

BBAC minutes

April 23rd, 2013

7:00pm – 9:00pm

Present: Tricia and Jerry Prato, Kevin Montgomery, George Shepperdley, Steve Laidlaw, Gerald Pyjor, Osmani Pérez-Rojas, John van West, David Laing

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

The minutes were approved as attached below

Provincial Road Safety Challenge

David explained the opportunity for BBAC to participate in the MOT Road Safety Challenge with a possible \$750 grant available. John questioned if this was within the BBAC mandate. Dave offered that BBAC could have 3 functions initially:

1. Until the city appoints a cycling coordinator position, BBAC to act as a focal point and advocate for cycling issues which currently are managed across multiple city departments. BBAC will continue in its advocacy role even after city staff is appointed.
2. BBAC to act as a community outreach organization to increase awareness and support for cycling and cycling infrastructure investment in the city.
3. BBAC to act as a feedback point for cycling issues in the city and work with city staff to help prioritize those issues based on user feedback.

The Road Safety Challenge would fall under point 2. After discussion it was agreed to move forward with the application once approved.

May 15th Committee of Council Meeting

Level of council support

Presentation Review

Questions and Objections

Contact has been made with the following councilors:

John Sanderson – supportive
Bob Callahan – no response
John Hutton – supportive
Paul Palleschi – supportive
Elaine Moore – supportive
Grant Gibson – supportive
John Spovieri – supportive
Gael Miles – not contacted
Sandra Hames – no response
Vicky Dhillon – no response

David went through the committee of council presentation and the group identified potential questions that the committee might raise. The presentation was supported by all.

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Additional Activities

Eco Fair April 20th

Thanks to Tricia, Jerry, Steve and Gerald for helping to man the booth at the Eco Fair. All reports are it was a good event with Councillor Sanderson in attendance.

Bike Month

We have arranged for a booth at the Bike Festival on June 15th where we will talk about the Brampton Bicycle Friendly Community initiative and do a safety event assuming we get the Road Safety Challenge funding.

Bike to Work

Day May 27th

George said he would speak with the Brampton Cycling Club re doing a "Ride Past" at Bike Fest.

Bike Fest June

15th

Ozzy and Gerald have agreed to attend the Joint Cycling Meeting in Burlington on May 11th and report back to the group.

Joint Cycling Meeting

May 11th

David also mentioned the Toronto Bike Summit on May 28-29 but indicated the registration fee was too steep to commit to going. Tricia talked about perhaps getting non-profit status for BBAC through Eco-Source and agreed to follow-up with Janice?

Someone brought up the subject of the cross-town Toronto bike path that is being planned that currently ends at the Brampton border. Sorry I missed who said this and what action, if any, was attached to this. Can anyone help?

[Gerald indicated it was he who mentioned this. A Pan Am trail to be completed in time for the Pan Am games. Gerald will try to get more information from his sister.]

Set next meeting date

Where?

We agreed that we would meet again after the Committee of Council presentation. Suggested dates would be Monday May 27th at 7:00 pm or Monday June 3rd at 7:00pm. Let me know which date you prefer.

When?

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BBAC Minutes April 3rd Meeting.

Thanks all for attending last night's inaugural meeting of the Brampton Bicycle Advisory Committee. I trust everyone felt it was a worthwhile use of your time. I enjoyed the discussion and certainly appreciated the show of support.

April 3rd, 2013 BBAC Meeting Minutes

1. **Focus on for now on two priorities:** getting political support for the Bicycle Friendly Communities and getting official recognition of BBAC by the city. In order to do that we agreed to the following actions:
 - a. All to continue to collect signatures for the petition of support that will be presented as part of our submission to Committee of Council. We currently have 173 signatures in hand with at least another 20 waiting for Dave to pick up at CyclePath today or tomorrow. So we should be able to hit our 200 signature goal. But we agreed not to stop there.
 - i. Tricia and Jerry committed to getting signatures at an upcoming event at the YMCA on April 20th
 - ii. Dave will get additional signatures at the Safe City meeting this coming Tuesday April 9th
 - iii. Dave is also following up with Baldev Mutta from the Punjabi Community Health Services to see if we can get additional support from the South-Asian community
 - iv. Ozzy offered to get more signatures at his work (Lowe's) and speak with management about potential sponsorship for future events
 - b. Contact as many of the City and Regional Council members representing Brampton as possible to ask them to support Brampton becoming a Bicycle Friendly Community.
 - i. Tricia and Jerry will contact Wards 3, 4 Regional Councillor John Sanderson
 - ii. John will contact Wards 3,4 City Councillor Bob Callahan
 - iii. Dave will continue communication with Wards 2, 6 City Councillor John Hutton and Regional Councillor Paul Palleschi
 - iv. Steve will contact Wards 1, 5 Regional Councillor Elaine Moore. Steve, could you also contact City Councillor Grant Gibson as he represents your Ward also?
 - v. Dave will try to speak with Wards 7,8 Regional Councillor Gael Miles at the safe city meeting next Tuesday
 - vi. That leaves Wards 7,8 City Councillor Sandra Hames, Wards 9, 10 City Councillor Vicky Dhillon and Wards 9, 10 Regional Councillor John Sprovieri. Would someone volunteer to contact one or more of these councillors please?
2. **Develop a list of priorities** that we could present to Committee of Council as part of our delegation. This list would establish the value that BBAC can bring to the city as a

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true advisory committee. Suggestions would include bicycle infrastructure development or improvement projects as well as education and or enforcement activities. These should be projects and initiatives that could be done quickly at relatively low cost but that would improve the perception of cycling safety on Brampton roads and pathways and help kick-start participation in the program and begin to demonstrate the Brampton benefits of being a Bicycle Friendly Community.

3. **Dates for bike activities** during **Bike Month** that we all need to mark in our calendars as they will present opportunities for us to share a booth and or talk about the BFC initiative:
 - a. Brampton “Bike to work Day” Monday May 27th at Chinguacousy Park from probably around 7:30am-9:00am. Details to follow.
 - b. “Moving Forward” bike fest during Brampton Day, Saturday June 15, 2013 from 11am-3pm. Details to follow.
 - c. “Fresh Fit” Cycling program during the Farmer’s Market starting Saturday June 22, 2013. The plan is to have people cycle down to the market, go on a ride on our trails and pathways led by one of our “Can Bike” instructors, and then come back and have their bike safely corralled while they shop for fresh fruit and vegetables. We can promote BFC at any of the Saturdays during the Farmer’s Market during the summer. Details to follow.
4. John said that the city should have a document that they can share with us that describes the city’s bike transportation master plan. In the absence of such a document, Dave promised to send links to the current planning documents. Here they are:
 - a. Recommendation Report: Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy May 2nd, 2012 [http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-
agendas/Committee%20of%20Council%202010/20120502cw_G2.pdf](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-
agendas/Committee%20of%20Council%202010/20120502cw_G2.pdf)
 - b. MOT Cycling Strategy November 30th, 2012 [http://www.ragsa.mto.gov.on.ca/techpubs/eps.nsf/8cec129ccb70929b852572950068f16b/db68ce058968597d85257ac3005f6877/\\$FILE/Draft%20Cycling%20Strategy%20-%20FINAL%20CLEAN%20VERSION.pdf](http://www.ragsa.mto.gov.on.ca/techpubs/eps.nsf/8cec129ccb70929b852572950068f16b/db68ce058968597d85257ac3005f6877/$FILE/Draft%20Cycling%20Strategy%20-%20FINAL%20CLEAN%20VERSION.pdf)
 - c. The City of Brampton Implementation of Bicycle Facilities within the Road Allowance April 6th, 2011 [http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-
agendas/Committee%20of%20Council%202010/20110406cw_F3.pdf](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-
agendas/Committee%20of%20Council%202010/20110406cw_F3.pdf)
 - d. Brampton Pathways Master Plan Volumes 1 and 2 [http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/parks-natural-
areas/Pages/pathways-planning.aspx](http://www.brampton.ca/EN/Business/planning-development/parks-natural-
areas/Pages/pathways-planning.aspx)
 - e. In addition, here is the summary statement of what Department of Works and Transportation has agreed to do to this point.

Brampton city Works and Transportation staff are currently working on two initiatives regarding bicycle infrastructure, policy and enforcement.

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The first is as a panel participant with the Ministry of Transportation regarding the development of the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18: Bicycle Facilities. OTM Book 18 will provide municipalities in Ontario with a consistent approach to plan, design, build, regulate and maintain bicycle facilities. A number of regulations in the current Highway Traffic Act need to be changed in order to better accommodate bicycle traffic in the City. For instance, bicycles are currently not allowed to use a paved shoulder and cyclists using a multi-use path are currently required to dismount at road intersections as bicycles are not allowed to be ridden either inside or adjacent to a crosswalk. It is expected that appropriate changes to the Highway Traffic Act to better facilitate bicycle traffic will be completed by the end of 2013.

In the second initiative, Works and Transportation is developing a Bicycle Facility Implementation Plan which will be reviewed by senior departmental management at the end of March, then presented to Committee of Council in April. That plan, among other elements, will include: strategies for incorporating bike allowances as part of road resurfacing and expansion, integration of multi-use paths and roads, (including signals and signage as well as bridge crossing at provincial jurisdiction roads, e.g. Hwy410) and, integration of bike lanes as part of traffic calming strategies. This implementation plan, where possible, will conform to the 2002 Brampton's Pathways Master Plan but, as many things have changed in the intervening 11 years, it is important that the implementation plan not be mired by a review of the overall Master Plan.

In addition the plan will include, an action for the city to assign student intern resources who will complete the application for Bicycle Friendly Community designation in time for the July 2013 submission deadline. Assuming Council approves this plan in April, it would mean that Brampton potentially could be awarded BFC status at the August 18th Association of Municipalities of Ontario Conference.

In a separate initiative, Brampton Works and Transportation is also planning to host a cycling summit coinciding with BRAMPTON DAY on June 15th, place TBD, where the implementation plan including the BFC application would be presented for public input.

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My list of priorities

- 1. Install signed bike routes for east/west bike travel along the Queen, Steeles and Bovaird corridors. These do not have to be bike lanes but signed routes or alternates along less side streets. For Bovaird, need curb cuts to multi-use pathways at all intersections and bridge upgrading across the 410**
- 2. Painted bike lane on Dixie Rd from Sandlewood Pkwy to Steeles.**
- 3. Painted bike lane on McMurchy Avenue from Sandlewood Pkwy to Steeles**
- 4. Initiate safe streets program to identify and promote bicycle routes from residential neighbourhoods to schools**
- 5. Proper signage for Etobicoke Creek Trail through the downtown core. Replace steps with a ramp at Wellington. Proper signage for Etobicoke Cr Trail at Eldonmar Ave and South**
- 6. Bicycle parking facilities for downtown**
- 7. Extension of Etobicoke Creek trail system to Mississauga**