

# BikeBrampton minutes

**Oct 20, 2015 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East (at Rutherford) Lawn Bowling Club

**Attendees:** Members: George Shepperdley, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Kevin Montgomery, Ernst Braendli, Lorie Miller  
**Regrets:** Gerald Pyjor, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Peter Bolton, John Van West, Leslie Benfield, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Leo Romano, Alina Grzejszczaki, Anthony Simone, Krishna Udaiwal, Tom Zawada, Tricia Prato, Jerry Shaw

**Meeting Started:** 6:40 pm

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**Review and approve minutes from last meeting**

**Motion** to approve minutes: Kevin – Carried <http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2015-09-21-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

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**Brampton City Update**

Members of BikeBrampton expressed their condolences to the family of John Hutton, City of Brampton Councillor and our City-appointed Councillor for Bike Brampton. Discussion about the formation of BBAC after George, Kevin and David met in February 2013 at a Metrolinx Big Move PIC. Councillor Hutton encouraging David to delegate to Council May 15, 2013 for Brampton to become a Bicycle Friendly Community.

<http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/thestar/obituary.aspx?page=lifestory&pid=176094160>

Kevin reported on the Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee (BCAC) meetings of [Oct 15<sup>th</sup>](#). MTO approved a grant to have CANBike Instructor training, which must be completed by March. Alina is organizing this for BCAC. George researched and supplied information on a suitable instructor for this training. Kevin reported that Brampton is shortlisted for the MTO infrastructure grant for the Kennedy Valley Trail extension. Kevin reported that Dayle made a Brampton Kids on Bikes presentation to BCAC to update the progress of active transportation to school in the past year. One of the [videos](#) was shown to the Committee. City of Brampton received Bronze award for Bicycle Friendly Business from Share the Road Cycling Coalition on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. (See BikeBrampton projects #5)

**Motion:** to have Kevin on behalf of BCAC and David on behalf of BikeBrampton, make a joint delegation to Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee re Bicycle Friendly Business Bronze award – moved by Kevin – Carried

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**Action:** Kevin to coordinate PIS delegation for BFB Bronze award

Nelson Cadete updated BCAC on **curb cuts**. Beginning Nov 16<sup>th</sup>, Traffic Engineering will be targeting the 'low hanging fruit' on a go-forward basis. They will be selecting low volume residential roads (750 vehicles or less / 8 hrs). 1. School crosswalks (pedestrian cross overs); 2. Trail access points to park trails; 3. not where trails cross roads and continue on the other side. The idea is to provide for an uninterrupted flow without giving a false sense of security to cyclists or pedestrians. Policies in AODA (accessibility), Book 15 (pedestrians) and Book 18 (cyclists) will be used to increase the safety at these curb cuts. P-gates are being considered. Kevin has been researching the Occupier's Liability Act and its impact on the choice of P-gates. Discussion about the different standards for "reasonable standards of care" vs. "reckless disregard", the use of signage instead of P-gates, and the City documenting that they considered the design. There are already existing signs in other jurisdictions.

There was discussion about Brampton trail speed limit bylaw. Query if our limit is 8km/hr, which is the rate at which a jogger would travel. For comparison, it is believed that Ottawa has a 15km/hr limit (which has caused much controversy in the cycling community there), and the Martin Goodman trail in Toronto has a 20km/hr limit.

**Action:** Kevin to have speed limit on trails discussed as part of the BCAC Policy subcommittee

Discussion about handling of bike lane colours to increase visibility to car drivers, and improve safety.

**Action:** Ernst to send photo to Dayle of bike lane painted red – from another country.

Discussion about the **Transportation Master Plan Update** and the lack of cycling thresholds. The Markham experience of introduction of a backbone of bike lanes without connectivity has led to complaints by residents that do not see the volume. When George Liu presented the Community Based Social Marketing concept and showed us the Google Map of cyclists, it indicated the potential for a circumference around Brampton downtown core. Toronto has been successfully installing pilot bike lanes in many locations.

The [Brampton Transportation Master Plan Update](#) is available for review. Comments are to be directed to Andria Oliveria at [tmp@brampton.ca](mailto:tmp@brampton.ca) prior to the Oct 30<sup>th</sup> deadline.

**Action:** Kevin to report back on how adding 'recreational' to pathway signage will affect the city's ability to meet the utilitarian cycling use requirements outlined in the upcoming Active Transportation Plan.

David has set up a meeting for Dayle and him with Harinder Malhi, MPP(BramptonSpringdale) on Oct

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30<sup>th</sup> to discuss: Development Charge review in Ontario, School curriculum regarding cycling (including the Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario's motion), financial incentives for school boards to perform AST (active school travel) planning. CycleON policy under the former Minister Glen Murray, was to tie school board funding to AST (with the thought that every school should be able to accommodate at least some level of AST), so that the cycle of risk around the schools can be broken.

**Action:** David to prepare Development Charge letter from BikeBrampton to local MPPs

Lisa referred to her previous letter to Jagmeet Singh MPP, prompting his [August 9, 2014 letter](#) to Transportation Minister Steve Del Duca, which expressed concern over the lack of cycling infrastructure on bridges crossing #410 and the inconsistency with the CycleON strategy.

**Action:** Dayle to find photo from Guardian/Star of car up-ended when parent driving children to school crashed. Dayle to incorporate photo into blog on website.

In Polly's absence, David read the updated [Polly's Ontario School curriculum motion](#) to request the Ministry of Education to put cycling and active transportation into the Ontario school curriculum for grades 1-12. As reported at our June and September meetings, Polly attended [Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario – May 30<sup>th</sup>](#). She prepared a draft of a motion, on behalf of representatives from: Burlington, Hamilton, Milton, Mississauga, Grimsby, Oakville, Waterloo and Brampton. Polly presented this draft motion at the August and revised motion at the September meetings of BCAC. Brampton staff asked to have time to look at the motion before Brampton can officially endorse.

**Action:** Next meeting of Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario is Sat Oct 31<sup>st</sup> 8am-noon at the Milton Velodrome, 2015 PanAm Drive. (Committee meets 2x /yr for advocacy purposes). Polly not able to attend. Request Polly to report on any minutes she receives at November meeting.

**Action:** David to discuss with Jamie Stuckless, ED at Share the Road, the possible coordination with the Joint Cycle Committees of Western Lake Ontario, for more effective cycling advocacy in Ontario.

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## Regional Update

**Action:** Erica to report on October 7<sup>th</sup> Walk/Bike to School Day, and her presentation to Metrolinx HUB Committee on Aug 27<sup>th</sup>. [iWalk iWheel Walk to School Day – Oct 7, 2015](#)

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

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## BikeBrampton Project Updates

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1. [Community Bike Centre](#)  
(Pedalwise & BikeWrX)

The Pedalwise pilot project concluded Sept 25<sup>th</sup>. Trudy from Toronto Centre for Active Transportation is preparing a final report.

**Action:** David to request a copy of the final Pedalwise report from Erica

Discussion about its successes and need for improvements. Lorie, Lisa and George submitted specific recommendations in their individual reports. Discussion about proposal to bus in high school students for bike mechanics instruction.

**Action:** David to report on his Oct 21<sup>st</sup> meeting with Ranjana and Erica regarding CBC long term strategy for 2016 and beyond.

**Action:** Dayle to post CBC Pedalwise final report on website once it is available

**Action:** Dayle to write a Pedalwise blog article for our website

Donated bike can still be dropped off: [Community Environment Alliance](#), 7-222 Advance Blvd.

**Action:** Gerald or Peter to update on BikeWrX debrief meeting at November meeting
  2. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)

Dayle updated on Peel Walk & Bike to School Videos, which are posted on our [website](#). They are also posted on Peel Walk + Roll website. They have been circulated to all members of the Metrolinx ASST GTHA HUB Committee to invite widespread distribution from Hamilton to Durham.

The [iWalk iWheel Walk to School Day – Oct 7, 2015](#) was attended by high ranking officials at Peel Region Police and by Councillor Martin Medeiros, who attended the event at Queen Street Public School. This initiative is for 8 elementary schools initially in Peel, with the plan to roll out to more in 2016. The goal is to increase walking & cycling to school, with results measured from a baseline. (See Event item #4 from September minutes for list of the schools.)

The Brampton Kids on Bikes Final Report link appears on the Green Communities Canada [Safe Routes to School](#) website.
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**Action:** Dayle to send link to videos to Harinder Malhi, MPP(BramptonSpringdale) - done

**Action:** David to inform School Trustees Suzanne Nurse and Kathy McDonald of the videos & current progress - done

**Action:** David to report feedback from School Board Trustee Suzanne Nurse

**Action:** David to report feedback on BKOB from Harinder Malhi MPP meeting

**Action:** Dayle to request videos for the Garden Square big screen – ask Michele Robinson for assistance

**Action:** David to report on his and Dayle’s meeting with Dr. de Villa, Peel MOH on November 10<sup>th</sup>

Lorie reported that she has helped set up a 30 minute/day activity challenge and Walking Wednesday at Massey Street Public School, where her son attends (subject to labour situation)

**Action:** Lorie to update on Massey Street Public School activity challenge at November meeting.

Dayle reported that the Peel Police School Safety Video subcommittee is meeting Oct 29<sup>th</sup> about preparing a powerpoint presentation to accompany the videos.

**Action:** Dayle to update on Peel Police School Safety committee at November meeting

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## 3. [Bike the Creek - June 18, 2016](#)

David reported on 1<sup>st</sup> Bike the Creek planning meeting Oct 14th. Plans are under control with structure developed from first 2 years. Brampton, Caledon, TRCA and BikeBrampton are again partners with Region of Peel slated to be the Title Sponsor. Brampton Heritage is an important part of the event and locations need to be secured for 2016.

**Action:** David to report on Bike the Creek at November meeting.

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## 4. Promotion: Social Media and Website

Kevin reported that there was a spike in traffic on September 25<sup>th</sup> due to the Peel Walk & Bike to School videos and the Transportation Master Plan, and Lisa’s tweet of her 1<sup>st</sup> experience at Tour de Mississauga. There is usually a spike when post is specifically Brampton-related. Maps and routes account for ¼ to 1/3 of traffic. The meeting minutes have been the 3<sup>rd</sup> most popular.

**Action:** Lorie to supply Dayle with her Massey Street Public School post (Dayle to supply Lorie with more information first - done)

**Action:** [.@bramptontransit](#) reaches city staff monitoring Twitter (also alerts one’s own followers).

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## 5. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#)

David reported on Brampton's Bicycle Friendly Business first announcement of awards made on Oct 14<sup>th</sup>. City of Brampton and Region of Peel were awarded Bronze status by Share the Road Cycling Coalition at a workshop luncheon. Sheridan College and GreenField Specialty Alcohols Inc. received Honourable Mention. Canadian Tire participated in the workshop to acquire more knowledge to be able to submit an application in the future. Both David & Kevin tweeted about the awards. There was discussion about this program having the potential to strategically drive cycling policy in Brampton. BikeBrampton has been heavily involved in this program and is responsible for encouraging submissions. This is very time consuming, particularly finding out who to contact. Studies show that being a BFB can yield a \$1.30-\$6.50 payback for every \$1 invested (ROI is 130% -650%). One can expect that corporations need 2-3 months to obtain necessary approvals in their organizations. (There were 39 applications Ontario-wide in the 1<sup>st</sup> round. The next deadline for submissions will be early in 2016.)

**Action:** Dayle to create and post a blog article on the website

**Action:** Dayle to post David's BFB presentation he made at Awards ceremony.

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## 6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads

Lisa updated on **Dixie Road multiuse trail**, as a follow up to our Aug 12<sup>th</sup> Region of Peel meeting and her correspondence. The Region will implement a multiuse path instead of a sidewalk on the west side of Dixie Road between Clark south to the Ford Assembly Plant, just north of Steeles. This is very good news as it accommodates both pedestrians and cyclists. Sign placement queries by Lisa are to be addressed.

**Action:** Lisa to report on sign placement along new Dixie multiuse path at next meeting.

Lisa has spoken with Regional AT staff about expanding the Dixie multiuse path south to Advance Blvd, where it could service the Community Bike Centre. The Region will perform a feasibility study. Discussion about how long term planning horizons create this gap in policy implementation.

Lisa has had email correspondence with Regional staff about Bovaird & Dixie intersection with outstanding issues. Discussion about the need for BikeBrampton advocacy at the EA (environmental assessment) stage. Staff often only hears from residents who complain and not from residents who applaud their attention to cycling infrastructure in the design. Lisa has requested EA notifications for future EAs.

**Action:** Lisa update on **Chinguacousy & Bovaird Trail intersection** (Bovaird & Dixie Rd) at November meeting

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**Action:** Members to view Environmental Assessment information for Winston Churchill (401 – Embleton Road) and make [comments](#) (all EA information is posted on the Region website under the Environmental Assessment tab under Public Works Transportation)

Dayle reported on the Oct 13<sup>th</sup> **Bovaird Trail Audit** that she and David cycled with 6 City and Regional staff (Ashby Field Rd to Fernforest & return 19km). The group started on the south side of Bovaird, crossed under the Mount Pleasant GO Train tracks via stairs, proceeded on the multiuse path on the north side of Bovaird, then switched to the south side at Kennedy Road. During the audit, there was discussion about signage limitations, obstructions, winter clearing considerations, ZUM bus shelter considerations, path disappearance and the issue of safely crossing the #410. The audit noted the new trail curb cut that Lisa had obtained at the new paramedic station (Bovaird & Fernforest). Staff left the audit with notes, photos and a first-hand understanding of the trail conditions. BikeBrampton members discussed that this is the only true east-west route right across Brampton, and runs from Winston Churchill in the west to Hwy #50 in the east and the multiuse path runs down #50 to Queen Street, representing a unique opportunity for an excellent long utilitarian cycling route in Brampton.

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7. Mayfield Road Environmental Assessment – Oct 8<sup>th</sup>

David, George and Dayle attended the Oct 8th EA Public Information Centre at Police Association Banquet Hall, 10675 Mississauga Road. George reported that the plan is for 4 lanes of traffic by 2020 and 6 lanes by 2030. Both urban shoulders and multiuse paths are being considered. Traffic speed is to be 80km/hr. David and Dayle met with Neal Smith and Regional Commissioner Dan Lebreque. Discussion about preference for urban shoulders when speeds are lower and not as many lanes of traffic. Discussion about importance of our attendance to encourage AT at these PICs.

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8. Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy

See Brampton City Update above.

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

George reported on urban shoulder bike Sharrows on McMurchy Ave. discussion about this being a positive step due to quiet street, schools, route to Sheridan College, etc. Critical Mass included McMurchy on their September ride (see photos in [blog post](#).)  
**Action:** Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post. She reported that she has been collecting photo images of various racks around the city.

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## 10. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

**Action:** Committee members to provide updates to the list below

David updated on item#k Franchesini bridge project. Staff reported at last BCAC meeting that bridge construction is to start in spring 2016. Discussion about Esker Lake Trail connection & signage.

### **BikeBrampton priorities**

- 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 13<sup>th</sup>. David also [delegated](#). Study of the area in 2015. In the meantime, signs notifying traffic to watch for wildlife have been installed, & 2 traffic calming flashing speed signs installed **Action:** David to follow up on Heart Lake Rd Traffic study early in 2016
  - c. Kennedy Valley Trail Extension – David reported that completion is set for end of 2016. MTO is working on the #410 bridge. TRCA is currently is held back from constructing the eastern trail portion (to Westcreek Blvd) by Enbridge gas pipeline installation.
  - 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 reported he has seen traffic counters on Centre Street. (The wheel base does show the difference between cars and bikes as they travel across the counter.) 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 Update and [emails](#) attachment.) David reported no response to this issue yet.
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- i. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project “Community Bike Centre” – David
- j. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage – this is now part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available

## City Priorities

- k. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) - spr 2016
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## New Business

- 1. Think Outside the Car – Burlington’s Challenge Sept 15-Oct 30<sup>th</sup> & Walktober Month – Mississauga & Durham’s Active Switch Challenge Oct 5-31<sup>st</sup>

Lorie delivered [report](#) on AT challenges being held in other GTA communities & [Active Switch Online Tracking Tool](#). Burlington has an exceptionally well organized Think Outside the Car Challenge, with many supporting videos ranging from the Mayor, to different staff members to MPP Eleanor McMahon. Mississauga has a Walktober Month. Discussion about Strava heat map app, which although valuable has limitation of not working on Blackberries or synchronizing with Map My Ride app. Discussion about the need for such challenges in Brampton in 2016.

**Action:** Lorie to report back on success of both challenges and to table motion for Brampton, potentially tying into Bike Week 2016.

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- 2. Traffic Round-About Design

George reported that at the Mayfield Road EA (see BikeBrampton Projects #7), there was a traffic round-about design displayed. Discussion about favouring traffic round-about generally. The BCAC Work Plan – will likely handle this in the Infrastructure subcommittee. They will determine policy for handling pedestrians and cyclists in round-about, which are becoming a more popular alternative to traffic signals.

**Action:** Kevin to research & report on how to handle cyclists using round-about for discussion at November meeting.

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- 3. [Greg’s Ride – Sept 27<sup>th</sup>](#)

David reported that he and Dayle attended this fund-raising event put on by Share the Road at Kelso Conservation Area, Milton. A Memorial ride honoured Greg Stobbard, OPP Sergeant. Eleanor McMahon, MPP(Burlington) founded Share the Road after her husband Greg was killed in a cycling

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crash. This ride was also an opportunity to speak with the EDs of Share the Road and the Waterfront Trails Association and other advocates in the cycling community, and to share the information about the Peel School Walk & Bike videos. Dayle created [blog](#) about Greg's Ride.

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## 4. Community Rides

Lisa has volunteered to sit on BCAC's subcommittee to organize community rides. Work Plan with subcommittees to be approved. George suggested several different starting points: Sheridan College, Shoppers World, Gore Meadows, Trinity Common, Mount Pleasant, Bramalea City Centre, Gage Park, Terry Miller, Loafers Lake, Soccer Centre. Discussion about MCAC's experience. Pearson Airport gave MCAC \$7000, which worked out to 15 rides @ \$280/ride. \$4200 was spent on ice cream snacks and \$800 on passports and stickers. Irwin Nayer organized MCAC rides. Potential sponsor for Brampton could be Pearson.

**Action:** David to make contact with GTAA; Lisa to make contact with Unifor.

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## Events

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### 1. Winston Churchill EA – Oct 22<sup>nd</sup>

There will be an [Environmental Assessment PIC](#) for Winston Churchill from #401 to Embleton Road. 6-8pm at Norval Queen of Peace, Croatian Franciscan Centre, 9118 Winston Churchill Blvd, Norval.

**Action:** Members to attend if possible. [Plan can be viewed and comments can be made](#)

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### 2. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Friday of month – Oct 30<sup>th</sup>

Friendly bike ride, Friday October 30<sup>th</sup>, Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) – dress up for Halloween theme! Lisa will be posting the route, which will include the urban curb on Grenoble. There is a prize if you bring someone. Kevin reported Critical Mass has its own [website](#). You can tweet #brampton #criticalmass. Dayle wrote [blog post](#) on website after September ride.

Lisa brought bicycle handlebar tags that she had printed at her own cost, which encourage cyclists to come to Critical Mass! These are plastic and were originally intended for tagging plants at nurseries. BikeBrampton members were invited to take tags for attachment to bikes around the city. Lisa will bring tags to each BikeBrampton meeting.

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3. [EcoBuzz October 28<sup>th</sup> at Louise Arbour SS](#) David and Dayle will be participating with Erica Duque and Katie Wittmann in Region of Peel's Cycling Culture presentation and workshop sessions for Peel Environmental Youth Alliance's EcoBuzz annual conference.  
**Action:** David to report on Eco-Buzz at Nov meeting
  4. [Bike the Creek June 18, 2016](#) See Bike Brampton Project Updates #3 – mark your 2016 calendar
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## Referred Matters List

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1. MTO Road Safety Challenge **Action:** David to discuss BikeBrampton's participation in next year's Road Safety Challenge
  2. Bike Month Events  
**Action:** David to report on potential Bramalea CycleFest plans for 2016.  
**Action:** David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement in McHardy Bike Clinic 2016
  3. "Big Ask" for Brampton /Peel infrastructure **Action:** Lisa to discuss next steps for "big ask" - determine priority of when (and if this needs to be elevated to a current BikeBrampton project)
  4. BikeBrampton Not-for-Profit **Action:** David to report back on Not-for-profit status
  5. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings **Action:** members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian
  6. PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives) **Action:** Dayle to post article about PAMA being first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton once details received from PAMA.
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7. Cycling two a-breast in Brampton

By-law issue placed on BCAC Work Plan – likely in Policy subcommittee

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8. Snowclearing Winter Maintenance Priorities

BCAC Work Plan – likely Policy subcommittee. Clearing of multiuse paths and sidewalks is inconsistent throughout city. Request the winter maintenance policy. Parks & Maintenance Public Works responsible for park pathways; Road Maintenance & Operation Public Works responsible for bike lanes & multiuse paths.

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**Next meeting Tues Nov 16<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 pm – 9:00pm**

Location: Century Gardens – Room #2 upstairs

Balance of Fall Schedule: **Dec 21<sup>st</sup>**

Meeting Adjourned 9:03 p.m.

**Motion:** Ernst – Carried