



Hamilton

## HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, March 2, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair: William Oates  
Members: Jeff Axisa, Kate Berry, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons,  
Ann McKay, Jessica Merolli, Kevin Vander Meulen, Gary Rogerson

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Jane Jamnik, Cora Muis, Cathy Sutherland, Christine Yachouh  
Councillor Esther Pauls, 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

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### 1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES (Item 1)

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA (Item 2)

There were no changes to the agenda.

**(Caruk/Oates)**

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

**CARRIED**

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (Item 3)

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (Item 4)**

- (i) **Hamilton Cycling Committee Meeting Minutes - February 2, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

**(Oates/McKay)**

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

**CARRIED**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS (Item 5)**

- (i) **Bike Month Update (Item 5.1)**

The committee was provided a written update on Bike Month for the City of Hamilton. City staff will be partnering with Cycle Toronto in promoting Bike Month via a Regional website and branding for 2022. As in years past, other Hamilton groups/organizations have been involved with events during Bike Month.

**(Berry/Caruk)**

That the Communication respecting the Bike Month Update, be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. DELEGATION REQUESTS (Item 6)**

- (i) **Velo Canada Bikes - Brian Pincott (Item 6.1)**

The committee recently became a member of Velo Canada Bikes and invited Brian Pincott (Executive Director) to provide an overview of the organization. Velo Canada Bikes was founded in 2012 and is a national non-profit organization working to build a bicycle friendly Canada. Committee members asked B. Pincott about the Active Transportation Fund and data collection study completed across Canada.

**(Oates/Caruk)**

That the Delegation from Brian Pincott, Executive Director, Velo Bikes Canada, be received

**CARRIED**

**7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS (Item 7)**

**(i) Active Transportation Fund Overview (Item 7.1)**

Staff provided an overview of the Active Transportation Fund available through Infrastructure Canada. Committee asked questions around quantity of applications, timing of approval and percentage of the projects that are cycling focused.

**(Oates/Caruk)**

That the staff presentation respecting the Active Transportation Fund Overview be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. DISCUSSION ITEMS (Item 8)**

**(Berry/Oates)**

That the following discussion items be received:

**(i) Multi-Use Path Projects (Item 8.1)**

Staff provided an overview of 5 multi-use path projects that have been assigned to a consultant for preliminary design. Committee members asked questions related to improving intersection crossings for cyclists at Baldwin/York and West/Baldwin, along with the potential of a small traffic circle at Baldwin/West. Members also asked about future plans for West 5<sup>th</sup> St south of Governor's Blvd.

**(ii) Hamilton Cycling Committee Email Account (Item 8.2)**

Committee members were advised of a new Gmail account that is intended for all members of the committee to access. Members discussed purchasing a subscription to Google Meet to conduct virtual meetings as well as share information.

**(Ritsma/McKay)**

That \$150 from "Training, Conferences and Memberships" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to a Google Meet yearly subscription.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) Hamilton Cycling Committee Terms of Reference (Item 8.3)**

Committee members reviewed the existing Terms of Reference and identified the membership section as an area for improvement. Committee members were asked to provide any comments to staff.

**(iv) Hamilton Cycling Committee Workplan (Item 8.4)**

Committee members discussed the workplan and the potential of incorporating Velo Canada Bikes national data collection study, events related to Bike Month (i.e. bike ride) and attending the Ontario Bike Summit in April.

**(Oates/Berry)**

That up to \$500 from "Training, Conferences and Memberships" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to purchase two virtual Ontario Bike Summit tickets

**CARRIED**

**(v) Planning and Project Update (Item 8.5)**

Staff provided members with an update on current and planned projects. Staff highlighted upcoming public engagement opportunities and members asked questions related to:

- Sydenham Rd: a final design has yet to be determined. A focus group meeting is being planned to discuss design options.
- Kitty Murray Ln: is planned for review at the end of 2022. Any infrastructure proposed on Kitty Murray Ln will not be temporary.
- King St @ 403 - removed from list as a result of future LRT works and engagement with the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).
- Upper Wellington EA: a second public information center is being planned for early/mid April. The project team is aware of the Cycling Committee's comments and have incorporated cycling infrastructure into the project.

**CARRIED**

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION (Item 9)**

**(Vander Meulen/Oates)**

That the motion be deferred to a future meeting:

**(i) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity Motion (Item 10.1)**

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 10.2)**

**(Ritsma/Berry)**

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**

**9. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS (Item 11)**

(i) Keddy Trail Closure: between Hunter St & James Mountain Rd/West 5<sup>th</sup> on Wednesday March 9 from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Advance notification signs will be installed at key points and cyclists are encouraged to utilize the free HSR Mountain Climber.

(ii) Free public webinar for “Piloting School Streets” is being held on March 10, 2022 from 1:00 - 2:00 p.m. A future workshop on will be held on “How to Run a School Street Project”.

**(Oates/Berry)**

That up to \$100 from “Training, Conferences and Memberships” within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to purchase one workshop ticket.

**CARRIED**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Berry/Oates)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel  
Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Planning & Economic Development