



Hamilton

## HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

**Wednesday, September 7, 2022**

5:45 p.m.

Room 264, 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor, City Hall

Hybrid Meeting

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**Present:** Chair: Chris Ritsma  
Vice-Chair:  
Members: Kate Berry, Dan van den Beukel, Roman Caruk, Sharon Gibbons, Jane Jamnik, Marko Maric, Ann McKay, Kevin Vander Meulen, Cora Muis, Christine Yachouh

**Absent with**

**Regrets:** Jeff Axisa, Jessica Merolli, William Oates, Gary Rogerson, Cathy Sutherland, 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  
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

**(Yachouh/Caruk)**

That the agenda of the September 7, 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 - August 3, 2022 (Item 4.1)**

**(Yachouh/Gibbons)**

That the minutes of the August 3, 2022 meeting of the Hamilton Cycling Committee be approved, as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. DISCUSSION ITEMS

**(Yachouh/Maric)**

That the following discussion items be received:

- (i) **2018-2022 Cycling Committee Accomplishments (Item 9.1)**

Committee members highlighted accomplishments made over their four-year term, including but not limited to:

- Keddy Trail artwork project
- Recommended improvements to mobility infrastructure including improved intersections and cycling infrastructure
- Supporting other cycling group rides, programs and events
- Recommended revisions to the truck route master plan project

- (ii) **2022 Final Expenses (Item 9.2)**

Committee members discussed a final opportunity to review and approve 2022 budget expenses. Members reviewed a proposal from New Hope Community Bikes regarding fund raising efforts to support their various programs through their annual fundraising event, Everesting.

**(Gibbons/Berry)**

That \$1,000 from “Supporting Community Events to Raise Awareness for Cycling” within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated to New Hope Community Bikes to support their ongoing cycling programming in Hamilton in 2022.

**CARRIED**

**(Caruk/McKay)**

That up to \$1,500 from “Special Committee Cycling Events” within the 2022 Cycling Committee budget, be allocated for the purchase of a banner that is branded with the Hamilton Cycling Committee.

**CARRIED**

**(iii) 2023 Hamilton Cycling Committee Budget (Item 9.3)**

The committee discussed the proposed 2023 budget and determined that the same budget should be maintained as was approved in 2022.

Item	2023 Budget
Social Media Campaign	\$500
Special Projects	\$5,000
Tourism Promotions - supporting Ontario By Bike	\$500
Supporting Community Events to Raise Awareness for Cycling	\$3,000
Special Committee Cycling Events	\$2,000
Training, Conferences and Memberships	\$2,000
Meeting Expenses	\$1,000
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$14,000</b>
<b>Funds from levy</b>	<b>\$10,000</b>
<b>Funds from reserve</b>	<b>\$4,000</b>

**(Yachouh/Vander Meulen)**

That the 2023 Hamilton Cycling Committee budget be approved and presented to a future Public Works Committee as a Staff Report, as a recommendation to be approved and referred to the 2023 budget process for consideration.

**CARRIED**

**(iv) 2023-2027 Cycling Committee Transition (Item 9.4)**

Committee members discussed transition documents for the next term of committee. The committee will provide City staff with credentials for shared drive and email account, to pass along to the next committee. Members noted that the next committee should consider ways to support other cycling focused organizations and creating guidelines on financial support requests. Members also noted that more action on Active School Travel should be a focus of the committee.

**(v) Planning and Project Update (Item 8.3)**

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

- Victoria Avenue South - planned for implementation is 2022. Project will start/end just north of Hunter Street, with the remaining cycle track to Stinson Street being completed in 2023.

- Main Street - as per Council direction, it will be converted to a two-way street. Cycling facilities have not yet been determined; staff will be reporting back to Council in Q1 2023 with options.
- Pipeline trail - still concerns with the access at road crossings and request to implement curb cuts to make the trail accessible to all users

**6. 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/Vander Meulen)**

That the motion respecting Bike Lane Asphalt be removed and be identified as a consideration for the next term of the committee.

**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

- Next committee: members were reminded that if they would like to be part of the next cycling committee, they must apply and it is not guaranteed that they will be selected/chosen
- Environment Hamilton has four openings on the Executive Board and is looking for applicants. Additionally, committee members were reminded of other various groups, organizations that are outside of the cycling committee that focus on cycling

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

**(Yachouh/Gibbons)**

That, there being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 7:07p.m.

**CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Ritsma  
Chair, Hamilton Cycling Committee

Danny Pimentel  
Project Manager, Active Transportation  
Planning & Economic Development