

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes March 5, 2008
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tarquin Adams, Thom Oommen, Brad Tyleman, Rob Wazny

Regrets:

Bob Brown, Greg Ellis

Participants:

Mark Walker, Jordan Fysh, Tyler Sheppard, Cheryl de Boer, Paul Barrett

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Chair of Meeting:
 - Thom was nominated and members agreed to have him Chair the meeting.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for Feb. 6, 2008, moved, seconded, carried.
3. Committee Renewal:
 - Daryl reported that the interviews of applicants will be conducted by a two councillors tomorrow.
4. Budget
 - The members were informed that unspent money in the City HCC account from last year has been brought forward to the 2008 City HCC account for the "selected routes" pamphlet project, etc.
5. Project Updates:
 - York Boulevard – MTO approval received, implementation planned for this spring
 - North Service Road – implementation planned for this spring
 - CP rail trail – negotiations with CP Rail in progress. Earliest installations in late fall or next year, dependent on CP negotiations.
 - Stoney Creek Mtn loop – Open Space considering the offer made by Bob to review the route on site with Parks staff.
 - PLANNING
 - i. Daryl brought construction schedules for '08 & '09 to the meeting. He is discussing these schedules with design staff.
 - ii. Cycling Master Plan update – the breadth of items to be included in the Plan were discussed briefly.
 - iii. Letter to the HCC regarding the comments the HCC submitted to the Transportation Master Plan – Daryl read this response to the members.
 - iv. Other items mentioned: a) there was a workshop to discuss a conservation plan for lands on the north side of Cootes Paradise, including cycling access, b) the Waterdown Road study is ongoing and members were notified of public meetings, c) members were notified of the approved plan for bike lanes on Sanatorium Road (a completed EA).
6. Events:
 - The HCC is set to staff an information booth at the Toronto International Bike Show March 7, 8 & 9.
 - Members were reminded of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust cycling event in July and the possible need for volunteers.
 - Joint Burl/Ham/Nia meeting is planned for May 24. **Paul to book meeting space for the event at the GreenVenture offices (20 people max). Daryl to communicate with other two cycling ctttes and other adjacent municipalities to send representation.**
 - Gil Penalosa presentation – various members shared their impressions from the event – inspiring, etc. and ideas for the separation of cyclists from car traffic, recognizing that pedestrians & cyclists are most vulnerable.
7. Snow Clearing:
 - The members were made aware of the Ontario Municipal Act – Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal Highways having a section that specifically addresses snow accumulation.
8. Website:
 - Staff confirmed that updates to the City cycling website and the CycleHamilton websites are planned.
9. Education:
 - presentation cancelled

10. Bike Racks:
 - Daryl notified members that some BIAs have been contacting him to address rack facilities – replacing damaged racks, adding new ones, etc.
11. Map Update:
 - The new version of the map has been printed and “fresh from the printer” copies distributed to members.
12. Other Business:
 - Rules of Trails & Bike Lanes. An exhibitor at the Upwind/Downwind conference sells electric bicycles and would like to make a presentation to the HCC regarding the use of his products on cycling and mixed-use facilities. **Daryl to investigate this exhibitor attending a future HCC meeting.**
13. Announcements:
 - Members were notified of the reports by metrolinx and the call for community comments.
14. Adjournment.
15. Next Meeting:
 - Wed. April 2, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B