

Hamilton Cycling Committee Meeting Minutes May 30, 2007

In attendance: Daryl Bender (Chair), Tarquin Adams, Rob Wazny, Greg Ellis, Thom Oommen, Brad Tyleman, Michael Donaldson, Bob Brown

Regrets: Al Horzelenberg

City Staff Representatives: Rich Shebib, Hart Solomon (Hart made a brief status report to the Committee)

Guest: Mark Walker (Email address: walkerm@ mcmaster.ca)

Bob Brown volunteered to take minutes of the meeting.

1. Minutes of last meeting held April 4, 2007.

- Motion to approve these minutes by Bob Brown, seconded by Greg Ellis, **CARRIED.**

2. Correspondence with Transport Canada re: improved bicycle facilities for crossing the Hamilton/Burlington ship canal.

- This item is ongoing. Greg Ellis working with the Burlington Cycling Committee on a response to a brief letter from Transport Canada.

ACTION ITEM: Rich Shebib to bring a working map/plan of the canal facility to the next meeting so the Committee can recommend positioning of signage to clarify the process for cyclists to cross the canal

3. City Transportation Master Plan (TMP)

- The TMP has been published for Public Review. The list of Bicycle related projects is tentative until "Shifting Gears" has been updated – this is a critical item.

Note: "Shifting Gears" needs a new name...please submit suggestions to Rich Shebib.

ACTION ITEMS: Rich Shebib to send Committee Members an electronic version of the Bicycle Related Projects listed in the TMP.

Rich Shebib to obtain a Construction Schedule for City Projects on the books and forward to the Committee for comment regarding the necessity of incorporating Bicycle facilities into proposed works

Hart Solomon's information items:

a) Informed the Committee that the TMP would be presented to the Public Works Committee on June 18, 2007 and then a presentation will be made at the next Council Meeting following that date.

b) The Bicycle Map needs to be translated into standard City GIS format for ease of updating, needs routes marked that are enhanced but not signed, roads in the Rural

Area that are gravel need to be so indicated on the Map, mapping presently on the reverse side of the map (showing the area outside of the Urban portion of Hamilton) needs more detail, information text and illustrations take up a lot of room on the reverse side (can some of this be condensed or eliminated to allow more rural mapping space?)

c) Extension of the Rail Trail in the Main Street W. area (from Fortinos easterly to Aberdeen Ave.) has an allocation of \$1.95 M in Capital construction and land acquisition

4. Commuter Challenge (June 3 – 9)

- All are encouraged to register at: www.commuterchallenge.ca Bike to work day is Friday June 8. Michael Donaldson volunteered to organize the Olympic Park route participants

5. Status of hiring a Cycling Staff person

- Hart Solomon briefly updated the Committee regarding some action being taken...further updates to be released as information becomes available

6. Political Representation on Committee

- Topic for future meeting agenda

7. Update on Joint meeting with Burlington and Niagara Committees

- Brad Tyleman and Greg Ellis briefly gave the highlights of the meeting: Burlington Committee was almost disbanded but met with City Manager and received a resurgence and support from the City as a result Guiseppe Ferrara (prime driver for the Hamilton 2003 Road World Cycling Championship) was in attendance representing the newly formed Halton Cycling Committee and mentioned that there is a \$1.6 M "legacy" surplus from the event that is partially in Ottawa and partially at McMaster. For further info on the possible use of these funds, he suggested contacting any or all of the following: Jim Crosscombe (OCA), Sue Palmer Komar, Therese Quigley (Director of Athletics @ McMaster)

ACTION ITEM: Daryl Bender and Rich Shebib to discuss **Hamilton** hosting next joint meeting tentatively set for **Saturday October 20, 2007**. **Spring Meeting for 2008** will be tentatively **Saturday May 24** hosted by the **Niagara Committee**.

8. Speed Limit Enforcement issues

- Future meeting Agenda item. Need statistics of Bicycle Accidents in Hamilton
ACTION ITEM: Rich to bring latest Hamilton Collision Statistics Report

9. Ebikes and their impact on off road trails:

- Is a speed assessment &/or education campaign needed?
- Education needed re use of bell or other audio warning when approaching pedestrians
- What does the current City Trails Bylaw state regarding Ebikes (motorized vehicles allowed?)

ACTION ITEM: Rich Shebib and **Michael Donaldson** will discuss and bring information to next meeting

10. Update of the Website

- It is important for Cycling Committees to keep their websites current – especially when listing events (purge old and update new events as they become inactive/active)

ACTION ITEMS: **Greg Ellis** will email Sarah Veale re updates (e.g. Committee no longer on selfimposed suspension, upcoming meeting and event dates). **Rich Shebib** will update the site with info from the City's perspective

11. Improved communication to the Committee

- Email list needs updating for current Committee Members (list was circulated at the meeting for those in attendance to ensure their current address is correct)

ACTION ITEM: **Greg Ellis** will contact Sarah Veale re the possibility of a generic email address that the general public can utilize and have it forwarded to City Staff/Committee Member or other for response

12. Proposed bicycle lanes in Scenic Dr./San Rd/Wendover area

- The Committee supported the proposal with the following motion. **Moved** by Tarquin Adams, **seconded** by Brad Tyleman that the Hamilton Cycling Committee support the concept of painted bicycle lanes on Sanatorium Rd/Rice Ave from Scenic Dr. to Wendover Dr. **CARRIED**

ACTION ITEM: **Daryl Bender** will email this motion of support to Norma Moores (Stantec Consulting) for information

13. Renewal of the Committee

- The process needs to be placed in the Public Forum

ACTION ITEM: **Rich Shebib** to expedite the process with City Staff (arrange for advertising etc.)

**Next Meeting:
Wednesday July 4, 2007
5:00 PM Room #264**