



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, November 3, 2021

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

**Absent with
Regrets:** Joachim Brouwer, Councillor Esther Pauls, Councillor Terry Whitehead.

Also Present: Danny Pimentel, Active Transportation Technologist, Sustainable
Mobility
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Daryl Bender, Project Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Mike Field, Acting Director, Transportation Operations and Maintenance
Ken Coit, Manager Placemaking Public Art and Projects, Tourism and
Culture

1. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Caruk/Oates)

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

CARRIED

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C. Muis declared a conflict of interest for Item 7.2.2 (Cycling Without Ages) and
will be abstaining from voting.

W. Oates declared a conflict of interest for Item 7.2.3 (Dundas Rides) and will be abstaining from voting.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) **HCyc Meeting Minutes - October 6, 2021 (Item 3.1)**

(Muis/Berry)

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

CARRIED

4. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) **Keddy Trail Public Art (Item 6.1)**

K.Coit provided a presentation on public art along the walls/columns and benches of the Keddy Trail as well as a memorial in recognition of Mr. Keddy. The committee expressed gratitude and excitement on the proposed project/locations and asked questions regarding budget/cost, timing and themes of paintings. Staff indicated that the project would be completed mid 2022, as weather permits.

(Caruk/Jamnik)

That the Staff Presentation be received:

CARRIED

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) **HCyc 2022 Budget (Item 7.1)**

The committee discussed the proposed 2022 budget, which was voted on and approved:

Item	2022 Budget
Social Media Campaign	\$500
Special Projects	\$5,000
Tourism Promotions - supporting Ontario By Bike	\$500
Supporting Community Events to Raise Awareness for Cycling	\$3,000
Special Committee Cycling Events	\$2,000
Training, Conferences and Memberships	\$2,000
Meeting Expenses	\$1,000
TOTAL	\$14,000
Funds from levy	\$10,000
Funds from reserve	\$4,000

(Caruk/Axisa)

That the 2022 Hamilton Cycling Committee budget be approved and presented to a December Public Works Committee as a Staff Report, as a recommendation to be approved and referred to the 2022 budget process for consideration.

CARRIED

(ii) HCyc 2021 Budget Expenses (Item 7.2)

The committee discussed the remaining 2021 budget and allocated expenses to the following:

- Bike 4 Mike & Daily School Routes (Item 7.2.1) - Wayfinding Signage
- Cycling Without Ages (New Hope Community Bikes) (Item 7.2.2) - Additional bicycle equipment
- Dundas Rides (Item 7.2.3) - Christmas Light Bike Ride

(Merolli/McKay)

That up to \$1,000 from “Special Projects” within the 2021 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to Bike 4 Mike (Daily School Routes) “Wayfinding Sign” project request.

CARRIED

(Caruk/Oates)

That up to \$2,000 from “Special Projects” within the 2021 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to Cycling without Ages (New Hope Community Bikes) request.

CARRIED

(Caruk/Rogerson)

That up to \$250 from “Group Rides” within the 2021 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to Dundas Rides request.

CARRIED

The committee discussed additional expense items to be considered for 2021.

(Vander Meulen/Merolli)

That \$750 from “Group Rides” be moved into “Conferences” within the 2021 Cycling Committee budget.

CARRIED

(Vander Meulen/Merolli)

That up to \$1,750 from “Conferences” within the 2021 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to have 3 committee members (K.Berry, C.Ritsma, W. Oates) attend OTM Book 18 Training (Virtual) and 2 committee members (A. McKay and J. Merolli) attend School Zone Safety (Online Symposium).

CARRIED

(Merolli/Oates)

That the discussion items be received and approved as follows:

(iii) Social Determinants of Health in COVID-19 (Item 7.3)

The committee reviewed the report and had no questions.

(iv) Planning and Project Update (Item 7.4)

Staff provided the Committee with an update on 2021 planned cycling infrastructure projects. Staff provided additional updates/information on Victoria Ave and York Blvd as well as comments regarding 2022 projects.

(v) Gender in Cycling Research Project Update (Item 7.5)

The committee discussed the Literature Review: Cycling and Gender.

(vi) School Streets Project (Item 7.6)

The committee was provided a written update on the School Streets Project. Committee members asked how many schools are part of the project and if the committee can provide recommendations on which schools should be considered. Staff will look into the program and follow up with the committee.

CARRIED

6. NOTICE OF MOTION

(i) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity Motion (Item 8.1)

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.

(Vander Muellen/Rogerson)

That the motion be deferred to the December meeting.

CARRIED

(Ritsma/Merolli)

That the following motion be deferred to a future meeting.

(ii) Barton & Fifty Road Environmental Assessment Cycling Infrastructure (Item 8.2)

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.

CARRIED

(Ritsma/Merolli)

That the following motion be deferred to a future meeting:

(iii) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 8.3)

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.

CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

(Caruk/Merolli)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:46 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel
Active Transportation Technologist, Sustainable Mobility
Transportation Planning, Planning & Economic Development