

## 2017 03 02 BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

- Thursday March 02, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm
- Chris Gibson Recreation Centre, 125 McLaughlin Road North, Craft Room

**Attendees:** Members: Kevin Montgomery, Erica Duque, John Van West, Bruce Marshall, George Sheppardley, Polly Thornham, Steve Laidlaw, Alina Grzejszczak, Peter Bolton, Gerald Pyjor

**Regrets:** David Laing, Dayle Laing, Lisa Stokes

### Review & approve minutes from last meeting

There were no minutes for February, due to the field trip to the Brampton Grow Green EcoPledge Network launch. [March 2, 2017 agenda](#)

### Brampton City Update

Action follow up

**1. Ghost bike Ride** - Kevin Montgomery contacted the Peel Regional Police with regard to collisions between cyclists and cars. One recent fatality raised questions about causes and solutions. In this case, causes being investigated are lack of visibility, poor weather conditions – whiteout due to blowing snow, darkness, and ice which left no tracks to examine. Also, no witnesses were available to give objective evidence.

One possible solution to preventing collisions such as this is to increase lighting. Also, strongly encouraging people to wear reflective clothing might help.

Steve asked how statistics are shared with the public, and was told that only aggregate statistics can be shared, not individual information, due to privacy issues.

Gerald offered to speak to a friend in the police force, to ask his views on the above collision, only in general, relating to new safety precautions which might be initiated.

Kevin stated that Constable Paul Coretta is willing to attend a BikeBrampton meeting, to talk about road safety.

**2. Asphalt surface for Etobicoke Creek Trail extensions** - Kevin reached out to Dorothy at MCAC to ask about the asphalt section where Etobicoke Creek (Kennedy Valley) Trail enters Mississauga. There is no answer as yet.

David contacted Vince at TRCA and confirmed the senior contractor is scheduled to perform the trail construction.

3. Action: Dayle's report on her **ECT Signage review** comments were included in the [agenda](#).

4. Action: Lisa was to send Dayle blog post link of **Lisa's experience of riding from Brampton to Hamilton**. Deferred to next month, in the absence of both parties.

5. **Bicycle Friendly Communities application status** – Kevin reported that the application has been made and the response will be given just before the Ontario Bike Summit, and will be announced publicly at the Summit, which takes place April 11 and 12.

6. **Community Rides 2017** – registration and description of the rides are now available for 14 rides on city website cycling page. Dayle has updated BikeBrampton website page, links on the [agenda](#).

### Regional Update

1. **Bike to School Week** - Erica Duque reported that the number of schools registered for the event, May 29 - June 2, is steadily rising, with 39 (update Mar. 28: 70!) Peel schools registered. We are well on the way to achieve the goal of 100 schools this year. She encouraged members to try to get their neighbourhood schools to sign up online.

There are many give-aways and prizes, including bike pins, posters, stickers, helmets, bike lights, as well as school-area maps with walking/biking routes. Post-week surveys are requested by Peel Region. Erica commented that Peel schools did very well at this last year. Kevin and Erica will tweet about signing up for BTSW on Twitter, and invite others to do the same.

2. **Peel Region Cyclists' Handbook** is in progress, and should be ready for Bike Month. Erica appreciated comments and ideas submitted to the Region regarding the draft copy which she had shared.

3. Erica sent information on **Bike Basics courses** offered by Brampton Recreation, and the Walk+Roll cycling prize packs for participants. Dayle posted a blog, the link for which is on the [agenda](#).

4. Erica's Walk+Roll link to the 2015 Pedalwise Report and Dayle's link to the Walk+Roll website page are in the [agenda](#).

### Community Engagement

1. BSN – Dayle posted a report from the January 19 meeting on the website, link on [agenda](#).

2. Brampton Northeast Connects – deferred, in Lisa's absence.

3. Brampton Northwest Connects – Dayle – the quarterly meeting was cancelled.

### BikeBrampton Project Updates

1. **Brampton Kids on Bikes Project** - Peel School Safety Committee – steps are being taken to reinvigorate this committee.

2. **Bicycle Friendly Business Program** – no update

3. **Promotion - Social Media and Website**

Top 5 Campaign – Dayle posted a report on this, on the website, link on [agenda](#)

Cyclists of Brampton campaign – no update

4. **Prioritized list of infrastructure projects**

Pave lines – Rutherford bike icon on bike lane needs renewing; lines have been redone; also McMurchy, G \_\_\_\_\_ Street

City priorities:

Franceschini Bridge – construction to start this spring – the roadblock has been removed

EA to downtown streets – Mill-James; Wellington-Nelson: pipes renewed, reconstruct road

Public consultation – three options + as-is:

1 including raised, separated bike lanes;

2 not as good options

John had a conversation with consultants who are very supportive of cycling infrastructure. Kevin said one option included sharrows, which are not desirable. John commented that narrowed car lanes slow traffic, so this is an option to control traffic speed. John and Kevin recommended that members comment on Facebook.

5. **Bike Month 2017**

Planned events are:

**Bike to Work Day**, May 29 There was discussion about how to improve attendance, such as Bike to Breakfast, approach BIA Brampton businesses

**Bramalea Cyclefest + Manitou Bike Parade**, June 3 Pastor Finu and Lorie Miller are collaborating this year, to combine these events

**Celebrampton**, June 10

**Bike the Creek**, June 24 – [Registration open](#)

City of Brampton has brought back cycling courses, for only \$2.00, offered through Parks and Rec. Michele Robinson is the contact person for CanBike Instructors who are interested in participating.

### **6. Brampton Grow Green Network**

There was discussion about how BikeBrampton will participate in the launch event at Teramoto Park, on April 22. Report on [agenda](#). There was a motion passed to have a table at the event. This will be to promote existing events, the new Peel Region Cyclists' Handbook, and having a GO Station bike corral.

### **New Business**

1. **Alderlea Bike Parking** - John mentioned that he had talked to Robert Hornblow, Project Manager at City of Brampton, about a ring and post at Alderlea. He was told that the project has been delayed until spring, but that the number of ring and posts will be doubled to two. Good news!

### **2. Ottawa Bike Trip**

John gave an update to the cycling trip planned for July 9. He asked members to send an email to Yves Desjardins-Siciliano, President and CEO of VIA Rail Canada, at Yves.Desjardins-Siciliano@VIARail.ca \*\*this email address may or may not have an underscore or space. It shows as a space... \*\* Alternatively, they may tweet @VIARailPrez.

The topic of the email is to encourage him to begin having a baggage car on the train to Ottawa, so that people can take their bikes from Toronto to Ottawa. The baggage car is only provided to Montreal, not as the train separates and half goes to Ottawa. The cost to take the bike in the baggage car would be ~\$25.00.

The planned itinerary, for those who want to participate, is as follows:

- July 9 begin 3 days of cycling around Ottawa, sightseeing, et cetera, and stay at the U. Of Ottawa.
- July 12 leave Ottawa and cycle to Merrickville (67-87k), and stay at a B+B.
- July 13 cycle from Merrickville to Kingston (117-123k), and stay at Queen's U.
- July 14 cycle from Kingston to Belleville (81-99k), and stay at Loyalist College.
- July 15 cycle from Belleville to Cobourg (79k), and stay at B+B/hotel.
- July 16 cycle from Cobourg to Oshawa (72k), and stay at B+B/hotel.
- July 17 cycle from Oshawa to Toronto (58-63k), and continue on to Brampton

The cost of the trip will be \$1000-1500 per person. Risks will be assumed by individuals.

### **3. Bicycle Lending**

This is an idea that was discussed by members. It was suggested that the City of Brampton libraries might be able to lend bicycles, much in the same manner as books are loaned out. To be continued.

### **Events**

#### **1. Toronto International Bike Show**

Fri Mar 3rd to Sun Mar 5, at the Better Living Centre, CNE. We are sharing a booth with Region of Peel, MCAC and BCAC. Peter, Steve, Kevin, George, Alina, Lisa, Patti, Polly and Erica will be volunteering. Please see schedule and instructions link on [agenda](#). George will take the display material and Steve will bring display material back home. We have to supply 2 tables, table cloths, trifold display, banner, posters, maps, Community Ride postcards, Bike the Creek business cards, and the furniture dolly to transport the material. The booth number is 547.

#### **2. Critical Mass Rides**, last Friday of every month

This month, it will be Mar. 31.

### **3. Massey Street Bike Tune up night**

This is scheduled for Thursday, April 13. Gerald is able to help. David, Peter committed. Children's bikes are needed.

### **4. Grow Green Network Launch Event**

Apr 22nd (Earth Day) 9:30am – 2pm, Teramoto Park, 65 Daviselm Dr, (NW corner of Chinguacousy Rd & Queen St W), BikeBrampton booth (city providing tent, table, chairs), tree planting and Eco-Fair, free lunch, announcement of Eco-Pledge Campaign.

### **Referred Matters List**

1. Valleywood Interregional Trail Connection (Etobicoke Creek Trail – Mayfield to Valleywood)  
Members to monitor trail conditions over winter and defer action until spring after sweeping of coarse gravel.

### **Adjourn**

**Next meeting:** April 6th, 2017 at the Chris Gibson Recreation Centre 6:30pm.