

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes April 2, 2008
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tarquin Adams	Dave Banko	Dwayne Brown
Robert Brown	Sean Burak	Brad Tyleman
Marisa DiCenso	Liz Duval	Tom Ellis
Jordan Fysh	Walter Furlan	Andrea Kita
Pauline McKinley	Dave Thompson	

Regrets:

Robert Corsini

Participants:

Tyler Sheppard, Cheryl de Boer

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
 - As this was the first meeting of the HCC after the selection of the new committee, everyone introduced themselves and included some relevant background info including cycling habits & what area of the city they live in. The selection of a Chair, Vice-All & Treasurer was deferred to the end of the meeting to give the membership an opportunity to familiarize themselves with the activities of the HCC and the other members, so staff Chaired this first meeting of the renewed ctte.
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for Mar. 5, 2008. moved, seconded, carried.
3. Budget
 - The members were informed that the ctte has interests in three different accounts:
 - i. An account containing funds that the HCC has collected in the past through special events. Bob Brown, the former Treasurer, stated the current value in that account is about \$1000.
 - ii. An account that is funds provided by the City for the HCC to spend on an annual basis. Staff reported that the balance in that account is \$3,700 of new money this year, plus funds that were brought forward from the year previous (~\$10,700). This additional money can be spent by the HCC if approved by City Council.
 - iii. The City's "Annual Bicycle Route Improvements Program" capital account. Staff reported that the balance in this account is about \$900,000. The account is typically allocated \$300,000 per year, but since little money has been spent on cycling in the past few years, the fund has grown. There are plans to invest a significant amount of money in cycling infrastructure in the next two years.
4. Project Updates:
 - York Boulevard – 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 '08 or next year, dependent on CP negotiations.
 - Stoney Creek Mtn loop – a multi-use trail in the planning stages as a joint project of the City & the Hamilton Conservation Authority. **Daryl to check with Open Space staff regarding the offer made by Bob to review the route on site with Open Space staff.**
 - PLANNING – staff mentioned a number of current projects in the planning stages including: York Blvd two-way conversion downtown, King Street reconstruction (Nash to Centennial), a larger list of construction projects for '08 & '09, the plans for a multi-use trail over the QEW by Red Hill Valley, and the Cycling Master Plan (to be conducted in '08)
5. Events:
 - The HCC had a successful weekend at the Toronto International Bike Show March 7, 8 & 9; conveying Hamilton cycling facilities to the crowd and noting feedback from bike show attendees. Feedback received is attached as an appendix to these minutes.
 - The members discussed a proposal to host a Cyclovia in Hamilton. This event would include closing a street, encouraging this street to be used exclusively by pedestrians and cyclists for a few hours. The event was proposed for two possible dates: holiday Monday, May 19 and Sunday, June 1, 2008. The

members strongly supported the idea and unanimously passed the following motion: **“The HCC commits to providing \$1000 from their committee budget to help finance the proposed Cyclovias. Also, the HCC commits to providing \$250 from their committee budget to pay for advertising in View Magazine in April/May to promote safe cycling and to promote the Cyclovias events.”** The HCC suggested the events should be held from 8 or 9am to 3 or 4pm on the specified days. To encourage activity in the Cyclovias, the members suggested incorporating events connected to CANBIKE education courses. It was recognized that this could be incorporated in future Cyclovias, possibly in 2009. The HCC supported conducting the events on Bay Street after it was realized that HSR service on James Street would complicate implementation on James Street.

- Joint Burl/Ham/Nia meeting is planned for May 24. HCC members were asked to consider attending this event, but it was noted the meeting space would not accommodate everyone.
- Members were reminded of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust cycling event in July and the possible need for volunteers.
- Members were notified of other events in which to consider participating: Earth Day at the RBG (April 23 & 24), Earth Day Tree Planting at Princess Point (April 26), and Bike Summit 2008 (April 25). **Daryl to email details of these events to HCC members.**

6. Snow Clearing:

- The members were made aware that staff are in the process of formalizing the City's snow clearing practice for cycling facilities.

7. Website:

- Staff confirmed that updates to the City cycling website and the CycleHamilton websites are in progress.

8. Map Distribution:

- Members contributed suggestions of edits to the new map for the larger print order in the very near future, likely in May or June.

9. Election of Executive:

- Selection of a Chair: Walter Furlan nominated. No other nominations. Nomination accepted, acclaimed.
- Selection of Vice-All: Dwayne Brown nominated, Tarquin Adams nominated, Jordan Fysh nominated. All nominations accepted. A vote was conducted with the candidates not present. Tarquin voted as Vice-All.
- Selection of Treasurer: Bob Brown nominated. No other nominations. Nomination accepted, acclaimed.

10. Announcements:

11. Adjournment.

12. Next Meeting:

- Wed. May 7, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B

Comments from Toronto International Bike Show

- 1) There is a quarry being proposed near Carlisle – please investigate further
- 2) Signage on Gray's Road by Confederation Park – this is not clear, but will be addressed with the North Service Road bike lanes/route project this year
- 3) The paved shoulder on Centre Road needs to be cleaned
- 4) Please install more bike lanes – a comment received many times
- 5) Please have bike lanes cleaned more frequently – a comment received many times
- 6) We need an east/west corridor from Gage to Westdale
- 7) A loop to promote: “round the Mtn”: Stone Church/Scenic/Chedoke/Aberdeen/Charlton/Escarpment rail trail
- 8) Pritchard, crossing the LINC, is very dangerous
- 9) Ask Haldimand to improve their section of the Chippewa rail trail
- 10) Bike lanes on Main & King & Barton please
- 11) A loop to promote: “the Kevin Hamilton”: Red Hill Valley/Beach/Woodward/Burlington St/Ferguson/Escarpment rail trail
- 12) Cycling in Hamilton offers great landscapes
- 13) Ray Low at Borer's Falls – why regeneration?
- 14) Develop off-road cycling somewhere in Dundas Valley
- 15) Offer CANBIKE courses
- 16) Fix bike lanes on Wilson to Ancaster
- 17) York Road needs maintenance for cyclists
- 18) Launch a campaign for safer cycling – educate motorists to share the road
- 19) Main Street (Osler to the rail trail overpass), surface is too rough for cyclists
- 20) Please review the status of cyclists on trails in Dundas Valley. Allowed? If so, where?
- 21) Meadowlands – review the bike routing – is an alternate route better?
- 22) Label the Lafarge & Dofasco Trails more clearly on map
- 23) Have a laminated copy of the Dundas Valley trail system as part of HCC display