Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) Minutes Sept 1, 2010  
City Hall, Boardroom 192

Committee Members in Attendance:
Tarquin Adams  Dave Thompson  Pauline McKinley  
Andrea Kita  Liz Duval  Walter Furlan  
Brad Tyleman  Robert Brown

Regrets:  Tom Ellis, Sean Burak, Marisa DiCenso, Jordan Fysh, Robert Corsini

Staff:  Daryl Bender

Summary:
• Ctte members strongly encourage physical barriers as part of on-street bike lane design
• Ctte members asking strongly for a central east/west corridor in the lower city ASAP
• Ctte members requesting the installation of more "Share the Road" traffic signs

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of Minutes:
   - Minutes for Aug were approved as amended Moved/Seconded/Carried
3. Issues arising from Previous Minutes:
   - none
4. On-road bike signs:
   - Members asked to see more installations of “Share the Road” warning signs on City streets.  Daryl explained to the members that the opinion of the Traffic Engineering Section is to use the “Share the Road” signs in very select locations where a decision is needed because of a change in roadway design – rather than using the signs as an education program.  The members plan to build a list of locations where they feel these signs are required.  Daryl to send a list of existing locations to members and then they will add to it suggested locations.
5. East-west corridors on King & Main Sts:
   - Members want bike lanes on these two streets.  Daryl explained that the recently completed Shifting Gears 2009 (cycling master plan) avoided the majority of these streets because of LRT planning being yet undetermined.  As that process develops, the members are encouraged to convey issues along these two streets to that process.  Given this strategy, Shifting Gears 2009 aimed to create other corridors near to these two streets should nothing be able to be achieved on either King or Main Sts.  Daryl to post the letter response from the LRT planning staff on the website.  Daryl to investigate the schedule of LRT discussions with both the Public Works Ctte and Council.  Members also suggested arranging possible support from PR staff.
6. Physical Barriers Separating Bike Lanes from Auto Traffic
   - Members requested that physical barriers that separate bike lanes from auto traffic be installed in many areas of the City as part of new infrastructure.  They cited the perception of safety being a major impediment to more people feeling comfortable cycling on city streets.  Daryl explained that the cost of such design is a challenge – including installation & maintenance.  Motion:  The HCyC strongly encourages physical barriers on all bike lanes to counter the perceived lack of safety of simply a painted line.  Moved/Seconded/Carried
7. Implementation of Bike racks
   - The City has an order in the works for 36 single-ring racks which will be delivered to the City in the next few weeks and once they are delivered, the installation of them will begin as per requests already received.  The City is also finalizing a contract with the agency that installs multi-ring bike racks along city streets.
8. Education:
   - CAN-BIKE – The City is planning to commence a pilot program of CAN-BIKE courses in Sept & Oct through Recreation, hosted at a few Rec Centres.  The challenge has been to hire a qualified instructor so members were asked to suggest any leads they are aware of.  In the meantime, the City is approaching Niagara Region and Waterloo Region for any leads to instructors.  
   - The members will finalize content of the letter planned to be sent to the MTO at the October meeting.  Issues that were identified as City Bylaw issues are to be pursued by Daryl.
- Pauline drafted a letter regarding Ontario Bill 74 — a private members Bill initiated by MPP Cheri DiNovo to require a minimum distance between motor traffic and bicycles (0.9m to 1.5m depending on travel speeds). This letter was discussed. **Pauline will make these revisions and then Daryl is to circulate internally for review.**

9. Promotion:
- Encouraging BIAs to promote cycling — **Andrea and Bob are meeting to further develop the plan.**
- War of 1812 promotion — Daryl informed members that Niagara Region is looking to work with members to create promotional materials for the bicentennial celebrations.

10. Budget:
- Ctte members were informed that the account Bob is Treasurer of has a balance of about $1200. The City Volunteer Ctte account is approximately fully spent given the following: more magnets, Toronto Bike Show, Cycling Hamilton pamphlet, billing for the installation of the banner, and the “Share the Road” traffic signs.

11. Planning:
- No updates: Hwy 8 Greensville, Ancaster TMP, Dundas TMP, Gore Park, Waterdown Rd

12. Projects:
- Members were notified that the reconstruction of McNiven Rd will include bike sharrows.

13. Events:
- Members were reminded of the Ontario Bike Summit in Burlington on Sept 20 & 21.

14. Maintenance:
- Members were notified of a plan to create a committee to review winter maintenance levels for bike facilities — that will include HCyC representation.

15. Other Business:
- Members plan to arrange a presentation to the new Council, post election. The members plan to brainstorm for this presentation at the October meeting.
- Members asked about parking passes for future meetings now that they are back at City Hall.

16. Announcements:
- none

17. Adjournment.

Next Meeting:
- Wed. Oct 6, 2010, City Hall, Boardroom 192