

BikeBrampton Minutes

January 18, 2016 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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

Attendees:

Members: Polly Thornham, Kevin Montgomery, George Shepperdley, Steve Laidlaw, Peter Bolton, Ernst Braendli

Regrets: Lisa Stokes, David Laing, Dayle Laing

Review and approve minutes from last meeting	<p>http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2015-12-21-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf</p> <p>Moved and seconded by George Shepperdley and Polly Thornham, that the minutes from the previous meeting be approved. Carried.</p>
Brampton City Update	<p>Kevin will hand off to co-chair of BCAC, designation of recreational trails.</p> <p>Action: David to get clarification from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager Active Transportation, regarding how the designation of recreational trails will impact specified utilitarian cycling facilities in the Active Transportation Master Plan. What level of maintenance could cyclists expect for on-street and pathway cycling facilities?</p> <p>Action: David to follow up with Harinder Malhi's office re contact name for Development Charges Act task force.</p>
Regional Update	<p>Erica absent, so no report is available this month.</p>

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BikeBrampton Project Updates	
1. Community Bike Centre (Pedalwise & Bikewrx)	<p>Erica / Gerald / Peter Lorie / Lisa</p> <p>Action: Erica to present final CBC report at a future BikeBrampton meeting</p> <p>Action: Dayle to post CBC Pedalwise final report on website once it is available. – Erica to send to Dayle when received from Trudy. Not published yet.</p> <p>Action: Dayle to write a Pedalwise blog article for our website</p> <p>Drop off Donated bikes: Community Environment Alliance, 7-222 Advance Blvd.</p> <p>Gerald reported that 50 bikes were donated, and 15 have been fixed so far.</p>
2. Brampton Kids on Bikes Project	<p>Action: Lorie to follow up with Principal at Massey Street Public School re activity challenge, previously delayed for labour reasons. Lorie is absent.</p> <p>Action: Dayle to request videos for the Garden Square big screen – ask Michele Robinson for assistance, closer to Bike Month.</p> <p>Kevin reported that few videos are awaiting approval.</p>
3. Legacy Cycling Infrastructure “Big Ask” for Brampton /Peel	<p>Action: Lisa to discuss next steps for “big ask” – report on recent meetings with local politicians regarding bike lanes in memory of Mr. Praha and Mr. Jarchow.</p> <p>Kevin reported that on the BCAC agenda, a motion to staff will be put forward to see which street can build onroad bike lanes ASAP. Eventually, bike lanes on new builds should have EPAs to have bike lanes included, and policy put into place.</p>
4. Bike the Creek - June 18, 2016	<p>Action: David to provide update on event planning. - deferred</p>

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5. Bicycle Friendly Business Program	<p>Action: David to ask Justin Jones (Share the Road) re his part in presentations of award plaques</p> <p>Action: Kevin & David to coordinate the presentations of BFB Bronze awards in delegations to City and Regional Councils. Deferred to March.</p>
6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads	<p>Action: Lisa to report at January meeting on her successful advocating for the Chinguacousy & Bovaird Trail intersection at Bovaird & Dixie Roads, now that construction of trail connection is complete.</p> <p>Deferred to February.</p> <p>Action: BikeBrampton members can make comments at this link for Gore Road Environmental Assessment.</p> <p>Action: Lisa to report on sign placement along new Dixie multi-use path at next meeting. Deferred to February.</p>
7. Promotion - Social Media and Website	<p>Kevin had nothing for this meeting, though, anecdotally, there is more action with #bikebrampton, on Twitter.</p>
8. Review prioritized list of infrastructure projects	<p>Discussion about relevancy of list items</p> <p>BikeBrampton priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. Curb cuts:<ul style="list-style-type: none">a.i. along the Etobicoke Creek Trail – Davida.ii. along the Flowertown Trail – Lisaa.iii. at 384-398 Balmoral Drive and 30 Avondale Blvd - as identified by Kevina.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

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	<p>to Brampton Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee on Apr 13th. David also delegated. Study of the area in 2015 was not commenced. Signs notifying traffic to watch for wildlife & 2 traffic calming flashing speed signs were installed. David & Dayle have had 2 recent meetings with senior engineering staff to expedite this issue. Action: David & Dayle to continue advocacy.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. Bike lane installation on Bramalea Road to Bramalea GO station – Kevine. Active transportation crossing of Queen St. at Scott St. -Johnf. Repair of railway level crossing at James and John Streets – Johng. Peel Memorial Wellness Centre bicycle facility connection to Etobicoke Creek Trail – Kevin previously reported that he has not had response to his letter to Neil Davis, on Board of Directors, William Osler Health System, cc. 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. <p>Kevin reported that there has been a proposal for cycling infrastructure near Peel Memorial, and he will bring the email to the next meeting, to complete his report.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">h. Trueman Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement BID Call T2015-017 Mar 18th Brampton Guardian – (see emails) David reported no response to this issue yet. Kevin and Steve have ridden on the completed rehabilitation.i. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project “Community Bike Centre” – David
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	<p>j. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage – part of audit by Ford & Associates Action: Dayle to update once report available</p> <p>City Priorities</p> <p>k. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) - spr 2016 Kevin suggested that inquiries could be made as to the plan for the east side of the Franceschini bridge.</p>
9. Traffic Round-About Design	<p>Discussion of Kevin’s report</p> <p>George was in UK, and obtained ammunition in the form of a plan for a 4-way round-about, which allows large vehicles to use it, by having no built-up structure in the centre. This will allow the centre to be driven over, if necessary. He brought photos of a double decker bus driving over the circle in a round-about. This information was to be shared, in order to allow members to promote construction of traffic round-abouts.</p> <p>Action: Kevin will retrieve an email that he had sent to Dayle Laing, and send it to BikeBrampton, re round-abouts.</p>
10. Potential Cycling Challenges for Brampton	<p>Action: Lorie to report back on success of Think Outside the Car – Burlington’s Challenge Sept 15-Oct 30th report & Walktober Month – Mississauga & Durham’s Active Switch Challenge Oct 5-31st Active Switch Online Tracking Tool. challenges, and to table motion for Brampton, potentially tying into Bike Week 2016. Deferred.</p>
11. Critical Mass Bicycle Tags	<p>Lisa brings roll of tags each meeting for BikeBrampton members, for hanging tags to likely participants to encourage ridership. Deferred.</p>
12. Community Rides	<p>David met with Pastor Finu on Jan 12th to discuss the start of Bramalea CycleFest 2016. Action: David to report; and involve Lisa in this planning.</p>

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	<p>Kevin reported that there is interest in having another CycleFest in 2016, with Lisa and David volunteering to be involved.</p> <p>Action: David to make contact with GTAA; Lisa to make contact with Unifor.</p> <p>George commented that 10 rides are planned in Brampton, 1 in each ward, and he would like to be involved in planning and running them.</p>
New Business	
Events	
1. Critical Mass Rides, last Friday of every month	Friendly bike ride, Fri January 29 th , Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15). This is also the opening day of "Taste of Downtown Brampton".
2. Winter Walk to School Day	Wednesday February 3rd, Peel Police are adding 4 elementary schools to the Walk & Bike to School pilot (2 public, 2 Catholic), in addition to 4 already in Brampton. Mississauga has 8 schools also.
3. Ontario Bike Summit 4. The 2016 Bike Show	<p>April 19-20, 2016. Open to public, for a price...~ \$400.00. Lots of information is available at the summit, for those who are able to afford the entrance fee.</p> <p>Mar. 4-6, Better Living Bldg, CNE. Peter, Steve and Kevin have expressed interest manning a booth. Before the next meeting, Kevin will prepare a Doodle Poll to give details and set up a schedule.</p>

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5. Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario	Saturday, May 28 th - Irwin Mayer, MCAC hosting next meeting. More to follow. Polly reported that Patrick Maloney sent an email to members, to say that the motion to the Ministry of Education is being put forward in three municipalities, at least by the cycling committees. She will share the email at the next meeting.
6. Bike to School Week	May 30 th – Jun 3 rd - More info to follow.
7. Bike the Creek June 18, 2016	Mark your 2016 calendar. Registration will be available soon.
Referred Matters List	
1. Speed limit on trails	Action: Kevin to report on speed limit on trails discussion as part of the BCAC Policy subcommittee. Deferred to next meeting, after Kevin confirms bylaw number and context.
2. Downtown bicycle revitalization including updated signage, bicycle parking, signed bike routes	Action: Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post. Kevin wants to approach the Heritage Board about bike ring-and-posts, as they are difficult to see, in the “heritage” colour of black. He wants to find out if a more visible colour is acceptable. Peter suggested spending the paint money on more racks, and Kevin responded that it's a chicken-and-egg scenario, as more visible racks might encourage more cycling. Kevin would also like to discuss providing more sheltered bike racks.
3. MTO Road Safety Challenge	Action: David to discuss BB’s participation in 2016 Road Safety Challenge. Deferred.

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4. Bike Month Events	Action: David to follow up with Stephen regarding the McHardy Bike Clinic involvement. Deferred.
5. Not-for-Profit status for BikeBrampton	Action: David to report back on Not-for-profit status George commented that there is \$1million available in Brampton for incorporated non-profit organizations. BB could apply, if incorporated, but that would cost ~\$2000, so it isn't feasible.
6. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings	Action: members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian Deferred.
7. 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. Deferred.
8. Cycling two a-breast in Brampton	By-law issue placed on BCAC Work Plan – likely in Policy subcommittee Kevin reported that the City of Brampton has a bylaw against riding two abreast, and BCAC will work with the policy subcommittee to have the bylaw struck down, as having cars pass long lines of riders is more dangerous than having them pass a shorter group of doubled-up riders. Ernst recommended that Brampton follow the example of other cities in striking down this bylaw.
9. Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy	Discussion deferred pending more input from BCAC policy Kevin reported that different locations are being looked at, and the process is ongoing.

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<p>10. Snowclearing Winter Maintenance Priorities</p>	<p>BCAC Work Plan – likely Policy subcommittee. Clearing of multi-use paths & sidewalks inconsistent throughout city. Request winter maintenance policy. Parks & Maintenance Public Works responsible for park pathways; Road Maintenance & Operation Public Works responsible for bike lanes & multi-use paths. Steve commented that he talked to some Parks and Recreation staff, who said that the paths are often cleared first.</p> <p>Action: Kevin will search out the Brampton snow removal policies, to see if there has been any update, and will communicate it to BB.</p>
<p>11. New Business</p>	<p>George:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. 55+ games: participation forms available - 2 cycling events, May 22, 20162. 55+ games: volunteering forms available3. He bought reflective tape at CTC automotive department, and gave those present 2 strips for their bikes. <p>Steve:</p> <p>He suggested preparing an article for the various South Asian newspapers, covering bicycle safety, health, diabetes concerns, et cetera. Kevin said that he has some South Asian contacts, and will ask them what their concerns are.</p> <p>Steve also asked about the summit meeting of early January, which Kevin attended. Kevin said that the Members of Parliament present expressed interest in providing funding for AT infrastructure as long as Brampton provides an AT Plan.</p>
<p>Adjourn</p> <p>Next meeting: February 22nd from 6:30-9:00pm, Century Gardens, Room #3 upstairs</p>	<p>Feb 15th is Family Day, so we are meeting one week later.</p> <p>Moved by Kevin at 8:30 PM, that we adjourn. Carried.</p>

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