

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes September 3, 2008
Hamilton City Centre Meeting Room 350B

Committee Members in Attendance:

Tarquin Adams	Dwayne Brown	Andrea Kita
Robert Brown	Robert Corsini	Brad Tyleman
Marisa DiCenso	Tom Ellis	Pauline McKinley
Dave Thompson		

Regrets:

Walter Furlan, Liz Duval, Dave Banko, Sean Burak, Jordan Fysh

Visitors:

Tyler Shepherd, Mike McHugh

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Introductions:
 - Walter sent regrets, so the Vice-all chaired (Tarquin).
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for August 6, 2008. Moved, seconded, carried.
3. Education:
 - Marisa reported that the combined networking of all of the HCC members offers connections to about 30 organizations
 - A visitor from the University of Waterloo was introduced. Mike McHugh attended the meeting to help formulate a topic for analysis as part of his undergraduate degree. He is interested in cycling promotion in the City of Hamilton.
4. Website:
 - Pauline provided additional highlights of issues that appear to conflict between laws/bylaws of the Province and the City. These include **1)** the complicated and expanding list of unique modes of transport that are developing – including ebikes, scooters, segways, etc., **2)** roundabouts, which the HTA appears to make no mention of (yet they are included in the newest version of the Driver Training Manual). Members were notified of the plans for a roundabout at Stone Church/Omni, and **3)** bike helmets, where some clarification is needed and consideration of expanding the requirement so all people must wear a helmet. **Pauline and Daryl to arrange a day to meet and organize issues into a table for clarity and identify actions.** Possible actions include City review of bylaws and communication with the Province.
 - Daryl has added a new section to the City webpage regarding “Cycling Safety”
 - Members discussed the limits of information to post on the HCC website www.cyclehamilton.ca such as consideration of what events to post. **Daryl to investigate more details via the Clerks’ Office and the HCC Terms of Reference.**
5. Publications:
 - Bike pamphlet – differed as Jordan could not attend. Daryl did report that the Walking/Hiking pamphlet that the Hamilton Conservation Authority (HCA) plans to produce may not be available until next year.
6. Maintenance:
 - The need for a curb cut at Upper Wentworth/E24th was noted
 - The condition of Longwood Road by Princess Point was noted – repaving requested on the hill
 - The drainage grates on Governors Road between Ogilvie & Creighton are dangerous for cyclists – please replace. Staff reported that this issue is planned to be included in the Cycling Master Plan – addressing all areas of the City.
 - Daryl reported that he is discussing the condition of maps posted in parks with other City staff.
7. Goal Setting Exercise:
 - Differed to the October meeting
8. Waste Management:
 - Differed as Sean could not attend. Sean did send T-shirts to the meeting for attendees to look at – he designed and made them himself.

9. Budget:
 - No significant updates to report on all three accounts. Members discussed details of the submission that is required for the 2009 budget submission as a volunteer committee. **Daryl to prepare draft incorporating items discussed and email to HCC members for comment.** The process requires the form be submitted by October 22, so the timeline is very tight for other review of the submission by senior staff.
10. Planning:
 - York Boulevard downtown – HCC members were reminded of the recent Council discussion regarding the two-way conversion in this area.
 - A technical consultant has been hired for the Cycling Master Plan, McCormick Rankin. We are also finalize details for an EA consultant for the project. The plan includes 3 or 4 PICs in October/November and 2 PICs for the second round of community consultation.
 - The ongoing studies of the Dundas TMP, Ancaster TMP, and the Truck Route Study were noted.
 - The Kenilworth Access has reopened, and there was no available room for wider curb lanes to accommodate cyclists.
 - The Jolly Cut may be resurfaced this year. **Daryl is to investigate if there is anything that can be included in the restriping of this access for cyclists** – the priority is upbound. Also asked to consider sharrows in the curb lanes at the bottom where the lanes are much narrower. The sidewalk was also noted to be in very poor condition.
 - Arvin Avenue EA – **Daryl to convey to the planners that bike lanes are requested** because - traffic will increase due to increased connectivity and general growth in the area.
11. Project Updates:
 - CP rail trail over Hwy 403 is progressing. Both design and site assessment consultants are working.
 - Stoney Creek Mtn loop – **Daryl to do site visit** - issues of non-paved surfaces in the vicinity of Old Mud Street flagged and the barrier gate down the hill is open. **Daryl to check schedule of budget allocation for this project.**
 - A contractor has been hired to install more post & ring bike racks primarily in Waterdown, Concession St., Ottawa St. and Downtown.
12. Events:
 - Cyclovias – Two community organizations continue to plan for this event in 2009, **Dwayne tracking the meetings.**
 - Spoke 'N Art – Sept 13 bike ride to Niagara-on-the-Lake from downtown Hamilton
 - Tour de FORCE – a Sept 7 bike ride to stop the Flamborough Quarry
 - FixOurWorld – Gage Park Sept 27, **Dwayne arranging volunteers to staff a table.** Ideas to possibly include: HSR bike rack display, distribute bike maps, free bike maintenance, Cyclovia surveys, bike parking. **Daryl to investigate the arrangements for bike parking** including bike racks, fencing, costs.
 - TourdeGreenbelt – late Sept. **Daryl to add to HCC website.**
 - Environment Hamilton has begun its project to assess walking & cycling facilities in Kirkendall.
13. Other Business:
 - Rapid Transit – **Dwayne contacting the LRT advocacy group** to discuss inviting a representative to a future HCC meeting. That could be followed up by an additional meeting with a representative of the City's planning staff for the project. **Dwayne to draft a letter.**
 - Jackets, etc. – **Tarquin emailing samples of possible clothing etc.**
14. Announcements:
15. Adjournment.
16. Next Meeting:
 - Wed. Oct. 1, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B, including a discussion with Mike McHugh.