

MEETING MINUTES



MEETING **Guelph Cycling Advisory Committee**
 DATE August 12, 2009
 TIME 4:00 pm
 PRESENT M. Cameron, T. Donegani, M. Dipple, D. Llewellyn, B. Thompson, R. Phillips
 REGRETS G. Hunter, G. Logue, L. Hohenadle, A. Krol, C. Carrere, M. Colvin, V. Waugh, J. I. Wier, McDowell

DISCUSSION ITEMS

AGENDA ITEM	DESCRIPTION/ACTION ITEMS (in green)
BFGI Updates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tim distributed the Bicycle Policy adopted at council on July 20, 2009 • Mellissa Cameron will be resigning from CGAC as a community at large representative. GCAC thanks her for her excellent contributions. She will be replaced by Mark Dipple. • Budgeted Bike lane improvements announced. 25.2 lane km in next two years • Requested update on status on cycling survey. Distribute Final Survey Report to GCAC electronically.
Draft Network Plan Review	<p>Tim outlines process involved in developing the draft network. Data overlay and iterative process by City Staff to make a network that is accessible from all origins and connects major destinations, is direct, and maximizes cyclist comfort and safety. GCAC were supportive of network overall. The following recommendation were made:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe crossing of Gordon Street immediately north of the Speed River to make for a safe trail connection. Rajan indicated that a solution may be possible • Concern about the legality and safety major trail rail in plan crossing the Railway in the York District lands. (Same issue may apply at Silver Creek Pky) • GCAC concerned about getting bike lanes on Speedvale east of Woolwich. Rajan predicts no sig. problems but will look into issue further. • Rajan indicates that bike lanes are not desired on Woodlawn west of Woolwich due to truck routes and width consideration • Cycle track on at York and Watson area deemed unnecessary due to low cyclist volume • Signed Route recommended on Southgate • The off-road trail crossing Stone Road near Janefield needs special treatment • Recommend school locations be mapped and make sure a bike facility connects all of these to the larger network
Evaluation Enforcement Recommendations Brainstorm	<p>Possible indicators:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The number of bike facility maintenance complaints made to City Hall 2. Guelph Police's awareness of safety concerns: emails, or evaluation checklist 3. Number of people taking cycling education courses 4. Number of bike safety blitzes/number of citations issued 5. High school students to count parked bikes at major destinations. Time spent may count toward community service requirement 6. Positive enforcement citations (ice cream tickets for proper safety equipment) 7. Media pieces about bike accident explains who was at fault and why

Engineering Section Text	<p>Overall GCAC thought the engineering section was thorough, ambitious and appropriate. The following recommendation were made</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Plan should recommend bikeways outside of parked cars on downtown streets • Given the network will take time to complete, interim share the road signage recommended on bike network gaps • Intersections with Hanlon Expressway need special treatment. Bike facilities may be piggybacked on upcoming upgrades • Winter Trail maintenance consideration should be determined by its identification as a spine, or primary, route • Address City's loose leaf collection policy and its impact on cyclists • Where constrains prevents two bike lanes, consider installing one in the uphill direction • Investigate changing signage on section of Royal Recreation Trail and Heffernan St bridge to change from "Cyclists Dismount" to "Cyclists yield to Pedestrians" • Site plans should show access to bike racks in a way that discourages riding on sidewalks • GCAC reticent to require bike lockers, cages, showers and change facilities given the cost to business. One option may be to provide minimal end-of-trip facilities with an overflow plan when demand exceeds supply • Bike parking design guidelines will help get good quality bike parking • Bike racks at major transit stops
"Bike Rack"	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Bicycle User Groups – Melissa Cameron 2. TDM co-ordinator to investigate whether Canada has an equivalent evaluation system similar to League of American Bicyclists
Meeting Adjourned	6:30 pm
Next Meeting	To be determined