



Hamilton & Burlington Chapter, a program of
New Hope Community Bikes

July 2023 Newsletter



Open Streets – June 18

On June 18, 2023 between 10am—2pm, the City of Hamilton closed King Street East between John Street and Gage Avenue to cars for the first time since...ever. This allowed the public to walk, run, bike, skip or crawl down the usually busy road giving them a chance to visit any stations set up, including ours.

Two of our trishaws, along with two from Markham and Sarnia were available. CWA pilots gave lots of ‘walk up rides’ to attendees. We also gave another 16 rides and 20 residents from First Place and 30 Sanford North apartments.

2023 Statistics...so far

Despite all the smoke and rain throughout the month, we prospered, and the numbers are looking great (woohoo!). Take a look at our statistics between May and June.

Location/Event	Rides	Passengers
Walk your Way Cancer Assistance Program	3	4
Java Time for Retired Teachers	5	8
Mac Kids Hospital Walk'n'Wheel	3	3
Open Streets (Burlie + Hammie)	16	20
Welcome Inn	19	26
Martha's Landing	9	18
Wednesday's at Williams	29	39
Shalom Village	23	31
Maple Villa	6	12
Idlwylid	14	14
Wellington Square Church	12	22
St. Peters	14	14
Christopher Terrace	14	28
Total	167	239

We would like to thank each and every volunteer, and staff member at the centres who have supported the program, your time and effort is truly appreciated.

Volunteer(s) of the Month

This month there were a number of volunteers that stepped up to help where it was needed but there were two special individuals who truly stood out. A special shout out goes to Adam Kulchyski and Scott Davidson.

Scott found out about Cycling Without Age through the Hamilton Spectator in the fall of 2021 and thought to himself, as a recent retiree and someone who loves to cycle, this was the perfect place to volunteer his time. When asked to share a positive story about his experience with CWA, Scott said “So many positive stories here but hearing some of the hardships in people’s lives as you ride and chat, and knowing you are making a difference even for only an hour ride in someone’s life is as rewarding for the volunteers. You know you are making a difference and giving back is so rewarding here”. What a beautiful response.

Adam, on the other hand, is a longtime friend of Nancy who knew of his cycling background and coaching style, so she suggested he train our pilots. Adam knew this would be a great opportunity to join a program that gives so much back to the community, so he agreed. Although he doesn’t get much time riding passengers around, he is thankful for all of the connections he’s made and watching pilots grow.

Outside of cycling, Adam likes to ride his bike...just kidding, he also loves his girlfriend, karaoke, movies, family, and potato chips. Besides this, he is also starting to build his coaching business which he calls [The Cycling Academy](#). Wish him luck and support him in any way you see fit!

Stay tuned to see who our next volunteer of the month will be.



Dundas Cactus Parade 2023

Once again, we have been asked to ferry the parade marshals on August 17th. Come out and watch. <https://www.dundascactusparade.com/> We had a lot of fun last year, and thanks to Allan Feldman for organizing this.



Other ways to help our chapter?

Thanks to our generous donors and grants New Hope Community Bikes received in 2022 and early in 2023, for our program, we can fund our operations this summer. We will need to fundraise this fall and winter to ensure we can pay our insurance and other operating costs next summer. Tracie's Restaurant and Karaoke has already offered to do some more 50/50 draws for us. (Thanks Irene and Tracie).

A few of us have been talking about a Wine Raffle, and/or [Catch the Ace](#) .



CWA Hamilton Vests?

CWA Vancouver has their own chapter specific vests. We were wondering if there is a volunteer out there who would research the prices, gage interest from pilots to purchase one, and coordinate the ordering.



Please contact Nancy or Tammy at cwahamilton@gmail.com if you would like to work on fundraising programs and/or acquiring vests.