

Hamilton Cycling Committee - HCC
Minutes: December 5, 2007
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tarquin Adams, Bob Brown, Michael Donaldson, Greg Ellis, Thom Oomman, Brad Tyleman

Participants:

Tom Ellis, Jordan Fysh, Mark Walker, Daryl Bender, Norma Moores, Diana Stewart

Staff:

Rich Shebib, Hart Soloman

1. CHAIR FOR THIS MEETING:
Thom volunteered to chair the meeting.
2. CITY STAFF ANNOUNCEMENT:
Hart announced Daryl as the successful candidate for the position of Project Manger, Alternative Transportation for the City of Hamilton with a start date of Dec. 10. All in attendance congratulated Daryl on his new job and thanked Rich for all his help with the cycling committee over the past year..
3. PROJECT UPDATES:
Hart also provided updates on the following projects:
 - i. North Service Road bike lanes have been paved, will be painted in spring
 - ii. York Blvd. bike lanes still need MTO approval for ramp crossings, meeting is scheduled for Dec. 18
 - iii. CP Rail property purchase is still in negotiations, there may be some funding issues that weren't apparent before.
4. PREVIOUS MINUTES REVIEW:
As the last meeting was cancelled due to the open house there were no minutes to review. Rich noted that there were a large number of attendees at the open house for new members. **Daryl will review previous minutes for action items.**
5. COMMITTEE RENEWAL:
Applications will be reviewed next week and a selection process will be determined if more than 12 applications were received. The City will also be reviewing procedural rules for the Hamilton Cycling Committee.
6. EAST MOUNTAIN LOOP MUP:
Bob mentioned that a 10km looped trail is to be constructed by HRCA and had been written about in the Spectator. **Daryl will investigate and report back.**
7. EAST END ESCARPMENT STAIRS:
It was noted the new stair between the Rail Trail and Mountain Brow Blvd. will have bike troughs, the question came up on whether the Wentworth Stairs will be upgraded with bike troughs. **Daryl will enquire and report.**
7. 2008 TORONTO BIKE SHOW:
Rob is working on the display, **Daryl will apply for a booth and look at display improvements and upgrades.**
8. HSR BIKE RACKS:
Thom reported that HSR has committed to leaving bike racks on busses all winter unless cleaning issues arise. Bob asked if HSR is keeping track of usage. **Daryl will ask HSR is they are tracking usage of bike racks on busses.**

9. **BIKE RACKS ON GO BUSES:**
There was a discussion on Thom's letter asking for installation of bike racks on GO Transit busses. It was noted that GO busses are currently at the allowable length limit and racks would make the busses too long. It was noted that GO Transit has hired Jennifer Niece as a cycling liaison person. **Thom will revise his letter and re-submit.**
10. **NEXT MEETING DATE:**
It was decided that next meeting date will be Jan 9, 2008 instead of Jan. 2. **Daryl to check on meeting room availability.**

NEW BUSINESS ITEMS:

11. **CALGARY TDM CONFERENCE:**
Daryl attended with an eye on cycling subjects at the conference.
12. **UPDATES FROM RICH:**
Public Works will be running a Cycle to Work campaign in the new year, promoting cycling to work for employees. It was noted that the City parkade building has bike racks already installed, **Daryl will promote their use.** It was noted that HHS will also be encouraging staff to cycle to work as well.
13. **RED HILL CREEK TRAIL UPDATE:**
Greg received no reply to emails from Parks Planning staff re: steepness of new section south of CP tracks. **Greg to call and request action.**
14. **CYCLING COMMITTEES DISCUSSION:**
Daryl mentioned that the new GTTA will include discussions with local cycling committees for inter-regional transit issues. Greg noted that HCC had no attendees at the recent Waterloo conference that included cycling committee representatives from most of southern Ontario. Thom mentioned a new Toronto cyclists association/union that may become involved in cycling advocacy.
15. **NORMA:**
Norma mentioned a Cape Breton bike racks on busses project she participated in where the HSR was very helpful. She also presented her wish list for Daryl in his new position:
*The rail trail @ Dartnall Rd. – a very awkward connection – **Daryl to inquire**
*City Master Transportation Plan comparison – bike lanes do not align (Daryl said HCC is waiting for response to our comments.
*Olympic Park hydro corridor bike path
*Wilson St. bike lanes are in very bad shape
*Rice Ave. bike lanes
*Nebo Rd. should be re-painted to have 3 lanes + bike lanes and a connection to the rail trail
16. **RICH:**
Rich mentioned that cycling committee membership applications can still be submitted even though the deadline has passed. He has also re-submitted the HCC budget for brochures, etc. The new city cycling maps are still a work in progress, **Daryl will check on status.**
17. **MEETING ADJOURNED AT 6:20 PM, motioned by Tarquin, seconded by Bob**