

BBAC minutes

November 20th, 2013 6:30pm – 9:00pm
Fortinos 35 Worthington Avenue

Attendees: Guests: Erica Duque, Peel Active Transportation

Members: David Laing, Dayle Laing, Councillor John Hutton, George Shepperdley, Pauline Thornham (Sierra Club), Stephen Laidlaw, Kevin Montgomery, Gerald Pyjor,

Regrets: John Van West, Carolyn Clubine, Hrushikesh Gandhi, Osmani Perez-Rojas, Tricia Prato, Jerry Prato

Meeting Started: 6:45 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes: George, seconded Gerald -- carried

Actions arising from minutes:	Result:
1. David to contact Mount Pleasant school principal re possible safe routes to schools program	David and Michele Robinson discussed and Michele will work with Polly to take over the safe routes to schools program
2. David to put Pauline in touch with Michele to pursue the schools in Brampton East	See above
3. Councillor Hutton volunteered to ask Brampton Rotary Club to act as an event sponsor for Creek Ride event	Rotary Club may be amenable to being a sponsor. Need to confirm what we want from them.
4. Councillor Hutton to advise on the procedure to present to Region of Peel council regarding regional road bike infrastructure and support for the cycling pamphlet	Action: David to follow-up with the clerk's office Action: Erica to ask her manager for advice on whether it would make more sense to do a joint delegation with Mississauga and or Caledon. Action: Councillor Hutton will advise when best time to present, ie. Light agenda
5. David attend breakfast meeting with Minister Glenn Murray at the upcoming BILD conference in Vaughan	The cost to attend the event was prohibitive so David did not attend

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6. Dave to send out an initial newsletter and see who responds

David is working to develop the newsletter and template

Brampton can be a Bicycle Friendly Community

Justin Jones has submitted the report to the city so it should be available for presentation at the next meeting

BBAC Project Updates

1. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes etc.

Dave sent note to Peter Vansicle, now waiting for a committed date to present at a BDDC meeting and for an invitation to Western GTA summit

2. Safe bike routes to schools pilot project

Erica talked about the Peel Safe and Active Routes to Schools program (PSARTS), no consistent program to request bike rodeos but there is a working group looking at a Doodle poll. 375 schools in PEEL, but only working with those schools interested.

Action: Michele and Polly to see if we could approach the school boards to get a consistent policy?

Mayfield Road public information session next Wednesday

3. Bike recycling program for disadvantaged families (Peel Poverty Strategy)

Action: Gerald will attend session to assess planned bicycle facilities.

Gerald mentioned the Bike Think Tank Collective that shares information regarding community bike shops <http://lists.bikecollectives.org/listinfo.cgi/thethinktank-bikecollectives.org>

Action: Gerald to follow up with Adaoma Patterson from Peel Poverty Reduction Strategy to see if the region is willing to champion this initiative

4. Brampton Ward Rides

Councillor Hutton wants to wait until February before following up with Council members. Would like to be able to forward messages from Mississauga city council in support of their Ward Rides. **Action:** Erica can you help us get this?

George volunteered to define routes in Brampton wards after boundary realignment

5. Etobicoke Creek Trail nature interpretive bike ride

Planning ride took place on November 15th with TRCA, City and Region staff.

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(TRCA and Brampton Community Services)

Erica suggested we contact PEYA for volunteers, **Action:** Erica will forward PEYA contact Corporate Sponsors: Dave has contacted CyclePath for passport printing. Also will contact CTC to support through Jumpstart program, NB Bikes, Rotary Club, **Action:** Councillor Hutton will arrange for Dave to speak at a Friday morning Rotary Club breakfast to pitch for funding and manpower, TK Catering may be able to offer food at cost and Erica said Peel Region may fund food.

George suggested southern end of the ride be at County Court Blvd instead of Steeles
Next meeting of the Creek Ride committee December 5th

6. Brampton Cycling Pamphlet BBAC web-site and branding

Kevin presented the new BBAC logo design, everyone approved

Kevin has server space to set up a BBAC web-site

Action: Kevin will investigate domain names and Dave and Kevin will meet to establish the web-site

New Business

- *8-80's newsletter (thanks George!)*
- *Delegation to Committee of Council and Works and Transportation staff report update*

<http://e2.ma/message/nvkeq/zk8u6u>

Dave presented to committee of council October 30th in support of Works and Transportation staff report recommending the creation of a bicycle advisory committee and establishing the position of Active Transportation Coordinator for the city.

Motion passed per attached (see page 6)

<http://www.brampton.ca/EN/City-Hall/meetings-agendas/Committee%20of%20Council%202010/20131030cwmn.pdf>

- *City Budget 2014*

Discussion about what BBAC could do to positively influence council decision to keep Active Transportation Coordinator position in the

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2014 budget. Councillor Hutton recommended BBAC representation when the budget item is debated.

Action: Dave to check with city clerk regarding the meeting date for debate

Action: Dave to speak with Larry Zacher re budget hints

- *PEEL Cycling GPS study draft results*

Erica Duque presented draft summary of GPS cycling study (copies of the study are available in hard-copy, contact Dave).

Report is draft as it has not been approved by council as yet

Region hasn't decided what to do about the hazards identified

Highest concentration of trips in the downtown and around Bramalea City Centre and connecting the two across the Queen St. corridor.

Etobicoke Creek Trail was the most identified trail route.

More total trips in Brampton than Mississauga!

Average trip length just over 6Km.

Most trips during am pm rush hours.

Trips replaced 23,000 km in the 15 day period.

Study authors (University of Waterloo).

Study will be put on-line once approved.

Study recommendations: increase perception of lack of safety, increase lighting, and improve maintenance and traffic calming.

Need to make the roads safer to make cycling attractive for convenience not just early adopters who are primarily interested in

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- *Simcoe Muskoka Active Transportation Symposium report*

fitness.

Dave attended this symposium in Orillia on November 14th. Here is a



Muskoka Active
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summary report of the symposium. (see attachment)

- *Newsletter to petition signatories*

Dave will send out newsletter to this list once BBAC has a web-site link set up.

- *BBAC logo*

Topic covered under item 6 above

- *Councillor Hutton update*

Brampton will have a University location likely west of Heritage Rd south of Bovaird about 1km from Mt Pleasant GO station.

Link to the Credit Valley Trail

Sheridan College will be one of the partners.

Councillor Hutton mentioned issues regarding roundabout safety for pedestrians and cyclists

Action: Dave to speak with Nelson Cadete re suggestions for including pedestrians and cyclists in design for traffic roundabouts

Learning from Brampton Bike Fest

This agenda item was deferred from last meeting

Deferred to when we have more members present

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Set next meeting date

Next meeting will be in January, date TBD, place will likely be the Brampton Safe City offices on George Street

Action: Dave to contact Larry Zacher to set meeting date