



## **Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee**

### **2016 Annual Report**

#### **Our Role**

The role of the Cycling Advisory Committee is to assist, advise, recommend, and support Council in matters pertaining to cycling in the City of Burlington.

#### **Our Vision**

To see Burlington become a leading cycling city where people feel safe riding their bikes to & from their destinations anywhere in the city at any time of the year.

#### **Our Objectives:**

- To raise awareness of the Cycling Committee
- To gather public feedback to effectively advise City Council
- To help enable a cycling community
- To promote safe cycling practices among citizens and “Share the Road” messages

#### **Our Successes in 2016**

##### **Raising the Awareness of the Cycling Committee**

Participation / Cycling Committee Presence at Community Events

- Bike To Work Day
- Appleby Line Street Festival
- Love My Hood -Ward Six Street Festival
- Joseph Brant Day Festival at LaSalle Park
- Doors Open Burlington – leading bicycle ride to various sites
- MEC Bike Fest
- 2 community bicycle rides organized with Seniors’ Centre.
- Inspire Burlington: New Directions in Transportation
- St. Mark’s School Fun Fair
- Santa Claus Parade
- Display at Central Library with information and safe cycling material available for pick-up
- Presentation to the Sustainable Development Committee

The committee was particularly proud to have Eleanor McMahon, MPP, recognize the Burlington Cycling Committee in the Ontario Legislature for their continued service and dedication to making Burlington a safer place to cycle.

### **Gathering feedback to effectively advise City Council**

- Talking to citizens at community events. Key concerns remain gaps in cycling network – particularly the 403 / QEW barrier, New Street and through the downtown area.
- Attended Ontario Bike Summit to learn from leading experts, municipal staff and stakeholders across the province.
- Inspire Burlington: New Directions in Transportation – gathering feedback on making cycling in Burlington delightful.
- Communicated with Transportation to identify locations for traffic counts (focus on collecting pilot data for New Street in 2016/17)
- Provided recommendations for installation of new bicycle repair stations across the city.
- Delegated to Council on New Street project tender to recommend enhanced cycling infrastructure.
- Participated in community discussions of New Street options, delegated to Council in support of Staff recommendation for pilot project alongside the ITAC, Sustainable Development and Mayor's Millennial Committees.
- Recommended provision of bicycle racks at Windows to the Lake and bicycle parking in new developments (Burloak hotel / convention centre)

### **Helping to enable a cycling community**

- Provided materials to be shared with citizens on city Cycling website.
- Attended Joint Meeting of Cycling Committees (of GTHA)
- Met with MPP (Eleanor McMahon) to discuss the QEW Interchanges

### **Promote safe cycling practices among citizens and Share the Road**

- Conducted 3 library seminars to educate community on bicycle safety.
- Conducted 3 library seminars to educate community on bicycle maintenance & repair.
- Handed out safe cycling booklets, maps, other safe cycling materials at events to provide guidance on topics such as youth safety, proper helmet fitting, etc.
- Presented Bike Safety and Cycling Master Plan to Grade 9 geography students at Aldershot H.S.
- Sent a letter to the Minister of Education (Sandals) asking that cycling education be included in all Ontario schools as part of their Safety Curriculum.

### **Measurements**

- Distributed more than 350 "Share the Road" magnets
- Distributed more than 975 "Share the Road" Bike Plates
- Distributed more than 500 Bike Lights
- Distributed more than 400 Bells
- Distributed more than 950 Wrist Bands
- Distributed more than 2,000 Burlington Cycling Maps
- Distributed more than 450 Region of Halton Cycling maps
- Web page hits for 2016: 1,384

### **Committee Objectives for 2017**

- Enhance presentation materials for safe cycling and deliver Safe Cycling Skills workshop for youth in Burlington schools.
- Co-host a Jane's 'Walk / Ride Event together with the Hamilton Cycling Committee (Ride around the Bay)
- Participate in community events to connect with citizens.
- Expand Senior Rides to a regular schedule (quarterly) in conjunction with Burlington Seniors' Centre.
- Support Staff & Council in review and update of Cycling Master Plan and other related processes (e.g. Official Plan, Integrated Transit / Mobility / Active Transportation Plan).

### **Recommendations to Council:**

The Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee would like to make the following recommendations to Council for their future consideration:

#### **2017 Recommendations:**

- Complete update of Integrated Transit / Mobility / Active Transportation Plan.
- As part of above, include specific, measurable and realistic targets for Burlington's 2031 and 2041 transportation modal split (percentage of trips in the city taken by walking, cycling, transit & driving).
- For 2018 Capital & Operating Budgets, ensure that funding is aligned with modal split targets.
- Report to citizens on % of transportation spending in current and 10 year forecast dedicated to each mode of travel.
- Complete the New Street Road diet project and utilize extensive data collected to determine ultimate configuration of this key portion of our transportation network.
- Determine location for Burlington's first pedestrian/cycling crossing of the QEW/403 highway as outlined in 2017 Capital Budget.
- Begin engagement with senior levels of government to secure funding dedicated to QEW crossing (from Ontario Climate Change fund or Federal infrastructure programs)

#### **Longer-term Goals:**

- Work together with Transportation & Engineering to support embracing of a higher standard for on- and off-road bike facilities including protected bike lanes.
- Design & build one or more protected intersection at junction of higher speed / volume roads as a demonstration of City's commitment to cycling safety.
- Achieve a Gold Award recognition for Burlington from Share the Road

## **Special Thanks:**

The Cycling Committee would like to thank each of the volunteers on the committee without whom the accomplishments in 2016 would not have been possible.

The committee would like to thank Daniel Ozimkovic for his continued dedication in support of the committee's objectives and for always being available to help with initiatives. The City of Burlington's achievement of a Silver award in 2016 from the Share the Road Cycling Coalition would not have been achieved without the dedication of Dan and the members of the city's Transportation team.

Thank you to Kendra Willard for her efforts to make Burlington a healthier and safer community.

Thank you to Councillor Dennison for being a great supporter of cycling and to Council as a group for providing our committee the opportunity to make connections with each of them over 2016.

## **2016 Committee Members**

Don Thorpe (Chair)  
Chris Ariens (Co-Vice Chair)  
Brad Slade (Co-Vice Chair)  
Jackie Lodder  
James Schofield  
Timothy Watkins  
Glenn Cockfield  
Brett Moore  
Yvonne van Hoek  
Jeffrey Brooks  
Phil de Ruiter  
Teresa Baerg

## **Council Liaison:**

Councillor Jack Dennison

## **Staff Liaisons:**

Jo-Anne Rudy, Committee Clerk  
Daniel Ozimkovic, Active Transportation

## **Region Liaison:**

Kendra Willard, Halton Region Health Department