

Hamilton Cycling Committee (HCC) Minutes October 1, 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	Jordan Fysh	Pauline McKinley
Dave Thompson	Walter Furlan	Dave Banko
Liz Duval	Sean Burak	

Regrets:

Tom Ellis

Visitors:

Tyler Shepherd, Jamie Stuckless

Staff:

Daryl Bender

1. Introductions
2. Approval of Minutes:
 - Minutes were reviewed for Sept 3, 2008. Moved, seconded, carried.
3. TDM (Transportation Demand Management):
 - Al Kirkpatrick was introduced to the members as the recently hired City TDM staff. He will be working with the HCC in future projects. He also answered questions related to the status of LRT in the city.
4. Cycling Master Plan (CMP):
 - The members were informed of the timeline for the CMP. They were notified that a future meeting of the HCC will focus on the CMP. Members asked that this meeting be scheduled after the meeting with stakeholders so they can augment input not contributed through stakeholders. Some members of the HCC are expected to attend the stakeholders meeting. The members brainstormed a list of potential stakeholders for the CMP study.
 - A reference to the Lynden Trail was flagged during the discussion and it was noted that the City is considering selling this decommissioned rail bed running from Harrisburg to Weir Rd and a bit further. Some HCC members expressed concern. **Motion: The Lynden Trail rail bed is well used, including by the Paris to Ancaster Bicycle Race, with good connectivity to St George. Please investigate the route as a multi-use path." M/S/C (unanimous)**
5. Academic Studies:
 - Jamie Stuckless, a McMaster graduate student informed the members that she is looking for ideas to investigate relating to cycling in Hamilton. She is considering conducting a survey. She is curious to understand what motivates people to cycle and what discourages people from cycling.
6. Education:
 - Deferred for future discussion, **Pauline and Daryl to meet to discuss legislation.**
7. Publications:
 - Bike pamphlet – deferred.
8. Maintenance:
 - A bike rack has been removed/damaged in front of the Locke St Starbucks.
 - Stone Church Rd between W5th and Garth is in bad shape, could the City patch potholes ASAP. It was noted that this section is planned to be reconstructed, with bike lanes to be added, next year.
 - A cycling crossing at Upper Sherman/Queensdale needs to be inspected as the signal seems unreliable.
9. Goal Setting Exercise:
 - This item will be discussed in more detail at the November meeting.
10. Budget:
 - About \$1400 is in the account that the committee maintains. Fix Our World expenses were addressed: **Motion: The HCC will cover the expense to provide the booth at Gage Park for Fix Our World – both the display costs incurred by Dwayne (\$10.51) and the construction of the temporary fencing for bike storage (billing to be received from Parks Maintenance). M/S/C**

- **Daryl will send an email of a proposed budget for the HCC City account** before the next meeting and bring more details of the Capital Cycling account to the next meeting.
11. Planning:
- Members were updated on the York Boulevard downtown project and were very disappointed to learn that the project likely will not include bike lanes.
 - Members were reminded of the Truck Route Study and the Ancaster and Dundas Transportation Master Plan studies.
 - **Daryl to continue to pursue the possibility of an up-bound bike facility on the Jolley Cut as part of this road resurfacing project.** HCC members feel that the up-bound facility is most critical. Daryl also to confirm submission has been received for the Arvin Rd extension Study.
 - The members confirmed that they would like to see bike lanes on the reconstructed Dartnall Rd – an EA is currently underway.
 - The members strongly support the construction of a multi-use bridge over the LINC at Arbour Rd. **Daryl to pursue arrangements to initiate this project.**
 - Canal Lift Bridge – a member noted that there was an announcement in the Spec about work on the lift bridge (painting). Is this an opportunity to further pursue a better cycling facility on the lake side of the bridge? **Bob B to contact Gene of the Burlington Cycling Ctte to discuss.**
12. Project Updates:
- Members were updated on the continuing progress of the CP rail trail over Hwy 403, the Stoney Creek Mtn loop and the Kirkendall Walks project.
13. Events:
- Cyclovias – Two community organizations continue to plan for this event in 2009, **Dwayne tracking the meetings.**
 - FixOurWorld – Gage Park Sept 27, the day of the event was wet, so not well attended. People did appreciate the HSR bike rack demo and the bike storage staffed by a few HCC members was utilized by some attendees. Based on this experience, it was recognized that considering the size of Gage Park, there should be a permanent bike rack supply for ~50 bikes.
14. 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.
15. Announcements:
16. Adjournment.
17. Next Meeting:
- Wed. Nov. 5, Hamilton City Centre, Meeting Room 350B.