



## **Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee**

### **2017 Annual Report**

#### **Our Role**

The role of the Burlington 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 and 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

#### **Committee Successes in 2017**

- Raised the awareness of the Cycling Committee
- Participated at Community Events
  - Bike To Work Day
  - Appleby Line Street Festival
  - Transportation Summit
  - Love My Hood -Ward Six Street Festival
  - Joseph Brant Day Festival at LaSalle Park
  - National Seniors’ Day
  - Trail of Two Cities - Jane’s Ride
  - Bike Maintenance Seminars
  - Take Action Burlington - Let’s Live Green
  - Eco Film Festival - Burlington Green
  - Doors Open Burlington – leading bicycle ride to various sites
  - Community bicycle rides organized with the Seniors’ Centre.
  - Ontario 150 Celebrate by Bike
  - St. Mark’s School Fun Fair
  - Bike Rodeo at Glenview School
  - Santa Claus Parade
  - Display at Central Library with safe cycling material available for pick-up

- Gathered feedback to effectively advise City Council
  - Talked 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.
  - Completed “Grow Bold” and “Go Bold” workbooks
  - 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.
  - Took consultant for the Cycling Master Plan on a bike ride
  - Participated in community discussions of New Street options, delegated to Council in support of staff recommendation
- Helped to enable a cycling community
  - Provided materials to be shared with citizens on city Cycling website
  - Attended Joint Meeting of Cycling Committees (of GTHA)

Promoted safe cycling practices among citizens and Share the Road

- Conducted 2 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 Nelson H.S.

### **Measurements**

- Distributed more than 425 “Share the Road” magnets
- Distributed more than 700 “Share the Road” Bike Plates
- Distributed more than 800 Bike Lights
- Distributed more than 700 Bells
- Distributed more than 550 Wrist Bands
- Distributed more than 5,000 Burlington Cycling Maps
- Distributed more than 150 Region of Halton Cycling maps
- Web page hits for 2017: 1,029

### **Committee Objectives for 2018**

- Provide Can-Bike training for committee members
- Co-host a Jane’s Walk / Ride event with the Hamilton Cycling Committee (Ride around the Bay)
- Participate in community events to connect with citizens.
- Continue senior rides in conjunction with the Burlington Seniors’ Centre.
- Support staff & council in 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:

- 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).
- Ensure that funding is aligned with modal split targets in the 2019 capital & operating budgets.
- Report to citizens on % of transportation spending in current and 10 year forecast dedicated to each mode of travel.
- Determine location for Burlington's first pedestrian/cycling crossing of the QEW/403 highway as outlined in 2018 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)

## **Special Thanks:**

The Cycling Committee would like to thank each of the volunteers on the committee without whom the accomplishments in 2017 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.

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 2017.

## **2017 Committee Members**

Don Thorpe (Chair)  
Chris Ariens (Co-Vice Chair)  
Brad Slade (Co-Vice Chair)  
Jackie Lodder  
James Schofield  
Kinsey Schirm  
Glenn Cockfield

Brett Moore  
David Darnell  
Jeffrey Brooks  
Claudia Segatore  
Teresa Baerg  
John Greven  
Phil de Ruiter

## **Staff Liaisons:**

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

## **Council Liaison:**

Councillor Jack Dennison