

BikeBrampton minutes

Apr 20, 2015 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm

16 George Street North (Brampton Safe City Association offices)

Attendees: Members: George Shepperdley, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Gerald Pyjor, Peter Bolton, Ernst Braendli, Lorie Miller, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), George Liu (TCAT)
Regrets: Kevin Montgomery, John Van West, Councillor Bowman, Ranjana Mitra (CEA), Tricia Prato, Jerry Prato, Paola Rico, Chris Spinney, Jason Hammond (Community CarShare)

Meeting Started: 6:40 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes: Gerald, seconded – Carried

Brampton City Update

Dayle reported that she delegated to City of Brampton Council’s Budget Committee on March 31st, in support of our BBAC budget document, outlining the economic benefits of active transportation and our priorities for 2015: [Brampton Budget 2015 – Active Transportation Input](#). The budget document is effectively a job description for the AT position. Council received the document. Chief Marilyn Ball told the Committee that while the AT position did not appear by name in the Planning and Infrastructure budget submission, an existing headcount was being used to fill this position. Executive Director Michael Won asked Dayle to make an appointment to discuss this position and Brampton AT in general. [An appointment was set for David and Dayle on Apr 21st.]

Interviews for the **Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee** are imminent.

Regional Update

Erica reminded that Bike Month 2015 will be from May 25th to the end of June. <http://bikemonth.ca/>
Erica reported that Bike to School Week is May 25th – 29th. Schools are encouraged to sign up individually (by a staff member), hold an event and are eligible for prizes. First prize is having a PANAM athlete come and speak at the school. There is also an EcoSchool Challenge from Jun 1-5th. Schools are encouraged to think about where they will safely put all the bicycles ridden to school. This is the 1st

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GTHA wide Bike to School Week.

Action: Dayle to post [Bike to School Week blog article](#) and poster & to distribute posters and postcards

There was discussion about construction on Dixie Road (which is regional) and how the edges were replaced without active transportation consideration. Even the windrows were replaced. Similarly Gore Road (which has 2 secondary schools and 1 elementary) has no bike lane. One of the secondary schools even has a sports program specialization.

Action: Erica and David to discuss Dixie Road regarding Complete Streets policy potential and next steps

There was discussion that Creditview Road in Caledon from Mayfield north to King Road is a signed bike route. Caledon is apparently looking at signing safe cycling routes.

Action: Erica to provide Dayle with link to [Bicycle Facilities and Municipal Liability Workshop](#) video once available, for posting on our website.

Action: Erica to report on Sheridan College progress at next meeting.

BBAC Project Updates

1. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes
Dayle reported that she attended the 8-80 Cities Community Innovator Awards on March 31st where Peter VanSickle, on behalf of BDDC was honoured with an award.
Action: Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post

2. [Community Bike Centre](#) (Pedalwise & BikeWrx)
David thanked Ernst and Kristoff for their volunteering to construct work benches at BikeWrx. The BikeWrx shop is being set up this Thursday at 10am [Community Environment Alliance](#), 7-222 Advance Boulevard. An application has been made for a community investment grant to fulfill the vision of BikeWrx as a hub for a community centre. [Community Bike Centre information sheet](#)
PedalWise is underway with mentors: George, Lisa, Peter and Lorie. The \$45 charge for a police background check will be reimbursed with a receipt. Commitment is 30 hours for the summer. It is expected that attending Bike the Creek can be part of the curriculum!
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Action: Dayle to create blog post for [donation of bicycles](#) and design a [donation flyer](#).

Action: George Liu to reach out to our Bike Mechanic grads for BikeWrX volunteers.

Action: Erica to organize retrieval of 17 old bikes from Peel Safety Village - done

3. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)

Polly reported that the project team of David, Dayle and her held a [“Moving Peel Kids Safely School Travel”](#) workshop on April 20th for 35 stakeholders from 12 different stakeholder groups at Century Gardens Recreation Centre. David made a [presentation](#) about the Brampton Kids on Bikes Project at the workshop. **Action:** Dayle is collating the results and will post to the [website](#).

Action: Dayle to post video of Katie Whittmann presenting for our website.

Lisa reported that she and David are presenting to Robert J Lee School Council on May 20th about school travel planning. This will be listed in the school newsletter. **Action:** Erica to send Lisa Bike to School Week materials for the school **Action:** Lisa to report on RJ Lee School Council presentation

Lorie reported that she is going to present at EcoSchool Massey Street PS on May 12th. She is speaking about gardening and will add Bike to School Week to her agenda. [Lorie's report](#)

Action: Dayle to introduce Lorie to Michelle Shaw re Massey Street PS. - done

David reported that he will be [delegating to Peel Regional Council](#) on May 14th regarding student active transportation and school travel planning programs in Peel. (See Item 5.1 for David's delegation slides on page 34 of the agenda) **Action:** David to report on Region of Peel delegation at next meeting

Dayle reported that she and Polly attended the 1st Peel Police School Safety Committee meeting on April 1st. Peel Police have set up a committee to address the school congestion issue that is not responding to enforcement and has not improved after many years of efforts. They invited representation from Mississauga and Brampton road safety, crossing guards, BFIP, Brampton Safe City, both school boards, school bus company, CAA, Region of Peel Active Transportation and Public Health, and Bike Brampton. In 2014, there were 1003 collisions within 50 metres surrounding Brampton and Mississauga schools. Most collisions occurred from 8-9am and 3-4pm on weekdays. There was bias against children walking to school expressed by a member of Brampton management staff: “The day of children walking to school is over.” Discussion followed about children having the right to walk and ride safely to school.

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Action: Dayle to post the [School Safety Committee minutes](#)

Action: Dayle to report on School Safety Committee meeting of May 6th

David reported that he, Polly, Pastor Finu of All Peoples Church are organizing the [Bramalea CycleFest](#) event, for Jun 27th. They are planning for 300 riders traveling up Don Doan Trail and down Chinguacousy Trail, finishing with a picnic lunch. David has been helping with the route planning and a promotional video with Pastor Finu. The Pastor is seeking a CAA jumpstart grant for bike helmets and is arranging bike donations from his congregation. Their goal is to raise money for Sick Kids Hospital.

Action: Dayle to post Bramalea [Cyclefest event](#) and promo video link once details are finalized.

4. [Bike the Creek - June 20, 2015](#)

The planning committee continues to meet once a month and deadlines are being met. Dayle has posted the route maps, descriptions, posters and flyers on the [website event page](#). Dayle brought flyers and the new business cards for BikeBrampton members. Dayle created a [blog post](#) about Bike the Creek, 100 days away. Michele Robinson has asked David to delegate to Council as part of Bike Month on May 13th.

Action: Dayle to bring box of business cards & flyers to each meeting for members to refill their supply.

Action: members to pass out business cards to promote Bike the Creek to one and all!

Action: members to post flyers around Brampton, and let Dayle know so a spread sheet can be updated for efficiency of all Bike the Creek partners.

Action: members to tweet using #bikethecreek

5. Promotion:
Social Media and Website

Action: Kevin to report website update next month

6. Advocacy campaign to change
City curb-cut policy

Action: Messrs. Parks and Cadete committed to looking at each situation as described in Lisa's report of 59 documented and photographed infrastructure deficiencies. Need to follow-up with Nelson

Action: David and Lisa to discuss & edit delegation PowerPoint to address up-front, the concerns raised at the Accessibility Advisory Committee delegation.

Action: discuss with Councillor Bowman for next step.

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David also noted that Bill 31 Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act (Making Ontario's Roads Safer) has been reintroduced in the Ontario Legislature and is currently in 3rd reading debate. Bill 31 doesn't specifically address curb-cuts but will help make roads safer for cyclists.

7. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

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- a. Curb cuts:
 - i. along the Etobicoke Creek Trail – David
 - ii. along the Flowertown Trail – Lisa
 - iii. at 384-398 Balmoral Drive and 30 Avondale Blvd - as identified by Kevin
 - iv. Peel Village -as identified by Richard Poersch (Pres. FSNA Peel Halton & Area)
 - b. Installation of traffic calming Stop signs at Heart Lake Road and Countryside Drive – David & Dayle. Brampton staff delegated a report to [Brampton Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee](#) on Apr 13th. David also was [delegating](#) in support of their report, which contains an active transportation component to this issue as well as the cultural heritage landscape and protection of turtles crossing the road. 560 homes are planned for the east side, south of Countryside Drive, and there will be a Khalsa school on Heart Lake Road, just south of Mayfield. Road closures were rejected. The staff report was accepted by Council and a consultant is to be retained to complete a report before the end of 2015. There was discussion about gated park entrances that are opened and closed daily.
 - c. Kennedy Valley Trail Extension – David reported that completion is set for end of 2016.
 - d. Installation of bike lanes along Bramalea Road to the Bramalea GO station – Kevin
 - e. Active transportation crossing of Queen St. at Scott St. -John
 - f. Repair of railway level crossing at James and John Streets – John
 - g. Peel Memorial Wellness Centre bicycle facility connection to Etobicoke Creek Trail – Kevin previously reported that he has not had any response to his [letter to Neil Davis](#), on the Board of Directors, William Osler Health System, with copies to Chief Marilyn Ball and senior planning staff at the city. Both Councillors Bowman and Medeiros confirmed they received the letter. **Action:** Kevin to follow up.
 - h. Trueman Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement BID Call T2015-017 Mar 18th Brampton Guardian – (opportunity to accomplish priority #h) (see Brampton City
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- Update and [emails](#) attachment.)
- i. Bovaird Drive – has high curbs at locations of new businesses along multiuse path – Lisa (see Referred Matters List #8)
 - j. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project “Community Bike Centre” – David
 - k. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage – [George’s report](#)

City Priorities

- l. Bicycle Facilities along County Court, Fernforest, Richvale Drive – The City has adjusted alignment along County Crt based on queries from Kevin and John. Previous discussion about making Twitter comments using: [@bramptontransit](#) This address reaches the city officials monitoring Twitter and is also broadcast to one’s own followers.
- m. Multi-use trail signs and marking along McVean Drive, Clarkway Blvd and Chinguacousy Road in accordance with OTM Book 18.
- n. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) - David

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- 8. Bike Friendly Communities
 - a. Bike Friendly Business Program
 - b. Active Transportation Coordinator

- a. David reported that he is presenting a 10 minute talk the Bike Friendly Business Program at the Bike to Work Day on May 25th at the request of Share the Road Cycling Coalition
Action: Lisa to arrange photographing of her riding Airport Road.
- b. Dayle reported position is not yet posted. Position is integral to our 2015 Budget submission.

New Business

- 1. Road Safety Challenge Grant

David reported that he submitted for grant based on Ontario Bill 31 for educational presentation at our booths at Celebrampton, PEYA and Rotary’s Rib and Roll events
Gerald reported that he has several ideas for posters for public education using images he has found.
Motion: to participate in MTO program – Gerald, seconded Polly, carried
Action: Gerald to send innovative poster suggestions to Dayle - done
Action: David to create game and price out costs within the grant budget

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2. FairOaks /McHardy Bike Clinic, June 27, 2015 **Action:** Stephen to forward details to David, so that Dayle can post event on our website.

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3. Potential “Brampton Challenge” Lisa reported on the “Halton Challenge.” At the Toronto Bike Show, she met man from Halton who explained how 150 Halton communities logged more than 200,000 km biked to raise money for their local hospital. They set up a website for logging the distances. Sponsors donated money based on kilometres logged. George confirmed program, as he had participated in Halton Hills Challenge.
Action: Lisa to follow up and confirm when this man can come and present to us for an opportunity for raising money for Brampton school bike programs.

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4. Ontario Bike Summit – Mar 31st – Apr 1st David reported that this was the largest Bike Summit so far with more than 200 delegates. There were 2 Brampton long range traffic planning staff in attendance. Presentations by other communities such as Waterloo with their inexpensive effective wayfinding signages were well worth the attendance. David reported that his Pecha Kucha presentation had been well received and that the organizer was “inspired” by the talk. BikeBrampton members applauded.

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5. Community Rides There was discussion about how rides work in Mississauga, and how we can involve Brampton Councillors and the community for donations.
Action: George to ask MCAC member he knows for information
Action: Polly to ask for information at next PSARTS meeting.

Events

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1. Critical Mass Rides - April 24th Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) – (last Friday of every month) – friendly bike ride no matter the weather!
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2. Bike the Creek Planning Meeting Next meeting: May 11th 1:00pm-2:30pm
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3. [OSGA 55+ Cycling Summer Games – May 24th](#) George reported that Brampton District 19 is holding summer cycling games for those 55 years plus. Time trials will be held for 5 and 10 km, starting at Aloha School. Information and brochure [posted](#) on our website. George encouraged riders to pre-ride for predicting their times.
Action: George to provide flyer to Dayle for posting - done
Action: Dayle to share flyer and website link to Erica and Ranjana so they can also promote - done
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4. [Bike Month – May 25th – Jun 30th](#) Celebrampton BikeFest Jun 13th, Bike to Work Day May 25th
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5. [Bike to Work Day - May 25th](#) Celebration & breakfast in Brampton’s Garden Square adjacent to Rose Theatre. Participants can sign up. They will have a chance to win a donated free bike or VIA rail vouchers. <http://bikemonth.ca/>
Action: BikeBrampton to organize a booth and members to participate
Action: BikeBrampton to volunteer to lead rides from different quadrants of the city into the downtown for 7:30am start
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6. [Bike to School Week](#)
May 26-29th <http://www.bikemonth.ca/biketoschool> Event officially launched and article [blog posted](#)
GTHA (Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area) wide. Schools can [register for the event](#) to qualify for a plaque and prizes. It will be promoted through school nurses and [posters](#).
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7. [Brampton Bike Rodeos](#) Brampton’s Spring Summer Recreation Guide is now available with listings for Brampton Safe City’s bike rodeos, bike clinics, learn to ride courses, and get to know your trails and pathways. See p 84 of [guide](#).
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8. [Bike the Creek June 20th 2015](#) Our 2nd annual signature event. Registration is open and details on the [website](#).
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9. Bramalea CycleFest Jun 27th, 2015 Details to follow
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Referred Matters List

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| 1. Discussion with Nelson Cadete | Re: specifications for including pedestrians and cyclists in design for traffic roundabouts
Action: Deferred for BCAC |
| 2. Mayfield Road Environmental Assessment | Action: deferred for BCAC |
| 3. PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives) | PAMA has applied to become the first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton (maybe even in Peel).
Action: Dayle to post article about PAMA once this becomes official (not on PAMA website yet) |
| 4. Heritage Heights transportation public meetings | Action: deferred for BCAC |
| 5. Website Analytics Strategy | Action: Kevin to work on an analytics strategy for 2015, possibly including seasonal messages. |
| 6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads | Action: Defer discussion of whether city or region responsibility is changing until new BCAC is formed. (See item #6 BBAC Project Updates from Feb 23, 2015 minutes – high curbs at new business driveways on regional roads.) |
| 7. Snowclearing Priorities | Action: defer to BCAC Clearing of multiuse paths and sidewalks is inconsistent throughout the city. Request a policy and determine responsibility prior to winter season 2015-16 |
| Next meeting Mon May 25th - 6:30 pm
Meeting Adjourned 8:55p.m. | BikeBrampton continue to meet monthly, 3 rd Monday.
Motion: Polly, seconded Steve – Carried |

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