

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) Minutes July 6, 2011
City Hall, Boardroom 192

Committee Members in Attendance:

Sharon Gibbons
Brian Chewter
Roger Tupper

Robert Brown
Pauline McKinley

Andrea Kita
Brad Tyleman

Regrets: Debbie Sanche, Davey Hamada, Robert Corsini, Walter Furlan, Marc Risdale, Marisa Di Censo, Brad Stapleton, Christopher Hastings

Visitors: Ciara McKeown

Staff: Daryl Bender

Summary:

- The Committee members were pleased with the discussion with Councillors following the presentation to PWC and have posted the presentation on www.cyclehamilton.ca for all Councillors to view.
- The Committee aspires to see Hamilton follow Waterloo's success in being recognized for their cycling facilities and programs.

1. Introductions:
 - Bob B. served as Chair for the meeting; selection of a new Chair, Vice-All, and Treasurer are planned for the September meeting at the latest.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes for May 2011 were approved. **Moved/Seconded/Carried**
 - Minutes for June 2011 were approved. **Moved/Seconded/Carried**
3. Correspondence:
 - **Pauline sending a thank-you** to Councillor Powers, Chair of PWC – for the opportunity to present to PWC.
 - **Bob B. drafting a thank-you and welcome** note to Councillor McHattie for becoming the official Council representative for the HCyC.
 - **Pauline drafting a congratulations letter to the City of Waterloo Cycling Cttee** for being recognized with Silver status in the Bicycle Friendly Community Awards.
 - **Andrea drafting a letter to the LRT planning staff** to review the status of cycling accommodations in LRT plans.
4. Special Projects:
 - Velodrome – the members confirmed that Brian will be the rep for the Velodrome Advisory Cttee and Roger will be the alternate. Brian will make inquiries to further familiarize himself with the status of site selection and other issues.
 - Public Art Bike Racks – Ciara from the City Arts & Events Section described the current plan to call for community artists to submit unique bike rack designs for public installation. The goal is to see these racks installed in the spring of 2012. The members provided feedback and were enthused about the initiative. **Sharon sharing images she took of such bike racks in Whitehorse, YT.** Members agreed that Sharon shall be the HCyC rep for the selection cttee which will review the submissions.
5. Education:
 - The City continues its search for qualified CAN-BIKE instructors and to develop a strategy to educate them locally.
 - The Share the Road banner is up for this week over Main St. Daryl shared dates that are scheduled for further installations in 2011 and 2012 – over both Main St (downtown) and King St (Dundas).
 - OPHA – the Public Health initiative to review cycling information provided by the Ontario Government is progressing. They have asked for the results of the information review of MTO materials that has been conducted by the HCyC.
6. Web access:
 - **Daryl to bring a laptop to the August meeting** of the cttee to resolve any outstanding connection issues to the HCyC on-line group.
7. Presentation to Council/PWC in 2011:

- The committee members discussed the highlights of the June 20 presentation to PWC. Councillors asked about volumes of cyclists on existing bike lanes and financial spending details. Daryl informed the ctte that the City is starting a new annual count program to improve the tracking of cycling volumes in bike lanes and the volumes of all users on multi-use trails.
 - **Sharon & Bob B. plan to see if the Mountain News will profile cycling infrastructure** on the Mountain.
 - **Daryl to post the PWC presentation** on www.cyclehamilton.ca
 - The ctte asked **Daryl to provide a status report of the use of cycle tracks** (bike lanes with additional barrier elements to provide separation from autos) in municipalities across Canada.
 - **Daryl to add the impressive collection of cycling images collected by Roger** to the City inventory for reference.
8. Promotion of Cycling:
- www.WelcomeCyclists.ca pamphlets were distributed and the **members were encouraged to get local cycling friendly businesses to complete the simple application form** so they can benefit from being identified on the WelcomeCyclists website. **Daryl to ask WelcomeCyclists for any data they have describing their frequency of website traffic.**
 - HCyC booth
 - i. Stoney Creek Re-enactment - Roger reported that the event requires strict historical use of materials for canopies – so in order to provide a valet bike parking service at the event in 2012, the ctte needs to begin these arrangements with the organizers now – **Roger and Daryl to initiate this discussion with Susan Ramsay.**
 - ii. Trails Open - International Trails Day – rained out by a particularly violent storm
 - iii. OpenStreets – a great success with 100's of bike maps and 10-route pamphlets picked up by attendees to the James St North event. Media coverage was disappointing.
 - iv. Burlington Bikefest - Bob C. to report at the next meeting.
 - v. Ancaster Farmers Market – members to arrange to set up the HCyC info booth at this summer market one or two times in 2011.
9. Budget:
- No updates
10. Planning:
- No updates
11. Projects:
- Bike racks – Transportation for Livable Communities has submitted a request for bike racks along Main St. Daryl will be addressing this request.
 - CP Rail Trail – the project includes a bike box at the Studholme/Aberdeen intersection so Daryl described current plans for community education of bike boxes – for both cyclists and auto drivers. Members provided additional education ideas.
 - Nash Rd – Daryl reported that Tarquin is following up with the Councillor.
 - Main & King St bridges over Hwy 403 – the loss of the King St bike lane during this MTO construction was discussed.
 - The need for signage to identify the access point along Van Wagners Rd to the new QEW bridge was noted, and this is being addressed by Landscape Architectural Services.
 - The members discussed the list of planned upcoming cycling infrastructure – by ward. HCyC members plan to volunteer to contact Councillors and offer to ride through the wards and discuss the proposed projects.
12. Events:
- Joint Meeting with Niagara & Burlington/Halton cycling committees (and Mississauga, Haldimand, and Cambridge/Waterloo Region) May 14, 2011 at the Lakeland Centre – The members were notified that a web-based discussion group has been created and **Daryl is to share this link with all ctte members.**
13. Other Business:
- None
14. Announcements:
- None
15. Adjournment.

Next Meeting: Wed. Aug 3, 2011