



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, January 5, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

Absent with Regrets: Joachim Brouwer, Sharon Gibbons, Yaejin Kim, 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

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Muis/Caruk)

That the agenda of the January 5, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be amended to include "Planning and Project Updates" under discussion items as Item 7.4.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) December 1, 2021 (Item 4.1)

(Oates/Caruk)

That the minutes of the December 1, 2021 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

(i) HCyc Member Resignation (Item 5.1)

Two committee members have submitted their resignation. A motion will be brought forward to the January 10, 2022 Public Works Committee meeting, which will include a change in quorum requirements going forward. Staff will follow up with committee members on process of filling vacancies mid-term.

(Oates/Muis)

That the communication item be received.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair (Item 7.1)

(Jamnik/Pauls)

That C. Ritsma be acclaimed as Chair of the Hamilton Cycling Committee for 2022.

CARRIED

(Pauls/Vander Meulen)

That W. Oates be acclaimed as Vice-Chair of the Hamilton Cycling Committee for 2022.

CARRIED

(ii) 2022 HCyc Meeting Dates (Item 7.2)

The committee was provided a copy of 2022 meeting dates/times. Members discussed and questioned how meetings during the Municipal

election would occur. Staff will follow up with members on how the 2022 Municipal election will impact future committee meetings.

(iii) 2022 HCyc Workplan (Item 7.3)

Consideration of COVID (i.e. restrictions) and budget should be kept in mind when planning future projects/initiatives and should be flexible/adaptable. A working group will be formed to develop and complete the workplan.

(iv) Planning and Project Update (Item 7.4)

Staff provided the following updates to questions asked by committee members:

- Sydenham Rd: project voted in by Council as part of federal funding; not a Sustainable Mobility project. Final design is being worked on; preliminary concept includes physically separated facilities along with asphalt improvements downbound.
- Ogilvie St: The City's Roadway Safety group is currently reviewing Old Ancaster Rd and Ogilvie St. Cycling infrastructure is not currently planned for either street.
- Hatt St: Barriers were not installed in front of Shawn and Ed brewery as concerns were raised at the time of installation. City staff have met with the brewery to explore potential solutions in maintaining their operations, while maintaining the barriers. An update will be provided to the committee when a final solution has been determined.
- School Streets: City staff are completing the grant agreement and is planned for two schools to start as a pilot. Schools are still being finalized and will be shared with the committee once determined.
- York Blvd: Contractor portion of project is complete with some outstanding internal works to be completed; pavement markings, flexposts and signage. Precast curbs are used as a buffer and additional visibility of the larger barriers that follow. The intersection of York/Dundurn is part of the LRT project and will be reviewed for extensive improvements at that time. Additional pavement markings are planned for the intersection.

- Strachan St: multi-use path complete and will include cycling accommodations across intersections and may not have been implemented yet due to weather. The concrete multi-use path west of James St will see additional shared use signage.
- Bike Share: report is planned to be part of the January 10, 2022 Public Works committee meeting. The Public Works committee meeting agenda will be updated to include the report and update.
- Pipeline Trail: section closer to Brampton St/ Glow Park is being completed now.
- Barton St: staff will follow up with the committee on project limits and scope. Barton St is not identified within the Cycling Master Plan and as a result there are no plans for cycling infrastructure as part of the project.

(Oates/McKay)

That the discussion items be received

CARRIED

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

(i) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity Motion (Item 9.1)

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 AND RECOMMENDED:

- (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.

CARRIED

(ii) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 9.2)

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 AND RECOMMENDED:

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

8. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

(i) Dundas Rides - Yule Tide Bike Ride (Item 8.1)

Approximately 50 people attended including many families and was enjoyed by all participants.

9. ADJOURNMENT

(Oates/Caruk)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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