



COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO: Mayor and Members
City Council

DATE: May 15, 2026

SUBJECT: Bike Month Hamilton Information (City Wide)

WARD(S) AFFECTED: City Wide

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The purpose of this Communication Update is to provide information about planned events and programming for Bike Month 2026, including City Hall Bike Day, and Open Streets on King Street. Bike Month is hosted by the Sustainable Mobility team in the Planning and Economic Development Department.

Background

Bike Month Hamilton is an annual, City-wide celebration held every June that promotes cycling as a healthy, environmentally sustainable, and accessible mode of transportation. This initiative is led in partnership with the City of Hamilton, Cycle Hamilton, and a wide range of local organizations and community stakeholders.

Since its inception, Bike Month has served as a catalyst for increasing cycling awareness, community engagement, and active transportation adoption across all age groups and abilities. The month-long initiative includes events, rides, educational outreach, and opportunities for community members to discover the personal and community-wide benefits of cycling.

2026 Bike Month Highlights

As part of the 2026 Bike Month celebrations, several activities are planned including three feature events:

1. City Hall Bike Day – Wednesday May 27, 2026

- Time: 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.
- Location: Hamilton City Hall Forecourt (71 Main Street West)
- City Hall Bike Day is a community gathering to celebrate cycling in Hamilton. The event features educational booths and opportunities to engage with staff and local cycling organizations. Elected officials, City staff, and the public are encouraged to arrive by bike and participate. Refreshments provided.

2. Open Streets on King – Sunday June 7, 2026

- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Location: King Street East, from John Street to Gage Avenue
- Open Streets is an invitation to residents to experience a one-day transformation of King Street into a vibrant space for walking, biking, rolling, and community fun; showcasing how our public spaces can be reimaged for active transportation and community connection. The event includes family-friendly programming, cycling activities, local organizations, and more.

3. Bike for Mike – Sunday June 7, 2026

- Time: 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Location: Collective Arts Brewing, 207 Burlington Street East
- The Mike Ride is Hamilton's annual, city-wide act of building a city that works for children, where community participation directly funds and signals real, measurable change in how children move through their neighbourhoods. It connects participation to the neighbourhoods where children live. Register to ride one of five routes, there are routes from 5 kilometres to 75 kilometres!

Strategic Alignment

Bike Month supports several key objectives in Hamilton's transportation and climate strategies, including:

- Advancing mode shift and supporting the goals of the City's **Cycling Master Plan**
- Promoting **Vision Zero** and safer streets for all road users
- Encouraging **sustainable mobility** and reduced Green House Gas (GHG) emissions, and
- Fostering community engagement and **public health benefits**.

Participation and Promotion

The Mayor and Councillors are encouraged to attend and promote through their collective channels both Bike Day at City Hall and Open Streets on King Street and all other bike month events. These events are opportunities to engage with residents and demonstrate the City's commitment to active transportation and sustainable mobility.

For further information and for a listing of all Bike Month events, please visit the City's webpage: hamilton.ca/bikemonth. Follow us on Instagram [@HamiltonSustainableMobility](https://www.instagram.com/HamiltonSustainableMobility) to stay up to date on what's coming up next.

If you have any questions regarding this Communication, please contact Peter Topalovic, Manager – Active Transportation and Mobility at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 5129 or by email at Peter.Topalovic@hamilton.ca.

Bike Month Poster:



OUR Vision: To be the best place to raise a child and age successfully.

OUR Mission: To provide high quality cost conscious public services that contribute to a healthy, safe and prosperous community, in a sustainable manner.

OUR Culture: Collective Ownership, Steadfast Integrity, Courageous Change, Sensational Service, Engaged Empowered Employees.

Open Streets Poster:



Make the Streets Your Playground

**SUNDAY, JUNE 7, 2026 &
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2026**
KING ST. E. FROM JOHN ST. TO GAGE AVE.

10am-4pm

ACTIVATION HUBS
OPEN STREETS ROUTE
OPEN TO THROUGH TRAFFIC
FIRST AID
TOILET
COOLING STATION

John Street Hub
Ferguson Station
Wellington Hub
Wentworth Hub
Kitchen Collective Food Court
Sherman Hub
Barnesdale Mini Hub
Bernie Morelli Rec Centre

Hamilton
OPEN STREETS HAMILTON
PRESENTED BY TD

Road Closure Notification
Road closure: 7am-6pm
Event activities: 10am-4pm

hamilton.ca/openstreets

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

Not applicable.