



HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, July 6, 2022

5:45 p.m.

Virtual Meeting

Present: Chair: Chris Ritsma
Vice-Chair: William Oates
Members: Kate Berry, Dan van den Beukel, Sharon Gibbons, Jane Jamnik, Ann McKay, Kevin Vander Meulen, Cora Muis, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland, Christine Yachouh

Absent with

Regrets: Jeff Axisa, Roman Caruk, Marko Maric, Jessica Merolli, 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
Callaway Johnson, School Travel Planning Coordinator, Sustainable Mobility
Juby Lee, Program Coordinator, Sustainable Mobility

1. CEREMONIAL ACTIVITIES

C. Ritsma recited a land acknowledgement.

2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

(Oates/Rogerson)

That the agenda of the July 6, 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 - June 1, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

(Oates/Muis)

That the minutes of the June 1, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

- (i) **Update: Citizen Committee Report - Terms of Reference and Roles, Responsibilities and Expectations (Item 5.1)**

Staff provided an update on the approval from Public Works Committee and Council on this item. Staff highlighted that the quorum piece has been modified to reflect the Procedural by-law and that meetings for the new committee (2023-2027) term have been moved to the 1st Tuesday of each month.

(Berry/McKay)

That the Communication item be received.

CARRIED

6. CONSENT ITEMS

None

7. STAFF PRESENTATIONS

(Oates/Jamnik)

That the staff presentations respecting Open Streets and School Streets, be received.

CARRIED

- (i) **Open Streets (Item 7.1)**

A. Carlyle made a presentation on Open Streets noting the concept, proposed location (King Street), timelines as well as engagement strategies and survey results.

(ii) School Streets (Item 7.2)

C. Johnson made a presentation on the recent School Streets event held at Strathcona Elementary School and closure of Lamoreaux Street. Staff noted that the event was very successful. Hamilton Police indicated that enhanced barriers (more than pylons/barrels) should be considered for future School Street events. Committee members asked questions about how to facilitate this event in other areas of the City (i.e. Dundas), cost of the event and the potential of expanding the areas that are closed within the school area.

8. DISCUSSION ITEMS

(Oates/Muis)

That the following discussion items be received:

(i) Citizen Committee Report - Dewitt Road Reconstruction (Item 8.1)

Committee members reviewed, discussed the citizen committee report.

(Beukel/Oates)

That the Citizen Committee Report - Dewitt Road Reconstruction, be approved.

CARRIED

(ii) Longwood Road (King Street to Main Street) - (Item 8.2)

Staff provided an overview of the Longwood Road project between King Street and Main Street. Committee members asked questions related to the potential of extending the cycle track north of King Street, the crossing/transition at Main Street, consideration of additional traffic calming features and increased barrier types.

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

Committee members reviewed the workplan and noted that some items that the committee have worked have not been added or included in the workplan. An updated workplan will be shared with staff for inclusion in future agendas. The committee discussed another potential movie night within Dundas and will provide additional detail at next months meeting.

(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:

- King Street (Stoney Brook-Hwy 8): tender closed; project includes a road diet with buffered bicycle lanes
- Southcote Drive: tender closes in a week; project includes a multi-use path on the north side
- Cootes and West 5th: consulting assignment for detailed design and tendering documents. Most likely not implemented until 2023
- Pipeline Trail: update on the project status and some general maintenance needed on existing trail
- Upper Paradise Road @ Mohawk Road: gap has been filled
- Butler Hydro Corridor Trail: Staff will follow up with [section] on why the project is on hold
- Inverness Avenue: include in the scope improvements for the Upper James Street intersection and include wayfinding to/from the Keddy Trail
- Chippewa Rail Trail @ Rymal Road: staff to confirm if anything been planned for here and can anything be done to accommodate the crossing of trail users
- Pearl/Kent: still planned for 2022, but weather may impact pavement marking application
- Hatt Street: update on Shed Brewery barriers; vehicles continue to park within the bicycle lane
- On-street patios (James Street): members expressed concerns with the signage and additional steel barriers as the area looks like a construction zone
- King Street and Haddon Avenue: staff will follow up on a possible project for a raised intersection at this location
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9. NOTICE OF MOTION

(Meulen/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.

(Meulen/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.

10. GENERAL INFORMATION / OTHER BUSINESS

- (i) Staff advised committee members of an upcoming survey related to the existing cycling map, which is planned for an update in 2023. Once the survey is developed, committee members will be notified and encouraged to share the survey with other members of the community.
- (ii) Report was brought to Public Works committee earlier today on reducing lanes on Main Street
- (iii) There is a plan for a ghost ride Monday July 11 @ 5:30 starting at Southam Park and proceeding to Upper Wentworth and the LINC

11. ADJOURNMENT

(Berry/Jamnik)

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel
Project Manager, Active Transportation
Planning & Economic Development