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1 | Bike to Work Day 2011 "Come Bike with Me" Monday, May 30

Join thousands of cyclists across the Greater Toronto and Hamilton Area as we ride to work together on May 30th!

Reception events will be held at:

1. **Hunter Street GO Station** between 6:30 and 8:30 AM to greet early morning commuters
2. **Gore Park** between 8:00 and 8:30 AM.
3. McMaster University, McMaster Innovation Park, Mohawk College and other worksites to be announced

Breakfast, prizes and giveaways will be available at these and other locations around the city, hosted by Smart Commute staff and by

participating institutions around the city. Check out the [Bike to Work Day site](#) to see the complete list of events on May 30th.

[PLEDGE TO BIKE TO WORK](#) to receive a free bike to work day t-shirt and qualify for the grand prizes including a \$100 gift certificate to a bike shop of your choice, and the grand prize of a Bike Train weekend getaway to Northumberland County!



Sign up to [Carpoolzone.ca](#)

There are many benefits:

1. It's free, easy and there's no obligation to carpool!
2. It's a great way to save on your commute costs
3. If you already share the drive to work or school then why not register your carpool online?
4. All active registrants qualify for a monthly prize draw!

GREAT WEATHER FOR CYCLING IS COMING OUR WAY!
GET A HEAD START BY PARTICIPATING IN BIKE TO WORK AND SCHOOL DAY ON MAY 30.

BIKE TO WORK DAY MAY 30, 2011



Hamilton Public Works

The City of Hamilton's Public Works Department is currently developing its Pedestrian Master Plan, entitled "Step Forward: Pedestrian Mobility Master Plan", and are seeking your input and feedback!

Complete the online [Pedestrian Survey!](#)

Use the online [Community Walk](#) mapping tool to highlight both positives and negatives around our city!

For general information go to the [Pedestrian Master Plan website](#).

Are you a Bike Buddy?



Do you inspire, motivate and encourage people to get out of their cars and cycle?

Has a cyclist influenced you to hop on your bike and ride?

Are you a Bike Buddy?

Tell us and your story could be published in the Toronto Star!

Whether you're an avid or occasional cyclist, we want to hear from you.

[Email us](#) and we'll share your experience on our Bike Buddy Blog coming in May to [biketoworkday.ca!](#)

Remember to include a high quality photo and your full name and place of employment/school.

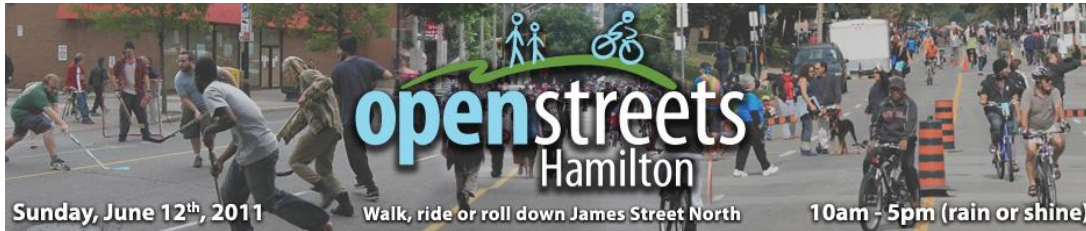
2 | Clean Air Commute June 13-19, 2011

Clean Air Commute is fast approaching! Once again this year, we will partner with [Pollution Probe](#) to give you the opportunity to win great prizes. All you need to do is log your clean air commutes at least once during the week using online Trip Diaries. At the end of the week, you can see how much you contributed to reducing harmful greenhouse gas emissions.

Stay tuned for more information as it is released. Visit the [Smart Commute Hamilton website](#) for updates and to find out whether your workplace is participating in Clean Air Commute 2011.



3 | Open Streets Hamilton Sunday, June 12, 2011



Open Streets Hamilton is returning for its second year as a bi-annual event promoting active transportation, healthy living, and bringing Hamilton's communities together.

This year Open Streets events are brought to James Street North by Smart Commute Hamilton, and by FirstOntario Credit Union, who are opening a new branch at the corner of King and James, on the south leg of Gore Park. In addition, the YWCA's [Walk a Mile in Her Shoes](#) fundraiser event will take place along the Open Streets route. The Hamilton Waterfront Trust is working to present Wingfest in 2011 on the same weekend. All in all, downtown Hamilton from Gore Park to the Waterfront will be buzzing with activity on June 12th, and you should be there to see it all!

Click here for more information on [Open Streets Hamilton](#).
Click here for information on [Volunteering](#) with Open Streets.
Click here for information on being an [Exhibitor](#) at Open Streets.
Click here for information on becoming a [Sponsor](#) of Open Streets.



Moving Hamilton Forward with LRT

The Rapid Transit team recently held various open houses across the city to showcase the draft designs of LRT on the B-Line. This was the public's first glimpse of what LRT could look like on our streets and most importantly their chance to provide comments and feedback which can influence how the design gets taken forward. Thank you to all who attended these events - we greatly appreciate your comments. If you missed these events you can check out the panels and video on our website at www.hamilton.ca/rapid-transit.ca.

We want to hear what you think so be sure to complete the online survey.

Don't forget to visit your local library, community centre, municipal service centre or www.hamilton.ca/rapid-transit.ca for project information.

Follow us - you can now follow us on Twitter @HamiltonRT and Facebook - Hamilton Rapid Transit. Giving you news, updates, and the latest project information as we move Hamilton forward.



4 | Smart Commute at School



The winter edition of Wear Yellow and Walk to School Day took place in February. Schools across Hamilton participated yet again, and St Martin of Tours Catholic Elementary School won the photo contest! Congratulations to them and all of our participants.

On Tuesday April 12th, Smart Commute staff along with representatives from Rapid Transit, Green Venture and Environment Hamilton attended the Environmental Arts Night at Sherwood Secondary School (25 High Street, East Mountain). Students created several art pieces on an environmental theme, and a play was presented telling the story of a North End resident and her ongoing conversations with industry in Hamilton.

On Thursday April 14th, Smart Commute staff attended the Eco Fair at Kehila Day School (215 Cline Ave N in Westdale) and ran two 30 minute classroom sessions with staff from Environment Hamilton, focused on the pollution generated by different modes of transportation and respect for different modes on the roadway. Afterwards an expo was set up in the gym with representatives from Hamilton Car Share, Hamilton Waste Management and others.



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On **Saturday, May 7, 2011**, a bike ride will be held in memory of Mike Chamberlain. Online registration will close on May 5th. All proceeds will go to the Michael Chamberlain Fund at the [Hamilton Community Foundation](#). The focus of the fund is projects that advance the viability of cycling as a healthy, enjoyable mode of transportation in our community. Our aim is to increase engagement, participate in improving access and safety through changes in infrastructure, and, develop support services for cyclists.

Mike cycled all over the world yet his favourite rides were on the roads and trails in the Hamilton area. Whether working as a bicycle messenger downtown, commuting to and from the university, or joy-riding up Sydenham hill or down Sulphur Springs, Mike loved to ride.

Please follow the link in the logo above for more information and to register or sponsor a rider.

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