



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Room 264, 2nd Floor, City Hall

Hybrid Meeting

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

Absent with

Regrets: Jeff Axisa, Kate Berry, Dan van den Beukel, 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
Alison Carlyle, Program Manager, Sustainable Mobility
Lee-Ann Holloway, Hamilton Council of Aging
Anne Pizzacalla, Hamilton Council of Aging

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Gibbons/Oates)

That the agenda of the August 3, 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 - July 6, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

(Caruk/Jamnik)

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

CARRIED

5. CONSENT ITEMS

None

6. DELEGATION REQUESTS

(i) **Hamilton Council on Aging - Lee-Ann Holloway, Anne Pizzacalla (Item 6.1)**

L. Holloway and A. Pizzacalla provided an overview on the Hamilton Council of Aging and upcoming workshops including Let's Ride a Bike Workshop. Hamilton Council of Aging was seeking input from the committee on the promotion of the workshops, identifying any missing partners and inclusion of any missing content. Committee members asked questions around content of workshop and what safety elements are included in the workshops.

(Maric/Gibbons)

That the Delegation from the Hamilton Council of Aging, be received.

CARRIED

7. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(Caruk/Muis)

That the following discussion items be received:

(i) **Bike Map Update (Item 8.1)**

A. Carlyle made a presentation seeking input from committee members on the current version of the cycling map. Specifically, members were asked how, why and when they use the map as well as who the map is intended

for and who it should be intended for. Committee members provided feedback on intended users, confusing/misleading information as well as suggestions for the update to the bike map.

(ii) Hamilton Cycling Committee Work Plan (Item 8.2)

Committee members reviewed the workplan and noted that the next meeting is the last opportunity to approve spending from the budget. Members were advised that they should identify any desire to purchase more bike lights, bells etc and bring it forward to September's meeting for approval. An updated workplan and a transition document will be prepared by members, so the next committee can understand what has been completed.

(iii) Planning and Project Update (Item 8.3)

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

- Stone Church Road @ Garth Street: recent infill of missing bicycle lanes and intersection pavement markings
- Bay Street @ Jackson Avenue: additional signage and pavement markings implemented
- Stone Church Road @ Oakhaven Place: noted that flexposts have been recently installed in the buffer area and they are being consistently damaged. Suggested altering the design (i.e.. adding curbing) to mitigate the replacement of the flexposts
- Bay St (north of Cannon): can barriers be added up to the Waterfront? Staff noted that it is identified within the workplan, but will review if it can be added for 2023

8. MOTIONS (Item 10)

(Vander Meulen/Rogerson)

That the motion respecting Upper Wellington Environmental Assessment Network Connectivity, be deferred until a public consultation is made possible.

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.

(Caruk/Oates)

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.

9. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- Keddy Access Trail Public Art: has begun and will continue over the next month and may include a formal launch event

10. ADJOURNMENT

(Caruk/Oates)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel
Project Manager, Active Transportation
Planning & Economic Development