

BBAC minutes

July 10th, 2013 7:00pm – 9:00pm

34 Dawnridge Trail

Attendees: Guest: Councilor John Hutton (left at 7:45 p.m. due to City Council business)
David Laing, Dayle Laing, Carolyn Clubine, George Shepperdley, Gerald Pyjor, Hrushikesh Gandhi, John Van West, Stephen Laidlaw, Leo Martin O'Brien

Regrets: Tricia Prato, Jerry Prato, Kevin Montgomery, Osmani Perez-Rojas

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes: Gerald, Second: George - **Carried**

Councilor Hutton brought comments of support to the work of the Committee

The motion that was passed at the May 15th Committee of Council to create a City sponsored bicycle committee requires more staff work to be completed before coming back for Council approval - likely in September or October.

Councilor Hutton invited BBAC members to attend "**Snelgrove Neighbours** Aug 24 event from 11:00-3:00. Councilor Hutton offered space for a table to display bicycle related info. The event will take place near the Snelgrove Water Tower. Gerald and George said they would likely attend on behalf of BBAC and display posters.

Dave asked Councilor Hutton about Council support for Ward rides in 2014 similar to what is being done in Mississauga. Councilor Hutton indicated he would support a Ward Ride for Wards 2 & 6. He said he would speak to the rest of Council about supporting Ward rides in their Wards.

June 15th Brampton Day Bike Festival

Review, comments and learning

This agenda item was skipped. Deferred to

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next meeting.

Other events update

Bike Summit Queens Park Reception

PCHS presentation

Community Environmental Alliance

BCHS

Peel Walk and Roll

OTM Book 18

BFC application

Dave

30 MPP' s attended

About 400 seniors attended

10th anniversary celebration

Will sponsor community rides

Erica will help us with programs

Submitted comments

All but 16 of 91 questions completed

BBAC future

Where do we go from here?

Discussion identified that this is the Right place and right time to move this initiative forward and setup a structure for BBAC

Executive positions

Volunteers for the 4 executive positions

Position of Chair: George nominated Dave, Gerald seconded – **Carried**

Position of Secretary: Dave nominated Carolyn, Gerald seconded - **Carried**

Position of Treasurer: Steve nominated Gerald, George seconded – **Carried**

Position of Vice Chair: George nominated John, Gerald seconded – **Carried**

Carolyn noted that there is a loose and open membership structure and that anyone in attendance at the meetings may vote on matters

BBAC Proposed projects

Volunteers to champion projects providing leadership and encouragement, not organization

Agreed that the volunteers would investigate what would be involved in pursuing the activity and report back to the committee at the next meeting

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| 1. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes etc. Bob Darling Manager downtown & central area in charge of downtown revitalization project. Nick Dudnic at Cycle Path has supported bike parking installation on Vivian Lane. | John with help from Hersh will contact Bob and Nick. |
| 2. Safe bike routes to schools pilot project. Peel Active Transportation already piloting with 2 schools near Castlemore. Brampton recreation interested in being involved. (Erica Duque and Michele Robinson are the contacts) | Tricia and Jerry with help from Gerald will investigate. |
| 3. Bike Friendly Business project including area by area group commuting program. Peel Region currently offers bike to work free breakfasts. Other employers offer incentives such extra vacation days, gift certificates and \$\$ to cyclists who commute to work | Looking for a volunteer to investigate. |
| 4. Bike recycling program for disadvantaged families (Peel Poverty Strategy Adaoma Paterson is the contact) | Gerald may be interested. Will use sister's advice. MEC does something. |
| 5. Community bike workshops and local bike tours (BCHC Nadine Foster is the contact) | Looking for a volunteer to investigate |
| 6. Brampton Ward Rides | |
| 7. Etobicoke Creek Trail nature interpretive bike ride (TRCA and City of Brampton) | Dave will investigate |
| 8. Brampton Cycling Pamphlet. Peel Active Transportation will help fund. Could be an extension of the BBAC tips sheet. Need to work with City Parks department. | Looking for a volunteer to investigate |

New Business

Mission statement - John raised concern about the breadth of BBAC activities and questioned if they were part of the BBAC mission. John stated a strong desire to get the City to commit to a bicycle coordinator as a high priority.

Dave responded that the purpose and mandate of BBAC was discussed and agreed to at the April 23rd meeting. (*From the*

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minutes:

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.)

Dave said that the proposed projects align with this mandate. Round table about effort vs resource and achievable outcomes. BBAC is still in a formative stage. Members want to see change. If we are to see change we must collect info and define priorities. We can't just advocate for change; we must lead change, at least until the city's committee is formed. Some things will be shorter term such as signs in the downtown or sharrow marking on defined bike corridors. Others will be long term such as the Metrolinks integration of active transportation concepts into the Hurontario LRT project.

Set next meeting date

Formalize schedule for regular meeting dates and times

Next meeting to be scheduled for September. Dates will be proposed by David. It was agreed that monthly meetings was about the right timeframe for meeting schedule.

Adjournment at 9:20 Moved by Gerald seconded by George – **Carried**