

HALIFAX CYCLING COALITION

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING – 30 APRIL 2013

Present: Ross, Steph, Kaitlin, Laura, Clive, Matt, Caroline, Emily

1. Bridge Approach (update from Andrew Hayes)

There will be public consultations coming up regarding the temporary removal of AT lanes – EAC has been pursuing solutions to transporting people (cyclists and pedestrians) during construction – EAC is less concerned with redesigning the approaches

Regarding funding: previously proposed redesigns would cost \$1.5 million or more, the paths are part of the trans-Canada trail (meaning potential for federal funding), it should be considered its own project rather than a part of the city's AT budget – rather than taking away funding for other AT infrastructure.

Andrew is aiming for a public/stakeholder consultation session regarding the approaches for this September

HCC can facilitate the consultation session, and provide letters as needed (i.e. letter of recommendation for redesign options outlined in reports – emailed out by Andrew on 30 April)

2. Crosstown Connector

Next ATAC, on May 16th, will be devoted entirely to discussing the crosstown connector

Dave MacIsaac will provide ATAC with the staff report regarding route evaluations a week before

ATAC recommendation will go to the Transportation Standing Committee and then to community council, regional council

A bill being proposed, the "Innovation Transportation Act", has not been accepted yet, but it will allow for pilot projects – bike boxes, etc.

Group ride will be planned for later on, when the issue is before council - after meetings at ATAC, TSC and TAC

Turning Agricola into a more pedestrian oriented street

Ross had a meeting with Bernie,

- Cyclists and businesses might work together to make Agricola better for pedestrians (and therefore cyclists also). Both businesses and cyclists seem to support a more walkable street, and are against it becoming a major corridor for car traffic.
- Innovations act could provide extra opportunities for making Agricola a “pedestrian oriented street”

Post card campaign (at bike week)

- people at events (OSP) can sign post cards, write a message to councillors on why they support the Agricola route, HCC will deliver them to City Hall

3. Bike Week Events (May 31st – June 9th)

Open Street Party:

- Sunday, June 2nd
- a lot of people have offered to volunteer, Kaitlin is meeting with Lauralee on Thurs regarding the OSP
- A group will be riding from Moncton, Arriving in Halifax on Sunday. HCC will offer them free memberships, maybe t-shirts.

Movie Night

- CarbonArc is hosting at the Natural History Museum
- Friday, May 31st (critical mass night) – will announce movie night at beginning of critical mass
- Panel discussion after movie

Commuter Checkpoints

- Tuesday afternoon by the pavilion in the Common and Thursday morning at Dartmouth side of Macdonald bridge

SWITCH

- Sunday, June 9th on same route as last September (Agricola at North to Victoria Park)
- There will be a rolling closure for a ride on the bridge

Art crawl

- Ongoing throughout bike week

We need to put something on the website, a schedule of HCC bike week events

4. AGM Prep

- AGM will happen in late June
- Kaitlin will look into having it at JustUs
- Steph will prep financial statements, and contact shops to see if they've sold any memberships, and cycling groups' memberships

5. Membership

- We need to see about getting money from paypal account (ask for report from Ben)

6. Fundraiser (Posters)

- Kaitlin spoke with local artist at Hello Daylight
- 11x14 poster, \$6 per poster
- White ink on colour paper – Halifax cityscape with bicycle/s & words
- 100 printed - \$600 cost, if we can sell them for \$20 each, \$2000-600 = \$1400

7. Advertisement in The Coast

- A 3/16 (of a page) add in the Coast,
- Will see if we can change the add every few weeks or months to suit season/popular issues

8. Roundabouts

- City sent out a request for proposal for detailed designs – plan to have something for the fall
- Emily will try to contact Bike NS again about their position paper

UPDATES

- Cycle fix map – concern from city about people posting about potholes when they should be calling 311 to report the potholes officially to the city – Matt will put a note up on the site, letting people know
- AT plan review – received the most public participation of any public consultation event hosted by the city.
- Roundabouts – No decision yet on how many lanes there will be (probably two at Cogswell, one at Cunard),

- Switch: Open Street Sundays
 - Two are scheduled for June 9th (Bike Week) and September
 - Maybe a 3rd in August in Dartmouth
- T-shirts
 - New shirts coming (new colours!)
- Metro Transit Working Group
 - Some talk on metro transit and cycling working together
 - Hensbee suggested letting cyclists on the ferry for free during the redecking
 - Some interest in how transit could better support cycling
 - NS Moves applications due in June – will try to get funding
- Cycle Fix
 - Also might work for people with disabilities
- Website
- Meeting with Waye
 - Discretionary funds are being put to a public vote, meaning no cash for bike counters
 - \$20,000 or \$2000 for bike counters
 - Can look for money elsewhere...
 - Trails groups may have money

NEXT BOARD MEETING: TUESDAY, MAY 21ST AT KAITLIN'S, 5679 HARRIS ST.