



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, February 2, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair: William Oates
Members: Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Ann McKay, Jessica Merolli, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland, Kevin Vander Meulen, Christine Yachouh, Councillor Esther Pauls

Absent with

Regrets: Jeff Axisa, Kate Berry, Jane Jamnik, Councillor Terry Whitehead.

Also Present: Danny Pimentel, Project Manager, Active Transportation
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Mike Field, Acting Director, Transportation Operations and Maintenance

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Oates/Sutherland)

That the agenda of the February 2, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

C. Ritsma is on the Executive Board of Directors for Bike Share Inc. and declared a conflict of interest for Item 8.2 (City of Hamilton Bikeshare Report) and will be abstaining from voting.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) **HCyc Meeting Minutes - January 5, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

(McKay/Rogerson)

That the minutes of the January 5, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

(Oates/Caruk)

That the communication items be received:

(i) **HCyc Membership Update (Item 5.1)**

City staff informed committee members that Clerks is in the process of recruiting and filling recent vacancies. Members asked how quorum is impacted while members are being recruited. Staff will follow up with the committee when that information is available.

(ii) **School Street Project Update (Item 5.2)**

The committee was provided a written update on the School Streets Project. Members asked about timelines and what the closure/project is going to look like. Staff advised that each school may look different from one another and are still coordinating those details with the school and/or councillor. Committee members also offered to assist with schools within their wards that are taking part in the program.

CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) **Planning and Project Update (Item 8.1)**

Staff provided members with an update on current and planned projects. Members asked questions related to:

- Kitty Murray Lane: staff will follow-up on the planned infrastructure for this project; temporary bicycle lanes are noted.
- Dundas Street multi-use path: staff will follow-up on potential opportunities for consultation and/or engagement on this project.

- North Waterdown Drive, Hamilton: staff will follow-up and advise on status of design and if it can be shared/viewed by committee to better understand the connections to Parkside Drive and Avonsyde Boulevard.
- Active Transportation Fund: staff will be submitting an application to this Federal grant opportunity. Staff will seek feedback from committee members on potential projects that could be included.
- York Blvd, Hamilton: with future construction works planned on York Blvd because of LRT, any future road works (i.e. repaving, patch work) has been put on hold until a plan is determined.

(ii) City of Hamilton Bikeshare Report (Item 8.2)

A portion of the City of Hamilton “Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process Sustainable Operations Model and Funding (PED20109(d))” report was read. Overall financial commitment was outlined and discussed as well as the potential for future expansion in other parts of the City.

(Merolli/Muis)

Suspend the rules of procedure in regard to a notice of motion.

CARRIED

(Oates/Muis)

That the Hamilton Cycling Committee support Report PED20109(d) respecting the Public Bike Share Program Phased Procurement Process Sustainable Operations Model and Funding.

The above motion was amended to read as follows:

(Vander Meulen/Merolli)

That the Hamilton Cycling Committee support the concept of a partnership between the City of Hamilton and the bikeshare operator.

CARRIED

(iii) Claremont Art Project (Item 8.3)

Placemaking, Public Art and Projects is seeking a Hamilton Cycling Committee member to take part in an advisory committee for the Keddy Access Trail Street Art Project.

(Rogerson/Oates)

That J. Merolli be appointed to the Keddy Access Trail Street Art Project Advisory Committee as a representative of the Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

(iv) 2022 HCyc Workplan (Item 7.4)

Committee members reviewed and discussed their 2022 workplan and noted that it is forecasted to include year 1 of each new committee term. The workplan is a working document and will be updated as projects progress and expenses incur. Members were advised that any expenses will still require committee members approval.

(v) Cycle Hamilton - Movie Night Funding Request (Item 8.5)

Committee members reviewed and discussed the funding request proposal from Cycle Hamilton. Committee members identified an informal limit of \$500 for previous and future requests to ensure its fairness for other organizations, while also understanding the challenges with spending the budget in years past. Members also identified that Cycle Hamilton received funding in 2021 for a research project which has not been completed.

(McKay/Muis)

That up to \$1,125 from "Special Projects" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to Cycle Hamilton - Movie Night request and that the Hamilton Cycling Committee being identified as a co-sponsor.

CARRIED

(Merolli/Rogerson)

That the discussion items be received

CARRIED

7. NOTICE OF MOTION

(Vander Meulen/Oates)

That the motion be deferred to a future meeting:

(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)

(Ritsma/Merolli)

That the motion be deferred to a future meeting:

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)** Staff shared that D.Bender has retired and D. Pimentel is the new Project Manager, Active Transportation.
- (ii)** Staff will provide the committee with an update on Bike Month plans/events.

9. ADJOURNMENT

(Merolli/Oates)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel
Project Manager, Active Transportation
Planning & Economic Development