

## HALIFAX CYCLING COALITION

### Board of Directors Meeting| 29 JAN 2013

#### *Crosstown Connector Meetings (Ross)*

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Kaitlin, Ross, and Lauralee Sims met with Waye Mason and Jen Watts to present a paper with information from the Agricola Street parking study. Waye supports the Agricola CTC and feels that the loss of parking is worth the benefits a bike lane will provide.

A NEBA member has suggested slowing traffic on Agricola instead of adding the bike lane (Should be in the next NEBA newsletter).

Estimated costs for the bike lane are \$20,000, a bike path would cost \$1,000,000

Going with the 'slowing traffic' idea, money could instead go to streetscape improvements. (This may be a positive alternative if the bike lane will not go on Agricola – Streetscape improvements on Agricola would be better than adding cycling infrastructure on Maynard and Creighton).

We should shift our focus from NEBA to councillors...

**Council wants HCC to write a letter that outlines what we want and why we want it**

**Matt and Ben and Ross will work on the letter to Council**

#### *Meetings with Schools (Clive)*

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Clive talked to St. Stephen's school at north end of Agricola and asked if the school advisory committee would send a letter of support for the CTC. Their next meeting is 12 Feb, Clive will take a letter to them.

Highland Park Jr. High is also interested

Citadel High School is interested in using it in civic class, lesson on petitions, etc. (Ross is willing to talk to students). We could get teachers and parents to sign a sheet, and students could get more involved.

#### *Letters of support*

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Letters are going to the Transportation Standing Committee. We have received letters from OurHRM Alliance, ADAPT, Ecology Action Centre and a few others.

#### *Membership (Kaitlin)*

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Benefits: Java Blend said they might do a discount for members. Chez Tess might offer something for members, and the owner would like a bike rack out front. **Kaitlin will send the form letter to Matt (for businesses, asking for discounts for HCC members)**

New members: We will grandfather all members for the following year, but they have to get a new card to get the new benefits. All memberships purchased before Feb 2013 will be valid for one year.

MEC sells memberships, and CycleSmith will hold cards for new members who have mailed in the new member form & money.

There is a membership benefits page on the HCC website. A QR code can go on the cards.

### ***NS Moves Partnerships (NS support for Sustainable Transportation)***

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We applied for funding to have a half-time coordinator, to organize events, conduct bike counts, etc.

### ***5 big moves survey and letter***

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We got about 30 responses from members. Ross will organize the responses.

### ***Website***

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We have two volunteers to look after the website: Ben (from HCC birthday) and Zac (was at December meeting). There is a lot of new stuff on the site, including tips on winter cycling.

**Matt will send the link around for the mapping website**

**Everyone should put something on the map**

### ***Notebooks***

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**Emily will follow up with Wade Atlantic and get sample note books.**

### ***Bike Week***

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There is a Bike Week meeting coming up. Ross will be there to push SWITCH.

Last year HCC organized volunteers for the Open Street Party.

## **UPDATES**

Matt's Mapping Concept: done.

HCC Facebook: will put map on FB

HCC Bank Account: we now have a bank card – for deposits

T-shirts: will check numbers before Bike Week

ATAC hot topics:

- 5-year review for AT plan
- Burnside drive (trail)
- n-s connector

- on line
- will continue with bike racks (200 spots per year)
- bike lane both sides Hammonds Plains Road
- Bridge Approach
- There is \$1 million every year for 5 years for infrastructure

Bridge Approach:

- Redesigning it would cost \$1 million
- HHB not willing to put the bike lane on the South side of the bridge.

New Idea:

- identify corridors in Dartmouth – ATAC has done this a bit already

Roundabouts:

- proposed for either end of North Park – Ross was invited to meetings (at Italian Cultural Centre Feb 6 at 2:30)
- Emily and Clive will attend

Public lecture: Gil Penalosa

- Emily will contact Sam to get in touch with Gil about getting him to do a talk – or other event after *SHIFT*

Next meeting Thursday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, 7pm at Kaitlin's on Harris