

Annual Report 2014

2014 marked a major transition for New Hope Community Bikes as the organization moved from being under a parent organization to being its own registered charity. 2014 also marked the first full year in the new 1422 Main St. storefront location. This location has proven to be a major improvement for all who have stepped through the doors. NHCBC has continued to offer a place where people could come to learn about bicycle repair, purchase affordable refurbished bikes. We were open a total of 1350 hours this year for people to work on their own bikes and receive guided repair instruction. A



Volunteer to staffing ratio of 2:1 was maintained throughout the year.

Highlights

Steel City Bike Festival - NHCBC hosted the 3rd annual Steel City Bike Festival. This year's festival created more community engagement than ever before. A Ride for the masses was held to highlight the popularity of cycling throughout the city and to educate road users about the proper way to ride through the city. Over 100 cyclists joined in the ride including: a pedal powered music stage, cargo bikes, a big wheeled Penny Farthing bike and bicycle police officers.

Cycle Education and Repairs at Schools - NHCBC worked with staff at Lisgar Public School to pilot the Guide to Ride program and 4 additional one day programs. NHCBC also taught safe cycling at Mohawk College and offered on site bicycle repairs for 3 of the College's Sustainability events.

Basic Bike Repair and Wheel Building Classes - Basic Bike Repair is offered every month on a regular schedule. It is a formalized time where registrants can receive specific instruction. A wheel building class was also added to this schedule and provides an opportunity for more advanced learning. 16 students attended our basic bike repair and wheel building classes this year.

Regular Shop Hours - Through regular scheduled shop hours NHCB was able to provide 1300 + hours of bicycle repair education opportunities. The shop is almost always filled with youth and adults who are eager to learn, share their knowledge and help out with bike repairs. Two high school co-op students completed more than 600 combined hours in a half day and full day co-op placement.



Learning from others - Thanks to the support of a generous support of a regular volunteer, New Hope Community Bikes was able to send Tyler, one of our longest standing volunteers, to Columbus, Ohio to participate in the annual Bike Bike Conference. Bike Bike is an annual gathering of non-profit bike collectives to share knowledge and experiences. Tyler returned with lots of new ideas and procedures to improve the day to day operation of New Hope Community Bikes. New Hope Community Bikes also visited bike collectives in Toronto to learn from their experiences and organizational models.

New Programs



Cargo Bike Rental Program - Thanks to a grant from the Hamilton Community Foundation New Hope Community Bikes was able to purchase 6 cargo bikes and offer affordable rentals \$5/day, \$20/week, \$60/month. This program was so popular it had a waiting list throughout most of the summer.

Women's Only Basic Bike Repair Class - A women's only class was started in November with overwhelming success. The first class was fully enrolled with 5 women, with a large demand for additional classes. In the new year these classes will become part of the regular monthly schedule.



The Numbers

25

Number of individual volunteers that contributed their time to NHCB

7

Schools visited for safe cycling instruction.

200+

Number of bikes refurbished and sold for affordable transportation

53

Families or individuals who rented cargo bikes