, bicycle trail, bicycle route, or other bicycle infrastructure be repaired and/or patched immediately after road work is complete to the same pre-repair quality or better, regardless of whether the entire project is complete or in progress.

(ii) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity Motion (Item 11.2)

WHEREAS the City is currently doing an Environmental Assessment along Upper Wellington between Lime Ridge Road and Stone Church Road;

WHEREAS Hamilton's cycling master plan includes cycling infrastructure over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway along Upper Wellington Street;

WHEREAS it is important that cycling infrastructure connect to existing infrastructure in order to develop increased ridership;

WHEREAS a cycling lane over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway would connect the planned cycling infrastructure South of the Parkway to that north of the Parkway;

WHEREAS a connection over the overpass is a key component of a minimum grid of cycling infrastructure on the Hamilton mountain;

WHEREAS there is currently no north-south crossing over the Parkway closer than West 5th to the west and Upper Sherman to the East;

WHEREAS it is possible to reduce the number of car lanes on the bridge along Upper Wellington;

WHEREAS it is possible to consider having only two lanes, along with a center turning lane, all along Upper Wellington from Lime Ridge Road to Stone Church Road to match Upper Wellington to the south of Stone Church Road; and,

WHEREAS having four traffic lanes and with no cycle lane does not fit the goal of balancing infrastructure on the overpass; it instead prioritizes

automobile transportation with respect to north-south connections on the Hamilton mountain.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) The road improvements on Upper Wellington Street from Limeridge Road to Stone Church Road include cycling infrastructure over the Lincoln Alexander Parkway.

(iii) Truck Route Master Plan Input

WHEREAS the proposed Truck Route Masterplan includes trucks on roads included in the cycling masterplan and urban streets where cycling is likely to take place;

WHEREAS the proposed Truck Route Masterplan includes truck routes 7am-7pm which is the most common time cyclists and pedestrians will be utilizing roads, and in parts of the year this is after dark which is far more dangerous for cyclists and pedestrians;

WHEREAS the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee recommended at its October 7, 2020 meeting that the proposed truck route changes not include streets where cycling is likely to take place; and,

WHEREAS there are alternative routes for trucks to take such as small detours and longer ones around the Burlington Bay, Lincoln Alexander Parkway, Red Hill Valley Parkway, Highway 403 and Burlington St, while cyclists cannot take detours to avoid trucks under the current plan.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That truck routes be removed from the urban core of the city including Cannon Street and Bay Street;
- (b) That truck routes be removed from Rymal Road; and,
- (c) That truck routes that have limited hours be reduced to 10am – 4pm, Monday through Friday to avoid the most common times cyclists will be on Hamilton roads.

(iv) Barton & Fifty Road Environmental Assessment Cycling Infrastructure

WHEREAS Barton Street east of Fruitland Rd, and Fifty Road are on the cycling masterplan;

WHEREAS Barton Street East in this area has multiple schools;

WHEREAS Fifty Road makes cycling connections to Niagara and Grimsby cycling lanes;

WHEREAS Bi-directional cycling lanes are not best practice due to safety concerns; and,

WHEREAS the Cycling Advisory Committee has heard complaints regarding multi-use cycling paths.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Barton Street East cycling lanes be separated and protected and make connections to the local schools in the area;
- (b) That Barton Street East cycling lanes be in the direction of expected automobile traffic;
- (c) That Fifty Road cycling lanes cross the QEW bridge and connect to Winona; and,
- (d) That Fifty Road cycling lanes be extended to the South Service Road to connect to cycling lanes east of the City of Hamilton.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Portland Bike Donation

In response to a question, P. Topalovic provided an oral update on the bike share equipment donation from the City of Portland. Public Works Committee passed the recommendation to accept the donation earlier in the day, and it will be presented to Council to ratify at their next meeting.

(ii) Available Board Seats

Environment Hamilton and Cycle Hamilton are both recruiting new board members. More information can be found on their respective websites.

(iii) 2021 HCyC Budget

There was a point raised on how the Committee should spend more of its budget before the end of the year.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

(Jamnik/Muis)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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