

BikeBrampton minutes

June 21, 2016 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East (at Rutherford) Rm#3

Attendees: Members: Alina Grzejszczaki, Kevin Montgomery, Leslie Benfield, George Shepperdley, Ernst Braendli, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Lisa Stokes, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, John Van West, Carolyn Clubine,
Regrets: Lorie Miller, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Gerald Pyjor, Peter Bolton, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Leo Romano
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:40 pm

**Review and approve
minutes from last meeting**

<http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2016-05-16-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

Motion to approve minutes: John – Carried

Brampton City Update

Discussion about BikeBrampton's participation in CeleBrampton

- Gained more than 100 additional registrations for Bike the Creek
- Displayed new traffic safety banner describing the 1-metre passing law – RSC grant
- Displayed new BCAC bike trailer with community ride banner
- Good quality questions from attendees including clear requirement for adult cycling training
- Concluded it was a worthwhile event

[Brampton Community Rides results so far](#)

- Ride 1 – 16 attendees
- Ride 2 – 43
- Ride 4 – 25
- Ride 4 – 15 registered so far

Thanks to Peter for volunteering for future rides

Thanks to Lisa, Councillor Bowman and Nelson for making the Community Ride trailer and banner happen.

Action: All members to promote on social media.

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Parachute Agency – Awareness Safe Kids Launch Event Century Gardens Rec Ctr.

Alina reported that David, Dayle, Alina and Lorie attended. Though the cycling events were not well attended, Brampton Recreation very much appreciated BikeBrampton's involvement and it was a good opportunity to practice bike rodeo set up and activities.

Library Community Spotlight

Dayle, George and Alina reported BikeBrampton members including: Kevin, George, Alina, Dayle and David participated in 5 of the 6 events held at the library branches across the City. Averaged 8-15 attendees at each session. Great audience interaction, eg. A father attended whose 2 boys had been recently involved in cycling accidents. Subsequent to the presentation he indicated he now realized what his sons had done to cause the accidents, and felt inspired to do more cycling himself. Excellent feedback on learning the concept of risk management vs risk avoidance as discussed in the seminars.

Action: Dayle to complete follow-up survey on behalf of BikeBrampton

Rotary Rib 'n Roll

David reported he, Dayle, Steve and George participated in the event. After resolving an organizational glitch, the booth attracted good audience. Several attendees committed to coming to future BikeBrampton cycling events, including Bike the Creek.

More feedback on the requirement for adult cycling education.

Action: David to send note to Ranjana regarding the perceived demand for adult cycling training.

Brampton City Budget

Discussion about portable bike counters, 6 walkie-talkies to be purchased by the City for 2017 under the BCAC budget. Lisa raised the idea of creating a bike loan service through Brampton Library

Motion: Kevin to include request for 2 portable bike counters in the 2017 BCAC budget - Carried

Motion: Committee members to send ideas for other budget items to Kevin by June 27th. Include short justification for business case. Kevin to prioritize and send the list back to BikeBrampton members before budget submission. - Carried

Discussion re: Brampton City By-law requiring cyclist to ride in single file

- Suggestion that City staff visit Europe to learn how cycling is managed there.

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- Chris King is the staff representative managing this by-law under traffic management
- Evidently Peel Police regularly ride 2-abreast. No indication that the by-law is being enforced by the Police. George indicated Brampton Cycling Club members have received police warnings in Halton. Concern expressed about who would be at fault in the event of an accident. Concern expressed about safety of large numbers of riders riding in single file creating a passing problem
- Concern expressed that new policy ideas won't be considered by the City until AT Master Plan is ready.

Motion: That riding in single file and other Brampton cycling by-law issues are considered policy issues that are better handled through BCAC. Kevin will raise at BCAC when appropriate to do so. - Carried

Regional Update

PEYA – Amazing Green Race

Dayle reported she along with David and Alina participated in this event. The BikeBrampton booth, MTO RSC board game and the 1-metre banner got a great workout as 21 teams of 6 teens each were challenged to answer cycling safety questions in order to pass through the BikeBrampton station. The kids were very keen, very polite and their knowledge and team skills were impressive! Discussion followed regarding having more PEYA events in Brampton using Brampton Transit.

BikeBrampton Project Updates

1. [Legacy Cycling Infrastructure](#)
"Big Ask" for Brampton /Peel

Following last month's motions

Action: David to contact Chuck Scott (PAMA Board member & Art Advisory Committee member), for assistance in advancing the initiative of Brampton's arts community designing bicycle parking for Garden Square that incorporates a positive uplifting message, honours Mr. Hardeep Singh Pahra, encourages and welcomes cyclists to Brampton downtown. David reported he has sent the request to Bob Darling in the Office of the Central Area and will follow-up with Bob.

Action: Kevin to request William Osler Hospital Board to consider dedicating bicycle parking at Peel

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Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness in honour of Mr. Ralf Jarchow. Kevin reported that he was assigned this action in absentia last month and that he has not completed this action as yet.

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

Peter reported on the Bike4Brampton campaign being launched by the CBC and encouraged BikeBrampton members to register. He also reported on the group rides taking place every Wednesday at 6:45 rotating through 3 recreation centres throughout the summer and fall.

Actions from Previous Minutes:

Erica to present final CBC report at a future BikeBrampton meeting

Erica to send to Dayle when received from Trudy

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

All: Drop off Donated bikes: [Community Environment Alliance](#), 7-222 Advance Blvd.

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

David reported that the recent decision by the PDSB to reduce the bussing minimums for Grade 7 and 8 students was a set-back for the BKOB project.

- Will cost Regional taxpayers close to \$1M per year to provide the service
- Will discourage active transportation
- Is counter to the AT environmental stewardship component of the Ontario Eco-schools program
- Will lead to increased provincial tax as costs rise to address healthcare issues caused by sedentary living.

Motion: David to send a letter on behalf of BikeBrampton to PDSB trustees indicating our disappointment in the board's decision and asking them to reconsider – Carried - done

Bike to School Week

Lisa reported significant participation at RJ Lee PS. One parent she met in the parking lot said she was going to drive her child to school but the child said, "No Mommy. I have to ride my bike; my brain needs the exercise". So she allowed her child to ride. Also the Kiss 'n Ride at the school was almost empty as so many students were either walking or riding.

Motion: Dayle to send a congratulations note to RJ Lee principal and publish Lisa's blog report on the

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web-site - Carried

Peel School Safety Committee [Peel School Walk & Bike page](#)

Dayle reported she and David gave presentations at Massy St P.S. and St Faustina P.S. While the turnout was below expectations at both schools, discussion was excellent with good questions and feedback.

Polly also indicated she and David attended the Spring Fling event at Larkspur P.S. where the BikeBrampton booth was well attended and the MTO 1-metre banner was displayed.

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

Dayle reported the unofficial rider count was 550 with some riders coming from as far away as Waterloo. They were very pleased with the event indicating they had nothing like Bike the Creek in Waterloo! <http://bikebrampton.ca/2016/07/01/bike-the-creek-2016/>

Dayle escorted Kathryn McGarry (MPP Cambridge, Minister of Natural Resources and Forestry) and Chandra Sharma (TRCA Director of Watershed Strategies) on the ride. Both dignitaries were very impressed with the ride. Upon coming across a local family in Stonegate handing out free water to riders, Minister McGarry commented, "it truly does take a community to build a community". Also riding were: Harinder Malhi (MPP Brampton-Springdale), Jagmeet Singh (MPP Bramalea-Gore-Malton), Peel Commissioner Gilbert Sabat, Caledon Regional Councillors Jennifer Innis and Johanna Downey.

Thanks to Dr. Eileen de Villa, Peel Medical Officer of Health, Minister McGarry and MPP Malhi for speaking at the opening. Please see the [blog article](#) for photos and names of other dignitaries attending and thanks to Partners, Sponsors and Volunteers. This was a big event requiring many willing hands!

Carolyn reported she was stationed as a volunteer at Bovaird and Kennedy. She described the corner as "wicked" with lots of dump-trucks. Despite that, all participants seemed to be having a good time and that the whole experience was "super positive".

Kevin reported he was surprised how easy it was to get to Historic Bovaird House by bike.

Action: members to send Bike the Creek comments to Dayle for upcoming debrief meeting

Action: Erica to request cross promotion from Dorothy in Mississauga - done

Action: Polly to request Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario promote - done

Action: David to mention Brampton Community Rides while he is Master of Ceremonies at BTC -done

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5. Promotion:
Social Media & Website
- Kevin reported traffic on the web-site has almost doubled and ‘likes’ on social media average 2 more per week. Twitter is also very active. Traffic is coming from as far away as Australia and BikeBrampton is becoming the “go to” site for all things cycling in the City. More requests are coming into info@bikebrampton.ca. Kevin will move the web-site to a new server and refresh the look in the next few weeks. - done
- Action:** members to send Erica bike month tweets - done
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6. [Bike to Work Day](#) – May 30th
- Kevin reported the day was a success with more participation at the event itself even though there were fewer participants coming in on the rides from the various city locations. Excellent participation by Mayor Linda Jeffrey (who gave an excellent shout-out for cycling), Peel Police Chief Jennifer Evans (safety) and Downtown BIA (Suzie Godefroy). The committee recognized Kevin for doing a great speech at the event and Anthony for being MC. New CAO Harry Schlange attended.
- David expressed that lack of participation by SmartCommuteBC represented a missed opportunity to get even more participation from local businesses. Discussion about unifying general and City’s B2WD next year to make the most of promotion and resources.
- Action:** Dayle to suggest Lorie’s idea for twitter promotion to organizing committee:
#thinkoutsidethecar – done
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7. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#)
- Discussion about the seeming lack of interest by the City of Brampton or the Region of Peel to receive their BFB award at an event.
- Action:** Kevin & David to coordinate dropping off BFB Bronze awards to appropriate representatives of the City and Regional.
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8. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects
- a. David reported the Franchesini bridge is with City Purchasing according to Jake Mete. Work on the other OMCIP along the Etobicoke Creek Trail has not started due to permit issues according to TRCA. Concern expressed that funds must be spent by March 2017.
- b. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage –part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available
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City Priorities

- c. [Fernforest, Richvale Drive, Mountain Ash Rd and Edenbrook Hill Drive](#) – slated for traffic calming which will include bicycle infrastructure option as per BFIP. Concern that only AT option will be urban shoulders. Discussion about mounting a door knocking campaign to help support bike lanes. Lisa reported she attended the PIC
- d. Lisa also reported she and George were surprised to find a bike lane along Bonny Braes Road which is a new subdivision. Pavement lines almost worn off. Cars parking illegally in bike lane.

9. Potential Cycling Challenges for Brampton

Action: Peter to report on this initiative at future meeting. – see City Update above.

10. [Bramalea CycleFest](#) – Jun 4th

David reported the event was successful although we don't as yet have a final count of the participants from the All People's Church. Alina and Kevin conducted the rodeo on behalf of BCAC. Alina expressed concern about the changed time for the Bike Rodeo which created scheduling difficulties for the volunteers. Peel Police bike patrol attended and requested ride leaders for all 3 routes. Recreation and AT helped with sign installation and removal. Mayor Linda Jeffrey, Councillors Jeff Bowman and Pat Fortini, Jagmeet Singh (MPP Bramalea-Gore-Malton), Gila Martow (MPP-Thornhill), Ramesh Sangha (MP Brampton Centre) attended.

11. MTO Road Safety Challenge

David reported that the MTO 1-Metre passing law banner and the traffic safety game were used at more than 10 events during Bike Month. Final report is due in August.

12. Critical Mass Bicycle Tags

Lisa generously had bicycle tags printed that promote Critical Mass. She brings roll of tags each meeting for BikeBrampton members. Members are to hang tags to likely participants to encourage ridership.

New Business

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1. [Power of Women Mini-Conference](#) – Apr 28th
- Polly reported that the event, organized by a subcommittee of Brampton Springdale Networks, was rescheduled due to poor weather and this negatively affected attendance. The agenda was exciting with Peel Police Chief Evans, Bike Pirates (bike repair), BikeBrampton and Air Cadets participating. Good contacts were made. Recommendation is to hold the event during school, shorten the agenda for next year and promote more heavily.
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2. Etobicoke Creek Trail Sherway extension
- David reported TRCA was having problems with access permits to start construction on an ECT improvement project in Etobicoke to run the trail under the QEW bridge. Concern that MTO is delaying permit because of, as yet, unplanned future repairs that are forecasted for the bridge. Concern that AT infrastructure is not being given the priority it requires.
- Action:** Steve to provide David with introduction to Stephen Rhodes – Deputy Minister of Transportation
- Motion:** David to draft a letter to Steven Del Duca – Minister of Transportation on behalf of BikeBrampton to request a change in MTO policy that would put AT project development on par with other transportation infrastructure projects. – Carried - done
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3. Canada Bikes.org
- John reported he is recommending BikeBrampton join the national advocacy organization CanadaBikes.org. Discussion ensued and it was felt the web-site was professional and that we need to support a national cycling advocacy organization.
- Motion:** John contributed the \$60 membership fee. David to do further investigation and then join if it looks appropriate to do so. – Carried
- Action:** David to investigate and proceed if appropriate, with John’s donation.
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4. Joint Cycling Advisory Committees of Western Lake Ontario Meeting
- Saturday, May 28th - Irwin Mayer, MCAC hosting meeting. Attended by Polly, Kevin, David & Dayle.
- Kevin reported on the Sobie Hamilton Bikeshare program
 - ‘Uber’ of Bike share
 - Self-locking, The brain is in the bike; GPS tracking; does not need a docking station therefore much cheaper

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- Kevin talked about the importance of maps in reference to Ben Gomberg's "stealth" presentation
- Dayle and Polly reported about the 'Vision Zero' presentation by Dorothy Thomiuik
- Good contacts made and the Community Ride after was fun & lessons learned for Brampton
- Dayle prepared a [report on committee meeting](#).

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5. Orangeville Brampton Rail Trail George reported he would like to see the rail line between Brampton and Orangeville converted to a bike trail in the future
- Has taken photos along the route. Currently badly maintained. Little rail traffic. Operates at a loss. Land owned by Orangeville. Back taxes owed to Brampton and Mississauga
- Motion:** George to bring to BCAC future meeting - carried

Events

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1. [Manitou Bike Parade – Jun 25th](#) Sat Jun 25th 10am-1pm, 41 Mayberry Court. Lorie is working with Brampton Recreation on fun games preparation. There will be a FREE BBQ, and a booth to "decorate" your bike for the parade. The parade will circle around Manitou Park located at the end of Mayberry Crt, and will also venture out to Mayberry, Mackay, and North Park, before returning back to Manitou Park. Lorie has created a [Facebook page](#). David, Lisa, Alina, Dayle volunteered to display with booth, 1-metre banner and help Lorie with the parade.
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2. BikeBrampton BBQ **Action:** David to send out Doodle Poll for date. Thanks to Steve and Brenda for hosting this pot-luck event this year!
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3. [Waterfront Trail Adventure](#) Aug 7-12th – Pelee Island to Grand Bend

Referred Matters List

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1. Bike Month Events

Action: David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement in McHardy Bike Clinic 2016 – done. (BikeBrampton participated June 25th, displayed MTO 1-metre banner and had raffle for helmets following Road Safety Challenge game participation)

2. 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. Dayle has asked Brampton Heritage to check on this. Nothing on their website yet

Next meeting Monday September 19th 6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Location: TBC

Motion: Polly – Carried

Meeting Adjourned 9:15 p.m.