

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes May 7, 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	Robert Corsini

Regrets:

all present

Participants:

Tyler Shepherd, Cheryl de Boer, Alison Bochsler

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for Apr. 2, 2008. Moved, seconded, carried.
3. Budget
 - The members were given updates of the three different accounts:
 - i. HCC's own account. Bob Brown, Treasurer, stated the current value in that account is about \$1000, before reimbursing ctte members for travel expenses to the Toronto Bike Show. **Motion: The HCC members are to be reimbursed to a maximum value equal to the parking fee, except for costs incurred by volunteers transporting materials for the set-up or take-down - this maximum reimbursement is equal to the parking fee PLUS the round trip GO Transit fare from Hamilton.** Moved (Bob Brown), seconded (Tarquin), carried. **Motion: The HCC signing officers shall be the Chair, the Treasurer, and the Vice-All.** Moved (Patricia), seconded (Liz), carried.
 - ii. The HCC City account. Staff confirmed that \$3,700 was approved by council, plus money unspent from the previous year 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.
4. Project Updates:
 - York Boulevard – to be completed for a grand opening event May 20 1-2pm. HCC members invited.
 - North Service Road – completion planned for mid June'08
 - CP rail trail – negotiations with CP Rail in progress. Implementation possibly to commence in late fall '08 or next year, dependent on CP negotiations.
 - Stoney Creek Mtn loop – **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), the Cycling Master Plan to include a first round of Public Info Centres in June, and a Transportation Master Plan has commenced for Ancaster
5. Events:
 - The members received an update regarding proposed Cyclovias in Hamilton. The issue that has been raised is the projected level of participation. The HCC continues to support Cyclovias in Hamilton very strongly. **Motion: The HCC commits to providing \$1000 from their committee budget to help finance proposed Cyclovias in 2008.** The HCC was notified that there may be some other options for Cyclovias in the planning stages, mentioned by Cheryl & Alison. **Sean will investigate street festivals on James Street that could be coordinated with Cyclovias.** Moved, seconded, carried.
 - Joint Burl/Ham/Nia cycling committees meeting is planned for May 24. HCC members were encouraged to attend this event. Final arrangements were discussed – food, logistics, etc.
 - Commuter Challenge – Cheryl presented highlights of the schedule of events and asked members to volunteer for a Bike to Work event on Friday June 6 in Gore Park. **Daryl to forward materials from Cheryl to members via email.**

- Members were informed that the Earth Day events in the city had representation from cycling staff, with a good level of community interest. A fair number of surveys from elementary students were received.
 - Members were reminded of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust cycling event in July and the possible need for volunteers.
 - Members were given an update about the Toronto Bike Summit, which staff attended.
 - Members were notified of a meeting to discuss a landuse plan for the north shore of Cootes Paradise – through to the escarpment. Members were invited to attend, and Tom is considering.
6. Snow Clearing:
 - In progress, no discussion.
 7. Website:
 - Staff encouraged members to review the websites for comments. Pauline raised the issue of bylaws that currently exist that need to be reviewed. **Pauline to provide more details for discussion at a future meeting.**
 8. Publications:
 - The map is in the progress of being reprinted, with only minor edits. Members mentioned a few items for edit. **Jordan will discuss a new pamphlet project at the next meeting.**
 9. Education:
 - A subctte was discussed, and it was decided they would identify members through email discussions. They hope to meet before the next meeting and present ideas then.
 10. Waste Management:
 - Sean to meet with staff soon to work out details for bike repairs.
 11. Other Business:
 - Rapid Transit – The ctte spoke briefly about City plans for an expansion of the Beeline to full BRT (Bus Rapid Transit) or LRT (Light Rail Transit). The ctte feels some comment should be conveyed. How will rapid transit accommodate cyclists? Will routes impede cyclists in those corridors? Members were reminded of the current public meetings.
 - Members provided staff with comment regarding some email received – including the details of where adults should ride their bike when cycling with very young children.
 - A brief discussion of the City documents regarding roundabouts. In general the members supported this document, however there were a few diagrams that members felt needed minor edit – specifically the location of bike stencils and sharrow markers.
 - Members were reminded of the ongoing study regarding Waterdown Road.
 - Maintenance – it was noted that there is a significant amount of grit on the Mount Albion trail that needs to be cleaned.
 12. Announcements:
 - Members were notified that a former HCC member is at home recuperating after a nasty cycling spill.
 13. Adjournment.
 14. Next Meeting:
 - Wed. June 4, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B