

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes June 4, 2008
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tarquin Adams	Dave Banko	Dwayne Brown
Robert Brown	Liz Duval	Brad Tyleman
Jordan Fysh	Walter Furlan	Andrea Kita
Pauline McKinley		Robert Corsini

Regrets:

Marisa DiCenso, Sean Burak, Dave Thompson, Tom Ellis

Participants:

Tyler Shepherd, Cheryl de Boer, Lauren Chewter

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for May 7, 2008. Moved (with revisions), seconded, carried.
3. Commuter Challenge:
 - Cheryl addressed a few details regarding the "Bike to Work Day" event, Friday June 6 - a celebration of people that cycle to work, including a booth in Gore Park and promotional items. The members discussed a proposed survey to get feedback about Cyclovias. **Andrea to finalize survey and send to Daryl to make copies for distribution.** There will also be a formal opening of the new enclosed bike parking area in the parking garage by the Farmers' Market on June 5. Members were invited to attend.
4. 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 \$1428.75, with only one outstanding reimbursement for travel expenses to the Toronto Bike Show.
 - ii. The HCC City account. Staff confirmed the balance as reported the previous month: \$3,700, plus money unspent from the previous year. **Motion: The expense of food provided for the May 24 '08 Joint Burlington/Hamilton/Niagara Cycling Committees meeting (\$59.36) is to be reimbursed from the HCC City account.** Moved, seconded, carried. A big note of gratitude was extended to the GreenVenture organization as they provided the meeting location free of charge.
 - iii. The City's "Annual Bicycle Route Improvements Program" capital account. Staff reported that the balance in this account is about \$900,000 less expenses for the installation of the York Blvd bike lanes. These costs will be summarized at the next meeting.
5. Project Updates:
 - York Boulevard – the grand opening event went well. The length of the merge coming from Burlington to Hamilton at the Plains Road intersection was discussed briefly.
 - North Service Road – completion on track for June'08. All construction is complete. Outstanding tasks are line painting & signage.
 - CP rail trail – negotiations with CP Rail in progress. The committee recognizes the importance of this linkage, so they feel it is justified to use some of the annual cycling budget to help finance this project if required.
 - Stoney Creek Mtn loop – There is a new City contact for this project – Joseph Yu. **Daryl to connect Joseph & Bob to review the route on site. Bob Brown will send email link for people to review the materials presented at the recent public information centre.**
 - Lift Bridge – since this item was discussed at length at the Joint Burl/Ham/Nia meeting, Bob Brown asked for ideas from the members. **Tyler offered to take pictures of the current design, including the status of a section of the Burlington side of the trail that is sand rather than asphalt. Daryl to discuss the issue of this unpaved Burlington section with Burlington staff and the Burlington Cycling Cttee.** An action plan for this location will be part of the July HCC agenda.
 - Kenilworth Access – the need for some kind of accommodation for cyclists was strongly stated.
 - Sherman Cut – the critical section is the actual cut from Crockett to the brow – is there a way some kind of grate could be installed over the ditch that would facilitate drainage and also be a lane for cyclists?

- Fennell Avenue – it was stated that the road construction on Fennell will not include any cycling facilities.
 - Waterdown Road – **Daryl to send links to information on the City website. Rob Corsini and Walter will be the leads on actions**, including communication with the Burlington Cycling Ctte.
 - PLANNING – staff mentioned a number of current projects in the planning stages including: York Blvd two-way conversion downtown, the Cycling Master Plan to include a series of Public Info Centres and then a dedicated meeting of the HCC, Transportation Master Plans have commenced for both Ancaster and Dundas (Info Centre June 5), and reconstruction of Jerseyville Road as related to access to soccer fields in the area. Issues discussed included the need for paved shoulders to accommodate cyclists along Jerseyville Road – it is very popular for cyclists. Where shoulders are not possible, look at other options like signage and reduced speed limits. The ctte stated that there needs to be sufficient parking so people driving to soccer games don't park on the bike lanes/paved shoulders.
6. Events:
- Further to the previous discussion about the Cyclovia survey for the Commuter Challenge, it was suggested that the survey could be also distributed through Survey Monkey (a website) to collect even more responses.
 - The Joint Burl/Ham/Nia cycling committees meeting on May 24 went very well. Highlights of the meeting included discussions regarding the lift bridge, Waterdown Road, cycling design on MTO facilities, and actions to strengthen provincial political support for cycling issues
 - Members were reminded of the Waterfront Regeneration Trust cycling event in July and the possible need for volunteers.
 - Members were given a brief summary by staff of the landuse plan workshop for the north shore of Cootes Paradise – through to the escarpment.
 - Members were notified of the proposal by Cip de Vries to organize a Frolf Tournament that would utilize the city cycling network. Members thought it was an intriguing idea, and Cip was encouraged to pursue.
7. Education:
- The subctte of Marisa, Dwayne and Andrea met and designed the Cyclovia survey as previously discussed. They plan to continue meeting to discuss more items.
8. Website & City Traffic Bylaw:
- Differed to the next meeting. **Pauline and Daryl will discuss to prepare more details (#01-215).**
9. Publications:
- The map is in the progress of being reprinted, with only minor edits, 50,000 being printed. A subctte was struck to revise the 8-Route pamphlet, including Jordan, Bob Brown, Brad and Tarquin. **Jordan preparing info for the next meeting.**
10. Maintenance:
- The issue of steep slopes in a section of the Red Hill Valley Trail was mentioned. The steep slopes are in the vicinity of the CP railway crossing, south of King Street. It was suggested that the City could look at other materials as well – such as asphalt or other ideas. Short Hills Provincial Park was cited as an example.
11. Waste Management:
- Differed to next meeting.
12. Other Business:
- Parking passes – members were notified that there will be no free parking passes available during the temporary relocation of City Hall to this location.
 - It was suggested that the committee consider purchasing jackets, etc. that would identify them as members of the ctte. It was noted that the Burlington Cycling Ctte members had an item of clothing with such identification. Metal name tags were also suggested. **Tarquin will investigate pricing.**
13. Announcements:
- Members were notified of an article about cycling in Walrus Magazine
<http://www.walrusmagazine.com/articles/2008.06-cycling-in-toronto-bike-love-bill-reynolds/>
14. Adjournment.
- Members then walked over to the new enclosed bike parking by the Farmers' Market to take a look.
15. Next Meeting:
- Wed. July 2, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B