

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) Minutes May 4, 2011
City Hall, Boardroom 192

Committee Members in Attendance:

Sharon Gibbons	Robert Brown	Marc Risdale
Brian Chewter	Pauline McKinley	Marisa Di Censo
Roger Tupper	Davey Hamada	Andrea Kita
Brad Stapleton	Robert Corsini	Brad Tyleman
Debbie Sanche	Walter Furlan	

Regrets: Christopher Hastings

Visitors: Tyler Shepherd, Tarquin Adams, Liz Duval, Jordan Fysh

Staff: Daryl Bender

Summary:

- The new members of the committee are very impressed with the quality, quantity, and breadth of cycling promotional activities in the city.
- The committee would like to explore other possible solutions regarding the decision of Corporate Facility Management to not permit bicycles in public buildings such as City Hall; and the HCyC will be following up with suggestions aiming to make Hamilton more cycling friendly.

1. Introductions:
 - Walter chaired this first meeting of the renewed Hamilton Cycling Committee. Daryl provided some opening remarks and distributed materials regarding the role and responsibilities of HCyC members. Members were asked to provide an email address that they are agreeable to share with fellow HCyC members and a select group of regular attendees. Members agreed that the Executive positions would be selected at one of the next few meetings – instead of at this inaugural meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes for Apr 2011 were approved. **Moved/Seconded/Carried**
3. Velodrome:
 - Liz provided a recap of the decisions and process of the City's Velodrome Ctte, as she is stepping down from that role. Roger, Brian, and Marc expressed interest in replacing her as the HCyC rep on the ctte.
4. Education:
 - Members were informed of the City's search for qualified CAN-BIKE instructors.
 - Members were informed of the ctte's past activity reviewing MTO materials; clarifying bylaws, and sharing ideas (through Andrea) to the OPHA project (Ontario Public Health Association) that aims to see more cycling education in the province's driver training program.
 - Share the Road car magnets – **Motion: The HCyC directs Daryl to proceed with an order of approx. \$3000 to manufacture Share the Road car magnets. Moved/Seconded/Unanimous**
5. Web access:
 - Andrea is resending e-invites to all members to the web-based file sharing that she set up for the ctte.
6. Presentation to Council/PWC in 2011:
 - Members are aiming to make the presentation to PWC on June 6 or June 20. **All members were encouraged to collect photos for the presentation.**
7. Promotion of Cycling:
 - Action: Daryl to distribute most of the remaining copies of the new **10 Route pamphlet** to Hamilton bike shops. The posting of the pamphlet on the web is at www.hamilton.ca/BikeRides. The ctte will discuss creating a poster to advertise the website for this information that can be posted at bike shops.
 - War of 1812 – Bob C. provided an overview of possible celebrations that may include cycling.
 - BIA promotions – the new members were introduced to www.WelcomeCyclists.ca and the plan to work with BIAs and markets to provide amenities for cyclists.
 - HCyC booth – members were reminded of past and future events where they set up the HCyC information booth including: the Toronto International Bicycle Show, OpenStreets Hamilton (Davey agreed to be the HCyC rep for this ctte), Ancaster Farmers Market, Stoney Creek Re-enactment, Bike for Mike, Clean Air Fair, and Trails Open (with HCA).

- There is a Bike-to-Work Day planned for May 30. Members were encouraged to volunteer to lead bike rides.
- 8. Budget:
 - No updates
- 9. Planning:
 - No updates
- 10. Projects:
 - CP Rail Trail – the tender for the project has just closed so a Contractor is about to be finalized and construction beginning shortly.
 - Nash Rd – Tarquin provided an update of his communication with the Councillor to clarify his decision.
- 11. Bikes at City Hall:
 - The following text has been provided to the HCyC from the City Facilities Division to clarify the decision regarding bicycles not permitted in City Hall:

“Bicycles are not permitted in Hamilton City Hall due to health & safety concerns and the due diligence associated with them. Also, it's against the fire codes and the impediment a bike can cause in a hallway. Bicycle tires may track dirt and street grease onto carpets and furniture, and the grease on chains and chain rings can also leave dirt. That adds up to a potentially big cleaning bill for the City, which we plan to avoid. Mindful of this decision, City Hall has a bike cage as part of the parking facilities, plus conventional bike racks; and also showers & lockers to promote cycling as a means of commuting for City staff and visitors.”
- 12. Events:
 - The following regional meetings/conferences are coming up:
 - i. Joint Meeting with Niagara & Burlington/Halton cycling committees (and Mississauga, Haldimand, and Cambridge/Waterloo Region)– May 14, 2011 at the Lakeland Centre
 - ii. Ontario Bike Summit – late June in Ottawa
 - Daryl attended the Complete Streets Forum in Toronto (University of Toronto campus) on Apr. 28
- 13. Other Business:
 - Members discussed the time of cttc meetings **Motion: HCyC meetings will be held on the first Wednesday of every month starting at 5:30pm - for a maximum of two hours duration. Moved/Seconded/Approved** (11 in favour)
- 14. Announcements:
 - None
- 15. Adjournment.

Next Meeting: Wed. June 1, 2011