



HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, September 1, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair William Oates
Members: Jeff Axisa, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Jane Jamnik, Yaejin Kim, Ann McKay, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland, Kevin Vander Meulen, Christine Yachouh

Absent with

Regrets: Kate Berry, Joachim Brouwer, Jessica Merolli, Councillor Esther Pauls, Councillor Terry Whitehead.

Also Present: Trevor Jenkins, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Daryl Bender, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Danny Pimentel, Active Transportation Technologist

(a) APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The chair advised of the following changes to the agenda:

Changes to the Order of Items:

That Item 10.2, a motion respecting the Truck Route Master Plan Proposal, be moved up on the agenda to be considered with Item 9.3, a Citizen Committee Report respecting the Truck Route Master Plan Proposal.

(Oates/Rogerson)

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) July 7, 2021 (Item 3.1)

(Sutherland/McKay)

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

CARRIED

(d) CORRESPONDENCE

(i) Correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board with regards to the City of Hamilton dated April 20, 2021, with respect to Bill 148, Doored but Not Ignored Act, 2019 (Item 4.1)

(Oates/Caruk)

That the correspondence from the Hamilton Police Services Board with regards to the City of Hamilton correspondence dated April 20, 2021, with respect to Bill 148, Doored but Not Ignored Act, 2019, be received.

CARRIED

(ii) Correspondence from Nimesh Patel, Project Manager for the Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment with respect to the Draft Upper Wellington Motion (Item 4.2)

(Oates/Caruk)

That the correspondence from Nimesh Patel of the Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment team, be received and referred to the consideration of Item 11.1

CARRIED

(iii) Correspondence from Stuckless Consulting with an update on the Gender and Cycling Research Project (Item 4.3)

(Oates/Caruk)

That the correspondence from Stuckless Consulting providing an update on the Gender and Cycling Research Project, be received.

CARRIED

(e) STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(Oates/Axisa)

That the Staff Presentations be received:

(i) Updates on Project Completed in 2021 (Item 8.1)

D. Pimentel provided an update on the cycling projects completed as of July 2021. Eight projects have been completed to date. Committee members asked questions about plans for Stone Church Road, McMaster Innovation Park, and Dundurn Road. The Committee asked if staff could provide an update on counter data at a future meeting.

(ii) Complete, Livable, Better Streets Design Manual (Item 8.2)

T. Jenkins provided an overview of the ongoing Complete, Livable, Better Streets Design Manual. The Committee discussed different infrastructure treatments where pedestrians and cyclists may mix.

CARRIED

(f) DISCUSSION ITEM

(i) Virtual Roundtable Discussion with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group (Item 9.1)

(Oates/Jamnik)

Be it resolved that Cora Muis and Roman Caruk attend the Roundtable Discussion with the Advisory Committee for Persons with Disabilities' Transportation Working Group on behalf of the Committee.

CARRIED

(ii) Planning and Project Update (Item 9.2)

Staff provided the Committee with a written update on 2021 planned cycling infrastructure projects. Members noted support of the Hatt Street installation, and offered constructive feedback about accessing the arena and the loading zone in front of a business. Concerns were raised about the paved shoulders installed along Brock Road. Staff will report back with more information on the Centre Road project at a future meeting.

(Yachouh/Caruk)

That the Planning and Project Update be received.

CARRIED

(iii) Citizen Committee Report – Truck Route Proposal Motion (Item 9.3) and Truck Route Master Plan Input (Item 11.2)

(Ritsma/Caruk)

WHEREAS the proposed Truck Route Master plan includes trucks on roads included in the cycling master plan 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 not be allowed on streets listed as “Daytime only (7am – 7pm) under the draft proposed truck route map;
- (b) That truck routes be removed from Rymal Road within the urban area and Garner Road from Glancaster to Highway 6; and
- (c) That the Committee draft a Citizen Committee Report to Public Works Committee regarding recommendations on the truck route as it relates to cycling and active transportation that connects to cycling.

CARRIED

(Ritsma/Rogerson)

That the draft Citizen Committee Report respecting the Truck Route Proposal Motion be endorsed, subject to updates to the dates.

CARRIED

(iv) All Advisory Committee Meeting – HCyC Presentation (Item 9.4)

C. Yachouh provided an overview of the presentation they planned to present at the All Advisory Committee Meeting on September 27, 2021.

(g) NOTICE OF MOTION

(i) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity Motion (Item 11.1)

WHEREAS the City is currently doing an Environmental Assessment along Upper Wellington between Limeridge 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;

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;

WHEREAS a multi-use pathway slows down commuter cycling traffic;

WHEREAS a multi-use pathway causes unease for both cyclists and pedestrians; and,

WHEREAS pedestrians with ear-buds do not hear the bells of cyclists

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; and,

(b) That the cycling infrastructure be clearly separated (e.g. separated facility) from the pedestrian traffic along Upper Wellington.

(ii) Barton & Fifty Road Environmental Assessment Cycling Infrastructure (Item 11.3)

WHEREAS Barton Street East, between Fruitland Road and Fifty Road, and Fifty Road, between South Service Road and Highway 8, are on the cycling master plan;

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,

That Fifty Road cycling lanes be extended to the South Service Road to connect to cycling lanes east of the City of Hamilton.

(iii) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 11.4)

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.

(h) GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) New Staff Liaison

D. Pimentel will be the new Staff Liaison for the Committee, effective after this meeting.

(ii) 2022 HCyC Budget Submission

The Committee will need to approve its 2022 budget request at the November meeting. Members should think about potential projects in advance of the October meeting.

(i) ADJOURNMENT

(Oates/Vander Muelen)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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