Committee Members in Attendance:
Tarquin Adams  Dwayne Brown  Walter Furlan
Robert Brown  Robert Corsini  Brad Tyleman
Marisa DiCenso  Jordan Fysh  Dave Thompson
Tom Ellis  Liz Duval

Regrets:
Pauline McKinley, Sean Burak, Andrea Kita

Staff:
Daryl Bender

1. Introductions and resignation:
   - Members wished each other a happy new year and compared notes regarding distances cycled last year – the largest number of km travelled by an individual member was 10,000 km – everyone was impressed! The members accepted the resignation of Dave Banko who chose to resign because a change in his schedule prevents him from attending meetings. His contributions to the committee in 2008 were very much appreciated.

2. Approval of Minutes:
   - Minutes were reviewed for Dec. 3, 2008. Moved, seconded, carried.

3. Cycling Master Plan (CMP):
   - Members were shown a summary of cycling routes requested during the first phase of public consultation. Staff described the tight timeline that is being pursued – hoping to present the study to Council by June 2009. In the context of the Master Plan, some documentation was circulated at the meeting that celebrates the rich history of cycling in Hamilton – back 100 years.

4. Goal Setting:
   - Members discussed items of action to achieve goals they have set as a committee:
     - Car magnets – members agreed that they were pleased with the final product. Daryl had brought a sample for members to see.
     - Banner over Main Street – members discussed the idea that was brought forward to include a message on the banner in addition to “share the road” that promoted cycling. The members felt strongly that the banner should be brief, simply conveying the “share the road” message – with a design similar to the car magnets. Daryl will continue the arrangements. Daryl confirmed the space over Main St was booked for one week in July 2009.
     - Info Table Canopy design – Dwayne to proceed with the order through Hilltop of the white vinyl canopy with three detachable walls and a sign that will attach to the front trim of the roof. He is to discuss the details of the sign design (blue & gold) with the supplier and present to HCC members for final approval. The goal is to have the signage and canopy to use at the info booth at the Toronto Bike Show.

5. Projects/Studies:
   - Jordan attended a meeting regarding the planning of Gore Park – bike racks will be included, but the inclusion of higher security bike storage is less probable
   - Lift bridge - Bob Brown is contacting Werner Plessl to discuss the matter.

6. Academic Studies:
   - Mike McHugh, a U Waterloo undergraduate student offered to make a presentation of the content of his thesis to the members, but he was unable to attend. Daryl to see if this presentation can be at the February meeting.

7. Budgets:
   - No updates necessary on the account managed by the Treasurer (Bob Brown) nor the cycling capital account. Daryl reported that he has applied to increase the volunteer committee budget back to its previous level of $6,250 (prior to 2008) plus approval to spend up to $3,750 from their reserve. Thus a total budget for 2009 of $10,000. The members await Council’s decision.

8. Planning:
   - Jolley Cut – Daryl informed members that the Jolley Cut resurfacing has been rescheduled to 2009, and he will investigate the opportunity to include design for cyclists – especially upbound.
Hunter St – the City is commencing a functional design for Hunter St and bike lanes (both eastbound and westbound) are planned to be included.

9. Project Updates:
- CP Rail Trail over Hwy 403 – planning to see construction in early 2009
- Stoney Creek Mountain Loop – the EA for the bridge is commencing, with construction to begin at the earliest within a year. Members clarified that there is a barrier halfway down the Mt Albion Road multi-use path that needs to be revised to prevent cyclists colliding into it. Access from the top of this multi-use path over to Paramount Dr also needs to be ensured during the construction of Albion Mills Estates – perhaps along Kingsview Dr until Old Mud St is reopened.

10. Events:
- Cyclovia – the community group that is pursuing the event is planning to present the plan to Councillors Bratina & Morelli at the earliest convenience. A meeting that had been scheduled for December ‘08 had to be rescheduled.
- Bike Tourism Conference (Jan 2009) – Liz will attend and share experience with HCyC members at Feb meeting.
- Toronto International Bike Show (Mar 13 – 15, ’09) – the display material is ready (same as last year), the ctte is well stocked with bike maps of Hamilton to distribute, the registration fee has been paid. Daryl to rent same equipment as last year. The volunteer schedule will be arranged in February, including getting a volunteer to orchestrate.

11. Education – Pauline and Daryl yet to meet to discuss City bylaws and Provincial laws.

12. Publications/PR:
- Bike Route Pamphlet – Jordan and Bob Brown to meet with HCA staff this Friday (Jan 9).
- HCyC jackets – Tarquin bringing a sample jacket to the next meeting. Options to consider are "Hamilton Cycling Committee" or "I bike Hamilton" or … Should the ctte buy extra jackets to distribute as prizes…?

13. Maintenance:
- Snow clearing – members were reminded that on-street bike lanes have a high priority for snow removal – like arterials. Daryl to investigate the priority status of paved multi-use paths that are cycling commuter routes.

14. Announcements:
- A group of people are organizing a walk along the pipeline right-of-way between Gage Park and Globe Park to assess its viability as a bike route/multi-use path. Saturday Jan 17, 10am.

15. Adjournment.

16. Next Meeting:
- Wed. Feb. 4, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B.