

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, August 3, 2011
5:30 p.m.
Room 192, 1st Floor
City Hall
71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Bob Brown (temporary)

Vice-All: TBD

Members: Sharon Gibbons Walter Furlan Marisa Di Censo

Brian Chewter Pauline McKinley Brad Tyleman

Roger Tupper

Absent with

Regrets: Davey Hamada, Bob Corsini, Chris Hastings, Debbie Sanche, Marc

Risdale, Andrea Kita, Brad Stapleton

Also Present: Councillor McHattie

Daryl Bender, PW - Traffic Engineering

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

none

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Moved/Seconded)

3.1 HCyC meeting minutes, dated July 6, 2011 were approved as amended.

CARRIED

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

none

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

- 6.1 Selection of Chair, Vice-All & Treasurer
 - This selection was deferred to the September meeting and Bob B. agreed to act as Chair for the August meeting.
- 6.2 Welcome to Council representative
 - Councillor McHattie was warmly greeted.
- 6.3 Correspondence:
 - The draft email inviting Councillor Powers to a bike ride along a few streets in Dundas that are planned for bike lanes was reviewed. Pauline to finalize and send to the Councillor.
 - The email that had been sent to Councillor McHattie welcoming him to attend this and future meetings was read.
 - The draft email congratulating the City of Waterloo as being recognized as a silver status Bicycling Friendly Community was reviewed. **Daryl to finalize, including internal review**.
- 6.4 Special Projects:
 - PanAm Velodrome The velodrome committee is arranging a presentation to Council.
 - Bicycle Friendly Communities The members reviewed a simplified version of the evaluation form that assesses the degree to which a community provides services and facilities for cycling. Daryl to proceed with the formal Hamilton submission to the Ontario "Share the Road" organization.

6.5 Education

- Can-Bike The City is working with New Hope Bike Co-op to host a Can-Bike 2 and Can-Bike Instructor Course class in Hamilton so we have local qualified Can-Bike instructors. Available instructors will allow the City the opportunity to promote Can-Bike classes in Hamilton through the Recreation Division. Daryl to send an email to committee members to see if any of them are interested.
- Driver Education The members reviewed the draft letter planned to be sent to the MTO summarizing education issues. Daryl to make revisions as discussed and circulate to the committee members. This letter would then be shared with the Ontario Public Health Association (OPHA) for a study they are undertaking.
- The City has distributed the 2011 order of 3000 "Share the Road" car magnets to all of the Hamilton bike shops.

6.6 Promotion

- e-bikes Should they be permitted on multi-use trails, etc.? discussion deferred
- Welcome Cyclists Hamilton area participation (21 businesses) is looking good. Daryl to ask for more of their postcards so committee members can promote the website more to further increase local participation.

- HCyC booth – Bob C.'s review of participation in the Burlington Bike-fest was reviewed. Daryl to get more educational supplies from the MTO and mapping info for adjacent municipalities for the booth. Daryl to send out an email to check committee member availability for the Supercrawl, the City of Hamilton Composting openhouse, and OpenStreets. The committee decided that Davey would continue to be a suitable representative for the OpenStreets organization.

6.7 Budget

- Committee account no update
- City Volunteer Committee account the planned budget for 2011 (\$15,000.00) is approximately 40% spent.
- Cycling Capital account the proposed budget of \$300,000 for 2012 is proposed to be spent on Hatt St, Woodward Ave, King St/Lawrence over the RHVP, King St in Stoney Creek, Cannon St, and Delawana/Kentley.

6.8 Planning

- The Pedestrain Master Plan study continues.
- A report went to Council providing an update on the status of the plans for specific accommodations for cyclists in winter weather.
- The Ancaster Transportation Master Plan has been finalized (including cycling plans as described in the cycling master plan).
- The City has begun counting cycling traffic with new counters that have recently be purchased.

6.9 Project Updates

- Bike racks 30 bike racks have been installed along Cannon, Dundurn, and at City Hall
- The CP Rail Trail construction continues.
- The contract has been awarded to reconstruct the bike lanes on the Wilson St hill in Ancaster.
- The committee received clarification from Councillor Collins regarding the Nash Rd road reconstruction. **Daryl to follow-up with communication with the Councillor**.
- The City is looking at the possibility of a side trail near the Cathedral (Hwy 403/King St) for cyclists due to the King St bridge reconstruction.
- Councillor McHattie asked that the bike lanes on Dundurn St between York Blvd and King St be installed this year.
- New traffic signals have been installed at Barton/Ferguson complete with devices to detect cyclists.

6.10 Maintenance

- A few residents have expressed disappointment in the application of "chip & tar" surface repairs on rural roads. The grit applied for this treatment is a significant challenge for cyclists.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Moved/Seconded)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:35 p.m.