

# BikeBrampton minutes

**Dec 19, 2016 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

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

**Attendees:** Members: Stephen Laidlaw, George Shepperdley, Kevin Montgomery, Lisa Stokes, Lorie Miller, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Ernst Braendli, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Peter Bolton, Rani Gill, David Laing, Dayle Laing, plus 9 members from various families  
**cc:** Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

**Meeting Started:** 6:43 pm

**Review and approve minutes from last meeting**

<http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2016-11-21-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

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

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## Reflections on 2016

Meeting was shortened to allow for year-end party and festive time with family members in attendance. David provided reflections on BikeBrampton's successes in 2016.

We have parlayed partnerships to achieve remarkable success in programs and policy development by leading, designing, running, displaying, presenting, educating, promoting and assisting: 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Bike the Creek, 12 Community Rides, Manitou Bike Parade, Bike to Work Day, Bramalea CycleFest, PEYA (Peel Environmental Youth Alliance) Amazing Green Race, PEYA EcoBuzz, Larkspur PS Spring Fling, Kids Parachute Agency Cycling Safety, McMurphy Community Bike Clinic, Sheridan Mission Zero Repair Café, Bike to School Weeks, SNAP County Court Bike Safety, SNAP Fletchers Creek Tree Planting Day, Brampton Libraries Community Spotlight presentations, CeleBrampton, Rib n Roll, Toronto International Bike Show, Power of Women Conference, School Safety presentations, Live 5-2-1-0, Greg's Ride, PDSB Board presentation, Peel Police School Safety Committee, PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School Committee), Metrolinx GTHA Active & Sustainable School Transportation Regional HUB, Joint Committee of Cycling Advisory Committees of Western Lake Ontario, Brampton Springdale Network, Brampton Northwest Connects, Brampton Northeast Connects, and The 10 Step Handbook for High School Bike Projects. We encouraged cycling infrastructure policy and participated in: Etobicoke Creek Trail OMCIP Announcement and Etobicoke Creek Trail Brampton Caledon Link Opening.

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## Round Table Comments:

- Erica said “BikeBrampton is amazing!” Erica was thanked for her passion and Peel support.
- Anecdotally, we are seeing progressively more people cycling on paths and on roads.
- It appears we are at a tipping point for cycling in Brampton!
- Community Bike Centre has bikes for lending, earning!
- Community Bike Ride Program was deemed a first-year success and 15 rides are planned for 2017!
- We can be satisfied if one person leaves a Community Ride having gained confidence.
- Programming is an important step while municipality catches up with infrastructure to support.
- Councillor Martin Medeiros was welcomed as the new Council Advisor to Cycling Advisory Committee. We will now have him in addition to Councillor Jeff Bowman as ‘cycling champions’.
- Excitement to see cycling infrastructure planned for Downtown on Main & Queen
- Excitement to see the opening of Franceschini Bridge across #410 in 2017
- Excitement to see opening of Etobicoke Creek Trail Kennedy Valley Trail extension into Mississauga
- Excitement over how much Bike the Creek has grown and how it is possible to organize new successful events such as Manitou Bike Parade and the impact it has on children in the community
- Excitement over the positive link of cycling /active transportation to Public Health policy
- Possibility for vocational high school Hub to train kids in bike mechanics, as part of implementation of The 20 Step Handbook for High School Bike Projects (Judith Nyman Secondary School suggested)
- Suggestion of organizing a bike trip to Hamilton

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## Ernst & Susanne Presentation

BikeBrampton members thanked Ernst and Susanne for their valuable contribution to BikeBrampton. They were presented with a Certificate of Lifetime Membership. Ernst will be back to volunteer again at the Peel Waste Pavillion at Bike the Creek June 24, 2017.

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**Next meeting Thursday Jan 5<sup>th</sup>  
6:30 pm – 9:00pm**

**Location: Chris Gibson Recreation Centre, 125 McLaughlin Road North, 6:30pm – Craft Room**  
Meeting Adjourned 7:18p.m. **Motion:** Polly – Carried