



HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, June 1, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair: William Oates
Members: Kate Berry, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Marko Maric,
Ann McKay, Jessica Merolli, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson,

**Absent with
Regrets:** Jeff Axisa, Dan van den Beukel, Jane Jamnik, Kevin Vander Meulen,
Cathy Sutherland, 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
Mike Field, Acting Director, Transportation Operations and Maintenance
Kerry LeClair, Climate Action Community Coordinator, Ward 3

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Merolli/Rogerson)

That the agenda of the June 1, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(i) Hamilton Cycling Committee Meeting Minutes - May 4, 2022 (Item 4.1)

(Oates/Rogerson)

That the minutes of the May 4, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

(i) Bike Month Update (Item 5.1)

J. Lee provided an update to the committee on upcoming Bike Month events as well as an overview of Bike Day at City Hall. Committee members noted upcoming events; Cycle Hamilton Movie Night as well as the Keddy Trail ride and asked where these events could be found on the City's website or any other event page.

(Oates/Berry)

That the Bike Month Update be received.

CARRIED

6. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(i) Increasing Bike Ridership to Tim Horton's Field (Item 7.1)

K. LeClair made a presentation on what strategies or programs exist to encourage/increase ridership, and if none, what can be done. Local community members have expressed a desire in cycling to events but have reservations due to safety, lighting and security of their bikes. Committee members asked questions about what has been previously identified to make it more friendly for cyclists and what would be a benefit to the community to support their bike to an event.

(Merolli/McKay)

That the staff presentation respecting Increasing Bike Ridership to Tim Horton's Field, be received.

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(i) Citizen Committee Report - Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations (Item 8.1)

Committee members reviewed and discussed the citizen committee report and its tie into both the Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations. Members considered the potential of changing the date of the meetings, as it has been difficult for Councillors to attend due to General Issues Committee and Council meetings. The first Tuesday of each month seems to be fairly clear of other committee and council meetings.

(Oates/Muis)

That the Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations be modified to reflect a meeting date change of the 1st Tuesday of each month.

CARRIED

(Oates/Berry)

The Citizen Committee Report be approved as amended with a date change noted previously.

CARRIED

(ii) Advisory Committee Meetings - (Item 8.2)

Staff advised committee members that in person meetings are now permitted and they can include a hybrid portion. Committee members discussed the option of having in person meetings and asked questions around voting and live streaming. Some members indicated a desire to be in-person and staff will arrange for hybrid meetings going forward.

(Caruk/Maric)

That funds from "Meeting Expenses" within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to providing food at the next three in-person/hybrid cycling committee meetings

CARRIED

(Oates/Caruk)

That the following items be received:

(iii) Hamilton Cycling Committee Work Plan (Item 8.3)

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.

(iv) Planning and Project Update (Item 8.4)

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

- Upper Paradise Rd @ Mohawk Rd: infill of bicycle lanes (including barriers at intersections) is nearly complete with some pavement marking still outstanding
- Delaware/Maplewood: flexposts have been installed on both roadways. Committee members asked how they can report knocked down flexposts and any other maintenance issues. Staff noted that trafficops@hamilton.ca can be used to email and maintenance related items
- York Blvd @ Dundurn St: pavement markings have been completed. Committee members asked about the slips lanes and how the stop signs were recently hanged to yield signs. Staff indicated that a review was done internally, and it identified that the stop control should be reverted to yield control. Staff noted that at the time of reconstruction (2023/2024) this intersection will include the removal of the slip lanes
- King St @ Paradise Rd: pavement marking has been completed
- Longwood Rd Bridge: existing bridge is being rehabilitated and will not include cycling infrastructure. Cycling infrastructure will be included when LRT construction occurs as an addition is required to the existing bridge
- Hwy 52/Powerline Rd: report is be prepared and planned for the July Public Works committee

9. NOTICE OF MOTION

(Merolli/Oates)

That the motion respecting Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity, be deferred to a future meeting.

CARRIED

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

(Oates/Caruk)

That the motion respecting Bike Lane Asphalt be deferred to a future meeting.

CARRIED

(ii) Bike Lane Asphalt (Item 10.2)

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.

(iii) **Dewitt Road Cycling Infrastructure (Item 10.3)**

(Merolli/Caruk)

That Notice be waived to allow for the introduction of a motion respecting Dewitt Road Cycling Infrastructure.

CARRIED

(Maric/Muis)

WHEREAS the planned reconstruction of Dewitt Road will be in close proximity to four schools “St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Elementary School”, “Orchard Park Secondary School”, “Our Lady of Peace Catholic Elementary School”, and “Mohawk College, Stoney Creek Campus”;

WHEREAS the current road width is approximately 10.00 metres and is not a truck route or bus route;

WHEREAS the Dewitt Road bicycle lanes will connect with existing lanes on Hwy 8, as well as planned cycling infrastructure on Barton St and Fruitland Road;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That Protected Bicycle Lanes on Dewitt Road be physically protected, especially in front of the schools with precast or poured concrete curbs;
- (b) That Protected Bicycle Lanes be continued through intersections rather than end and restart before and after the roadway intersections;
- (c) That raised intersections/crosswalks and other bikeway improvements such as roundabouts be considered instead of 4-way stops;
- (d) That Protected Bicycle Lanes be continued past Hwy 8 to at least Midway Street, and include improvements to the intersection of Dewitt Road and Glenashton Drive;
- (e) That Protected Bicycle Lanes be connected to existing Hwy 8 lanes, and intersections be improved to provide space to cyclists;
- (f) That the Hamilton Cycling Committee draft a Citizen Committee Report to Public Works Committee respecting the approved recommendations (a) to (e), as it relates to cycling and active transportation that connects to cycling.

CARRIED

Quorum was lost at 7:50 pm

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

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Planning & Economic Development