



Hamilton

HAMILTON CYCLING COMMITTEE (HCyC) MINUTES

Wednesday, May 1, 2013

5:30 p.m.

Room 192, 1st Floor

City Hall

71 Main Street West, Hamilton

Present: Chair: Andrea Kita (regrets)
Vice-All: Marc Risdale (regrets)
Members: Pauline McKinley Bob Corsini Bob Brown
Brian Chewter Jordan Fysh Brad Tyleman
Tyler Shepherd Roger Tupper Marisa Di Censo

Absent with

Regrets: Sharon Gibbons, Councillor McHattie

Also Present: PW staff (Daryl Bender), Dan Botham, Leisha Knopf

1. CHANGES TO THE AGENDA/INTRODUCTIONS

Jordan chaired the meeting.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

none

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

(Moved/Seconded)

- 3.1 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Sept 5, 2012 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.2 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Oct 3, 2012 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.3 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Nov 7, 2012 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.4 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Dec 5, 2012 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.5 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Jan 9, 2013 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.6 HCyC meeting minutes, dated Feb 6, 2013 were approved. **CARRIED**
- 3.7 HCyC meeting minutes, dated April 3, 2013 were approved. **CARRIED**

4. CONSENT ITEMS

none

5. PRESENTATIONS

5.1 Grassroots Community Efforts – the group “Yes We Cannon” is organizing a campaign to encourage the City to create bike lanes on Cannon street in time for the PanAM Games. They plan to launch their campaign at the James North Art Crawl on May 10 and the campaign will include posters, a website, and a petition which they read to the HCyC members.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS

6.1 Correspondence

- **Councillor Priority Message:** The HCyC is encouraging Councillors to participate in events that are a part of Bike Month in June, including the pseudo launch event in late May – “Bike-to-Work Day”. The HCyC is launching their “Share the Road” campaign again this year and ask Councillors to convey the “Share the Road” message in newsletters, etc. should they have the opportunity.
- **Tourism and the HAMBUR bike route** – summary notes prepared by Tourism staff describing highlights from the Ontario Forum on Cycling Tourism were shared with the ctte members. The signature Hamilton-Burlington bike route around the bay/harbour and through Red Hill Valley continues to be developed.

6.2 Updates from HCyC members on Various Committees

- **OpenStreets** – Jordan informed the members that the planning for Sunday June 23 is progressing, including a possible cycling ride along Cannon St. Bike valet parking has been arranged to be available at Bike for Mike and they are hoping to arrange a similar service at the 1812 Reenactment.
- **Bike for Mike** – materials have been arranged for an information booth on Sunday May 5 at Bayfront Park.
- **Bike To Work Day** – Monday May 27. There will be three or four routes profiled to ride downtown to Gore Park. SmartCommute employers will have materials to promote the event to their employees.
- **Bike Month** is set for June across the entire GTHA.
- **Dundas EcoPark (Cootes to Escarpment)** – an event is being planned for Oct 19, 2013 including a possible bike ride around Cootes Paradise to promote plans to create this ecopark.
- **Joint Committees of Western Lake Ontario** – Brad and Roger plan to represent Hamilton at this regional meeting. There may be a third member interested to attend.

6.3 Maintenance

- no update

6.4 Budget

- The HCyC budget has been approved as part of the 2013 City budget.

6.5 Discussion Items

Share the Road campaign – the members finalized the plans for this education campaign. **Motion: The HCyC authorizes spending approximately \$3500 for the HSR bus-ad campaign; to run for eight weeks, including the fabrication of three more ad panels. Moved/Seconded/CARRIED**

The committee received an email from Korea which acknowledged the great materials that the HCyC has developed regarding cycling safety.

6.6 Building the Bike Network

- **King St** bike lanes – staff are addressing on-street parking concerns raised by businesses near Longwood Rd and a design for bike lanes is being investigated for King St west of Haddon Ave.
- **Mount Albion Rd** bike lanes (south of Greenhill Dr) – **Roger is contacting Councillor Collins** to check on the status of his review.
- **Highland Rd** bike lanes – confirmed in the approved ROPA9 Environmental Assessment.
- **Limeridge Rd** bike lanes – **Daryl to prepare information for the meeting** scheduled with Councillor Whitehead and the HCyC members Marisa and Bob B. to discuss planned bike lane projects in Ward 8.
- **Columbia Dr** multi-use trail – the City is working with Mohawk College to create a more accessible access to the campus at this location.
- **Governor’s Rd** – staff reported that these 2013 roadworks will be modest and that bike lanes will continue to be investigated for future planned reconstruction in 2017 (tentative).
- The MTO is reconditioning a few bridges along Hwy 403 through Ancaster. The Grays Rd bridge over the QEW is closed for reconstruction. It was suggested that signage could be improved regarding this closure. Staff reported they are communicating with MTO staff about accommodation for cyclists on the Fifty Rd bridge.

6.7 Other Bicycle Infrastructure Projects:

- HCyC members were informed that City staff have been directed by Council to investigate the possibility of a BMX track at Heritage Green Sports Park.

6.8 Public Education

- **Share the Road campaign** – see item 6.5
- **Paris-Ancaster Bike Race** – a big “thanks” to HCyC members that helped stuff 2000 envelopes for the race participants.
- The **Steel City Bike Festival** is in early June as is the **MEC Bikefest**.

7. GENERAL INFORMATION & OTHER BUSINESS

Hamilton Helmet Initiative information was shared with committee members. Thousands of new helmets have been distributed to school children in Hamilton.

A list of the **best cycling cities in the world**, assessed using the “Copenhagenize Index”, was shared with committee members. The 2013 list includes Amsterdam, Dublin, and Montreal.

8. ADJOURNMENT

(Moved/Seconded)

That, there being no further business, the meeting be adjourned at 7:30 p.m.