

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCyC) Minutes November 4, 2009
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Robert Corsini	Jordan Fysh	Pauline McKinley
Tarquin Adams	Robert Brown	Marisa DiCenso
Brad Tyleman	Walter Furlan	Liz Duval
Andrea Kita		

Regrets: Tom Ellis, Sean Burak, Dave Thompson, Dwayne Brown

Visitors: Eric Sorenson, Steve Collins

Staff: Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
 - Walter, the Chair, welcomed everyone to the meeting
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for October 7, 2009. **Moved approval, seconded, carried.**
3. Council Decisions:
 - The decision to create a permanent City staff position to address cycling infrastructure is going to Council Nov 11. The current two-year contract position is approaching its end.
4. Education:
 - Staff continuing to explore leads to offer CAN-BIKE classes in Hamilton. Liability issues are also being clarified
 - Share the Road banner – Daryl informed the members that the banner was blown down during a wind storm in Dundas. The manufacturer of the banner is assessing the extent of damage to the banner and repairing. The manufacturer suggested that the colder fall weather may affect the durability of the banner (less flexible), but the HCyC will still consider using the banner into the fall season.
 - MTO driver Education booklet and testing – Pauline volunteered to work with cycling advocates in Toronto to present changes to the MTO. **Daryl to contact the Toronto group** so Pauline can connect with them.
5. Promotions:
 - Members were encouraged to check out www.bikely.com for its Hamilton content and consider adding it as a weblink
 - Cyclovias in Hamilton “Open Streets” – Jordan gave an update of the Nov 2 mtg. They are planning two “Sunday Streets” events in 2010 and sourcing funds. A meeting on Dec 7 is scheduled.
 - Bike Route Pamphlet – **Jordan and Daryl to review email and May minutes for actions**
6. Finances:
 - There are no changes to the volunteer committee’s account
 - The 2010 capital budget for cycling infrastructure was presented to the ctte – in its current draft status. **Daryl to calculate how this level of spending compares to the historical level of 1% of the Roads Capital budget.**
 - The 2010 City Volunteer Committee budget, as previously approved by the HCyC members for \$9000, is to be presented to the Public Works Ctte in the next few weeks.
7. Planning: the following items were noted: Hwy 8 Greensville, York Blvd dtn, Ancaster TMP, Dundas TMP, Jolley Cut, Truck Routes Study, Dartnall Rd EA, Gore Park
 - Jolley Cut – Daryl reported that an upbound bike lane is the priority for the design
 - Truck Routes – the committee confirmed that regarding truck routes – the designation of a street as a truck route further justifies the street to include a bike lane or paved shoulder.
 - Gore Park – Daryl read email from City planners which stated the current status of bicycles using the planned carriage way (in the preferred design option).
8. Projects Update:
 - Bike racks: **Daryl to create a second prototype** for 2-bike capacity about 10cm taller than the current 60cm design installed at the corner of James/Cannon.
 - The members would like to know the status of the plan for “artful” bike racks on James St N. **Daryl to investigate.**
 - CP Rail Trail – City is finessing design and plan to construct in spring 2010. it may very likely include some illumination.

- Sanders Blvd – bike lanes were painted in late October on the existing asphalt and maintaining the on-street parking on both sides of the street. The project is on the full length of Sanders (West Park Ave to Cootes Dr)
- 2010 to give area businesses time for the transition in parking supply. Bike racks will also be installed – **Jordan and Daryl to walk the street to plan locations for bike racks.**
- Queensdale – members were notified that a public meeting for the project will be held on November 16.
- Woodward – in progress (Melvin Ave to Brampton St)
- Albion/Eramosa loop – bridge over LINC in design stage
- Lift Bridge – a meeting with MP Mike Wallace is scheduled to discuss options. City staff will attend. **Dwayne will attend.**

9. Events:

- Westdale High School – Healthy Living Expo – Thurs Oct 22 – about 53 people attended the cycling booth. Some students said they were too busy or too much cargo to bike! Pauline attended and suggested ideas for similar events in the future:
 - i. Use the HCyC canopy if space permits to increase visibility
 - ii. Consider hand-outs like the car magnets, candy and a draw prize to attract people
 - iii. Consider an interactive display like a laptop with info, HSR bike rack or a bike on a stand
- Bike-to-Work Day on Sept 22 – Liz & Walter participated, low attendance – the weather was not nice
- The Ontario Bike Summit is Sept 21-22. Pauline provided a summary that was provided to her by a friend. No members of the HCyC attended the conference.

10. Maintenance:

- Red Hill Valley Trail – excellent discussion of maintenance issues of the trail in the valley and city-wide. **Daryl to convey details to maintenance Staff.**
- A letter forwarded by Councillor McHattie from a resident to discuss bike racks was discussed. **Daryl to investigate the current status of the cycling maintenance spot program and investigate maintenance standards.**

11. Other Business:

- Copenhagen experience – electronic bike counters that track a daily total at a specific location
- Hamilton Police launched an improved anti-bike-theft program
- Check out www.BikeonTours.on.ca
- Please have the City investigate an all-way stop at Ferguson Ave/Simcoe St

12. Announcements

13. Adjournment.

14. Next Meeting:

- Wed. December 2, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B.