



Hamilton

## HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, April 6, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Jeff Axisa, Sharon Gibbons, 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

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

**(Muis/Caruk)**

That the agenda of the April 6, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

### 3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) HCyc Meeting Minutes - March 2, 2022 (Item 4.1)

**(Oates/Merolli)**

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

**CARRIED**

**5. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

**(i) Cargo E-Bike Pilot Program (Item 6.1)**

P. Topalovic made a presentation on the City's cargo e-bike pilot program. Staff highlighted that there is a survey open through Engage Hamilton to determine community feedback and support. Committee members noted that the survey is closed; staff will investigate to see if the closing date can be extended. Members asked questions about where they can be used (bike lanes/trails), safety requirements (lights), integration with Light Rail Transit (permitting use on multi-use trails), local interest, parking impacts and considerations.

**(Merolli/Jamnik)**

That the staff presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(Oates/Muis)**

That the following discussion items be received:

**(i) Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee Roles and Responsibilities (Item 7.1)**

Committee members reviewed the Roles and Responsibilities of the cycling committee. Members noted that anything that uses cycling infrastructure (i.e. e-bikes and e-scooters) should be included as part of the committee's mandate and members could provide input to those issues. Members discussed the potential of broadening the scope of the committee to capture all non-motorized modes of transportation but identified concerns with taking on too much. In summary it was suggested to include scooters as part of the mandate, revise the experience requirements and remove the notion of specific people/groups (i.e. school boards) making up the composition of the committee.

**(ii) Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee Work Plan (Item 7.2)**

Committee members reviewed the workplan and did not identify any changes to the workplan. An update was provided to the “Movie Night” event planned to occur at Gage Park, in the summer.

**(iii) John Street Two-way Cycle Track (Item 7.3)**

Staff provided an overview of the John St cycling project and the extension of the existing two-way cycle track from Burlington St to Guise St. In addition, the existing rubber stops south of Burlington St will be replaced with precast curbs and flexposts. Committee members asked questions about what can be done around the bumpout to discourage vehicles from entering the cycle track. Staff noted this will be reviewed and considered during detailed design.

**(iv) Planning and Project Update (Item 7.4)**

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

- Sydenham Hill: project has been cancelled
- Cannon @ Park: currently closed for approximately 1 month; cycling detour has been provided
- Victoria Ave South: April 19<sup>th</sup> Community Information Session (through the Councillor’s office) related to project. As details become available, the information will be shared with the committee
- Active Transportation Fund: applications submitted; projects can be viewed through report sent to Public Works committee
- Truck Route Master Plan: approved by the Truck Route Master Plan Committee and includes limiting trucks with 4 access within the downtown core

**(v) Ontario Bike Summit Recap (Item 7.5)**

Committee members who attended the Bike Summit provided a recap of the two-day event. It was noted how well it was organized and the quantity and quality of information shared was very useful. Committee members

noted that the Cycling Committee should have 1-2 members attend each year.

**(vi) Vision Zero Education Campaign (Item 7.6)**

M. Field provided the committee with an overview of the Vision Zero program and the 2022 education campaign, partnering with Hamilton Police Services. Staff asked if any committee members would be interested in collaborating in the campaign; if so, members can contact staff for additional information.

**CARRIED**

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**(Vander Meulen/Oates)**

That the motion be deferred to a future meeting:

**(i) Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity (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 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)**

**(Vander Meulen/Oates)**

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**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

**(McKay/Rogerson)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel  
Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Planning & Economic Development