



Hamilton

## HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

**Wednesday, May 4, 2022**

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair: William Oates  
Members: Kate Berry, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Jane Jamnik, Marko Maric, Jessica Merolli, Cora Muis, Kevin Vander Meulen, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Jeff Axisa, Dan van den Beukel, Ann McKay, Christine Yachouh, Councillor Esther Pauls, Councillor Terry Whitehead,

**Also Present:** Danny Pimentel, Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Peter Topalovic, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility  
Evan Nopper, Active Transportation Technologist, Active Transportation  
Juby Lee, Program Coordinator, Sustainable Mobility  
Johnathan Vandriel, Landscape Architect, Landscape Architectural Services  
Wes Kindree, Supervisor, Landscape Architectural Services

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### 1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

### 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

J. Merolli requested to add "Movie Night" update from Cycle Hamilton to the Bike Day and Bike Month Update (Item 8.1)

**(Oates/Muis)**

That the agenda of the May 4, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as amended.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

- (i) **Hamilton Cycling Committee Meeting Minutes - April 6, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

**(Oates/Berry)**

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

**CARRIED**

**5. COMMUNICATIONS**

- (i) **New Committee Members (Item 5.1)**

Committee members and city staff welcomed M. Maric and D. van den Beukel as two new members to the Hamilton Cycling Committee.

D. Pimentel introduced J. Lee and E. Nopper as two new City staff part of the Sustainable Mobility team.

**6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS**

- (i) **Parks Master Plan (Item 7.1)**

J. Vandriel made a presentation on the City's Parks Master Plan. Staff highlighted items within project scope as well as what items are not included within the scope of the project. Committee members asked questions about potential outcomes of the final report, decision making without a current master plan in place, access and connections between parks and the cycling network as well as inclusion of conservation areas in the project.

**(Merolli/Rogerson)**

That the staff presentation be received.

**CARRIED**

7. **DISCUSSION ITEMS**

**(Maric/Muis)**

That the following discussion items be received:

**(i) Bike Day and Bike Month Update (Item 8.1)**

J. Lee provided an update to the committee on the City's plans for Bike Day and Bike Month. It will include a "Bike Thru" on bike day (May 30) that will lead and kick-off bike month in May, as well as pop-up events in Dundas and partnering with schools to promote bike month. Committee members asked questions about bike to school week and supporting schools by way of allocating prizes as well as if 100 in 1 is part of bike month. Committee members noted hosting an event during bike month for the Keddy Trail and having a bike ride. Committee and staff will connect to go over the details.

**(Berry/Rogerson)**

That up to \$1,000 from "Special Projects" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to purchase prize packs for schools participating in bike to school week.

**CARRIED**

**(Oates/Jamnik)**

That up to \$500 from "Special Committee Cycling Events" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to a Keddy Trail bike ride.

**CARRIED**

J. Merolli identified June 4<sup>th</sup> as the date for "Movie Night" and it will be taking place at Corktown Park. It was identified that the allocated budget, will no longer cover the costs of the screen, as prices have risen.

**(Vander Meulen/Rogerson)**

That up to \$250 from "Special Projects" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be added to the Cycle Hamilton - Movie Night request.

**CARRIED**

**(ii) Hamilton Cycling Committee - Roles and Responsibilities (Item 8.2)**

Committee members reviewed an updated version of the Roles and Responsibilities of cycling committee members. Members asked questions about the term and definition of youth as well as if the mandate will be expanded by considering micro-mobility.

**(Merolli/Oates)**

That the Hamilton Cycling Committee Detailed Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations of New Members, be approved and included in a future Committee Citizen Report, that will be presented to the Cycling Committee at the June meeting.

**CARRIED**

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

Committee members reviewed an updated version of the Terms of Reference for the cycling committee.

**(Merolli/Oates)**

That the Hamilton Cycling Committee Terms of Reference, be approved and included in a future Committee Citizen Report, that will be presented to the Cycling Committee at the June meeting.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) Hamilton Cycling Advisory Committee Work Plan (Item 8.4)**

Committee members reviewed the workplan and noted that some of the items that have been worked on by the committee should be added to the workplan. An updated workplan will be shared with staff for inclusion in future agendas.

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

Committee members asked for an update on “Open Street’s” from today’s General Issues Committee meeting. P. Topalovic provided an overview of the program and a summary of the report submitted by staff.

Staff provided members with an update on current and planned cycling projects. Committee members asked questions regarding:

- Stonehenge Rd, Hamilton: project has been deferred to 2023 as additional parking analysis is required. Island modifications at Stone Church Rd, still planned for 2022.
- Hwy 52 and Powerline Road, Hamilton: not on the list. Staff will follow up with internal staff to understand scope.

- Dewitt Road, Hamilton: Community group sent an email about this project, with suggestions to separate the cycling facilities. Committee members asked if precast curbs and flexposts can be added as a form of separation. The committee also noted that the removal of on-street parking with, no barriers in place, will not discourage vehicles from parking on-street and within the bicycle lanes. Staff will follow up on the status of the project and determine what can be done with barriers.

**(vi) Velo Canada Pedal Poll (Item 8.6)**

Committee members were provided information from Velo Canada on data collection across the Country between June 7-12, 2022. City of Hamilton would like to be included as a featured community and will work with local groups to prepare for the study.

**CARRIED**

**9. NOTICE OF MOTION**

**(Oates/Berry)**

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)**

**(Oates/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**

**8. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS**

- (i) Upcoming Municipal Election Update (Added Item 11.1)

Staff will follow up via email with committee members on lame duck and any impacts on the cycling committee.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

**(Merolli/Maric)**

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

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel  
Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Planning & Economic Development