



## **Burlington Cycling Advisory Committee**

### **2021 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

#### **Committee Successes in 2021:**

- Another successful year for the bike rack giveaway program, which gives away approximately 15 to 20 bike racks each year to businesses.
- Cycling giveaways were a huge success during the summer including many bike lights and bells given away.
- Teamed up with Cycle Toronto for Bike Month to offer nine cycling webinars throughout the month of June. Also teamed up with Burlington Public Library and Tourism Burlington to give away bike lights and bells.
- Committee supported cyclists by questioning new parking lanes obstructing cycling paths.
- Volunteered for various bike counts.
- Engaged in social media promotion, including Katherine having Dan and Tourism Burlington on CHCH for a bike riding segment.
- Updated version of the cycling map was worked on and printed maps will be distributed in 2022.
- Cycling and Transit websites were reviewed for accuracy
- Raised the awareness of the Cycling Committee
- Participated at community events, including:
  - 2021 Ontario Bike Summit
  - Bike Maintenance Seminars
- Gathered feedback to effectively advise City Council
- Helped to enable a cycling community

## Measurements:

- 529 Garage was able to repatriate 150 bikes in 2020 (per February 24 minutes)
- There has been a 33% increase in the use of the 529 Garage App (per February 24 minutes)
- 9 cycling webinars offered throughout the month of June with Cycle Toronto for Bike Month
- 77% of local trips in Burlington can be done through sustainable transportation and the most popular choice for sustainable use would be cycling (per April 27 minutes)
- Currently, the city offers the following cycling infrastructure<sup>1</sup>:
  - 48 km of bike lanes
  - 47.3 km of bike route streets
  - 6.4 km of bike lane/sharrow streets
  - 11.7 km of paved shoulders
  - 52.5 km of multi-use paths adjacent to the road
  - 31.6 km of paved off-road, multi-use paths
- City of Burlington Cyclist Counts on Multi-use Paths 2019<sup>2</sup>:
  - Appleby Line at Centennial Multi-use Path (196 average; 385 peak in August)
  - Beachway Multi-Use Path (514 average; 1484 peak in July)
  - Martha Street at Centennial Multi-use Path (256 average; 556 peak in July)
  - Mountainside Drive at Hydro Corridor (53 average; 117 peak in July)
  - Walkers Line at Hydro Corridor (73 average; 152 peak in July)
- 24 public art bike racks were installed throughout the downtown. The project was completed in partnership with Tourism Burlington and the Burlington Hotel Association.<sup>3</sup>
- Distributed more than 1500 bike lights and bells
- Web page hits for 2021:
  - Cycling Page - 3175 visits
  - Cycling Plan - 1231 visits
  - Cycling Advisory Committee Page - 488 visits

## Committee Objectives for 2022

- Continue to raise awareness of the ability to bike in Burlington.
- Make up for lost time from the pandemic and participate in community biking events to connect with residents.
- Provide senior rides in conjunction with the Burlington Seniors' Centre.
- Support staff & council in implementing the March 2021 Cycling Plan and other related processes (e.g. Official Plan, Integrated Transit /Mobility / Active Transportation Plan).

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.burlington.ca/en/services-for-you/Cycling.asp>

<sup>2</sup> [https://www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/resources/Getting\\_Around/Cycling/Summary-of-counts-for-2019.pdf](https://www.burlington.ca/en/live-and-play/resources/Getting_Around/Cycling/Summary-of-counts-for-2019.pdf)

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## **Recommendations to Council:**

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

- Ensure that funding is aligned with modal split targets in the 2022 capital & operating budgets.
- Report to citizens on % of transportation spending in current and 10-year forecast dedicated to each mode of travel.
- Continue engagement for Rural Active Transportation Strategy.
- Determine location and timeline for Burlington's first pedestrian/cycling crossing of the QEW/403 highway as outlined in 2022 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)
  - Specifically, an active transportation bridge over QEW, located just east of Brant Street. City to work with MTO to allow the city to piggyback on their project by using the same contractors.

## **Special Thanks:**

The Cycling Committee would like to thank each of the volunteers on the committee without whom the accomplishments in 2021 would not have been possible.

The committee would like to thank Danijel 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 Galbraith 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 2021 (virtually).

## **2021 Committee Members:**

Chris Scotland (Chair)  
Brett Moore (Vice Chair)  
Greg Pace (ITAC Representative)  
Claudia Segatore  
Jon Millman  
Pat Binnie  
Laura Fowlie  
Vicki Trottier  
Mohamed Abdel-Aziz  
Katherine Dobson  
Tracey Almeida  
Rob Todd  
Mohamed Sayed (alternate)  
Nancy Gray (alternate)  
James Dekens (alternate)

**Staff Liaisons:**

Georgie Gartside, Committee Clerk  
Danijel Ozimkovic, Active Transportation

**Council Liaison:**

Councillor Kevin Galbraith