

# BikeBrampton minutes

**Nov 16, 2015 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East (at Rutherford) Rm#2

**Attendees:** Members: Pauline (Polly) Thornham,, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, John Van West, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Alina Grzejszczaki, Chris Spinney, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation)

**Regrets:** Gerald Pyjor, George Shepperdley, Kevin Montgomery, Ernst Braendli, Lorie Miller, Peter Bolton, Leslie Benfield, Leo Romano, Anthony Simone, Krishna Udaiwal, Tom Zawada, Tricia Prato, Jerry Shaw

**Meeting Started:** 6:35 pm

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**Review and approve minutes from last meeting**

**Motion** to approve minutes: Polly – Carried

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**Where should we take BikeBrampton in 2016**

Discussion about BikeBrampton’s role to feed ideas and information into the formal structure of BCAC. BikeBrampton can be more nimble with our advocacy and to be unencumbered by official approvals. Identify to BCAC priority of bicycle facilities; BCAC then escalate through BFIP. Discussion about Lisa’s “Big Ask”; Queen Street bike lanes may be an option as we have traffic count data to justify investment. ROP is updating the AT plan starting in 2016. Discussion about recent infrastructure improvements on Steeles from Airport to Hwy 50.

Discussion about need to introduce some new ideas, guest speakers to add excitement and create new opportunities to engage residents and businesses as Brampton becomes “bicycle friendly”. Noted that MCAC has Facebook and Twitter feeds. (BikeBrampton also has, but BCAC does not.)

**Action:** Dayle to post MCAC links on our website resources

**Action:** Lorie to report on her ActiveSwitch experience, Steve to report on Mike Merrall and the Halton challenge then discuss whether cycling encouragement challenges should be organized through BCAC or BikeBrampton.

**Action:** David to invite Katie Wittmann from Green Communities Canada to our December meeting to share her school travel planning for secondary school student research. David to invite Glen Gumulka to

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the January meeting to discuss ActiveSwitch and other SmartCommute active transportation programs.

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## Brampton City Update

**Action:** Kevin to coordinate PIS delegation for BFB Bronze award (deferred to next meeting)

**Action:** Kevin to have speed limit on trails discussed as part of the BCAC Policy subcommittee – Done, currently with COB staff.

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

**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 – Done (see Kevin’s report)

**Action:** David to prepare Development Charge letter from BikeBrampton to local MPPs – David reported on meeting with Harinder Malhi; prepared to be a role model for AT; coming to BTC 2016; interested in supporting Polly’s motion re including cycle training in school curriculum; will provide contact name for Development Charges Act task force.

**Action:** Joint Cycling Committees of W Lake Ontario. Polly reported meeting was cancelled. Irwin Mayer MCAC hosting next meeting Saturday May 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**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. Polly indicated each municipality would be sending their motion directly to the province individually so joint cycling advocacy likely not practical.

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## Regional Update

Erica reported:

- that the ROP AT programming committee meets quarterly with representation from each municipality
  - working to get on-going regional support for the CBC and for building one in Mississauga
  - Brampton CBC was very successful; final report due out early in new year but Pedalwise achieved significant attitude shift in favour of AT and BikeWrx helped train 75 boys and girls club participants
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- CEA's Vincent is now bike mechanics trained and Sarah will be taking CAN-BIKE instructor training
  - Chris agreed to be a Pedalwise mentor for 2016
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## BikeBrampton Project Updates

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

**Action:** Erica to present final CBC report at a future BikeBrampton meeting

**Action:** Dayle to post CBC Pedalwise final report on website once it is available – Erica to send to Dayle when received from Trudy

**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 reported on the Community Bike Centre:

- Gerald and Vincent helped Bindi Sathivelu from Boys and Girls Club, safety check 15 brand new kids bikes; spent about 4 hours checking and adjusting the bikes; there are still about another 35 bikes to safety check and adjust over the next 2 weeks. Pfizer donated the bikes and the employees assembled them as part of a team building exercise, (hence why all of the bikes needed adjustment). Bindi is really motivated to keep biking programs going, be it mechanic skills, or earn a bike, using some of the donated new bikes. Have the kids re assemble the new bikes and adjust them.
  - Donated bikes are starting to pile up at the CBC. Gerald will start spending some time there getting bikes cleaned up or recycled; might be able to slow down our intake of bikes, or become more picky, until we catch up with what we have.
  - The Wednesday night drop in has been quiet. Neither Gerald nor Peter has seen anyone come in. Might be due to location, lack of awareness or just the season.
  - Need to work out how bikes can be washed without a hose, or washing cleaning agents down the drain/catch basin outside. There is no floor drain in the space.
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- Wednesday's from 3:30-5:30 is BikeWrk's open house; need to RSVP; Ranjana wants CBC to become a bike café
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## 2. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)

**Action:** November 10<sup>th</sup> meeting with Dr. de Villa, Peel MOH - David reported the meeting was very positive with ROP very committed to rolling out School Travel Planning in all ROP schools; will be setting targets and may use Polly's idea of using secondary school students to mentor middle and elementary school students for AT

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. – deferred to next meeting

**Action:** Peel Police School Safety committee – Dayle reported that a sub-committee has been formed to produce a PowerPoint presentation that can be used in conjunction with the videos at school parent events.

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

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

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## 4. Promotion: Social Media and Website

Kevin reported that new web-site visits were down a bit but the amount of time for each visitor on the site increased by an average of 30%. The content most viewed were the Bike to School videos. (see Kevin's report for full details).

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

David reported on that he met with Glen Gumulka from SmartCommute and discussed ways to promote the program

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## 6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads

**Action:** Lisa to report on sign placement along new Dixie multiuse path at next meeting – deferred  
Lisa has spoken with Regional AT staff about expanding the Dixie multiuse path south to Advance Blvd,

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where it could service the Community Bike Centre. The Region will perform a feasibility study.

**Action:** Lisa reported on **Chinguacousy & Bovaird Trail intersection** (Bovaird & Dixie Rd) that the construction of the trail connection was imminent according to ROP staff.

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7. Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy
- Discussion about Linda Jeffrey's tweet regarding AODA compliance and the discussion at PIS committee meeting. The city's proposed change in curb-cut policy, (as presented by Nelson Cadete at the November BCAC meeting is a small step in the right direction but way more needs to be done to recognize the needs of cyclists and those with disabilities. By 2025 the city will be forced to accommodate.
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8. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes
- 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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9. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects
- a. Discussion about relevancy of list deferred to next meeting
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## New Business

1. [Trailblazers Tandem Cycling Club](#) Chris Spinney updated members on his participation in this Toronto recreational cycling club, that gives people who are partially sighted, blind and deaf-blind the opportunity to cycle with sighted volunteers on their tandems (bicycles built for two).
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2. Community Rides Lisa has volunteered to sit on BCAC's subcommittee to organize community rides. Work Plan with subcommittees and budget 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.
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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. Suggested: David could make contact with GTAA; Lisa could make contact with Unifor.

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3. Ontario Bike Summit – Call for papers      David reported OBS is April 19-20, 2016 and that they are looking for presenters; presenters receive a discount on the standard conference rate.

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4. Lisa – Critical Mass Bicycle tags      Dayle made a motion to give Lisa \$16.40, BikeBrampton's cash balance remaining; to offset some of Lisa's expenses in printing the bicycle tags –carried

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## Events

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1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Friday of month – November 25<sup>th</sup>

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2. [EcoBuzz October 28<sup>th</sup> at Louise Arbour SS](#)      Erica reported that ROP's session at the PEYA EcoBuzz was attended by approximately 60 secondary school students; Erica, David, Dayle, co-presented with Katie Wittmann from Green Communities Canada. Dayle posted an [article](#)

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

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| 2. Bike Month Events | <b>Action:</b> David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement in McHardy Bike Clinic 2016 |
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| 3. BikeBrampton Not-for-Profit | <b>Action:</b> David to report back on Not-for-profit status |
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| 4. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings | <b>Action:</b> members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian |
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| 5. PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives) | <b>Action:</b> Dayle to post article about PAMA being first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton once details received from PAMA. |
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| 6. Cycling two a-breast in Brampton | By-law issue placed on BCAC Work Plan – likely in Policy subcommittee |
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| 7. 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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| <b>Next meeting Monday December 21<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 pm – 9:00pm</b><br>Meeting Adjourned 8:55 p.m. | Location: Century Gardens – Room #3 upstairs<br><b>Motion:</b> Polly – Carried |
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