

Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario

Meeting, May 30, 2015

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Updates from Individual Committees The committees represented were:

Burlington
Hamilton
Milton
Mississauga
Grimsby
Oakville
Waterloo
Brampton

All have achieved status as Bicycle-Friendly Communities, with Brampton's Honourable Mention being the lowest.

Some mentioned such barriers as the 401 Hwy, going through their areas, or rural areas with police harassment regarding riding two abreast. There were also such achievements as the new bike lane in Hamilton, which is getting a lot of use. Hamilton has an ongoing Share the Road campaign, with a twice-yearly banner display, along with bus signs and car magnets. Other activities include having the cycling committees make presentations to the planning department and inviting an economic development person to cycling committee meetings, to pitch the promotion of cycling as ecotourism. Other priorities include:

- * Attracting Committee Members

- * MTO – Overpasses, CycleOn, Funding

- * Inter-regional Trail Development

- The Greenbelt Trail Launch 2015

It was decided that the meetings would be increased from once to twice a year, in spring and fall. The next meeting will be held at the Milton Velodrome, after the PanAM/ParaPanAm Games, and the clean up.

I was asked to create a motion to ask the Ontario Ministry of Education, to ask that they put cycling and active transportation into the Ontario Curriculum, or to highlight/expand what is there, to make more of a complete program, from grade one through grade twelve, and to include safety, cycling skills, and mechanical skills. Any input on the whereases and therefores would be appreciated.