

BikeBrampton minutes

September 30, 2021 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ZOOM Video Conference call

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Cindy Evans, Peter Bolton, Alina Grzejszczak, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Lisa Stokes,
cc: Nelson Cadete

Meeting Started: 6:35pm – Land acknowledgement (Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

Review & approve minutes [June Meeting Minutes](#) – Minutes approved

Brampton City Update:

1. **Streets for People** – Paint has been applied to create a bike lane on Vodden west of Main as well as Peter Robertson from east of Torbram to Trinity Common. Signs still need to be installed.
 - Discussion that the new bike lane on Townsend Gate between Hansen and Kennedy provides a good link to Linkdale and Centre St. that allows cyclists to avoid Williams Parkway to cross Kennedy Rd.
 - Discussion about the intersection of Sunny Meadow and Bovaird being one of the best in the City for AT because of the green paint and the way the bike lane continues through the intersection.
 - Signs telling drivers their lane is ending with a bike lane starting on the other side of the intersection need to be installed at North Park at Bramalea Road, Central Park at Queen, North Park at Williams.
 - For Main St. bike lanes there should be a sign north of Nanwood indicating right lane is for right turn only, (into Brampton Mall) bicycles excepted. Also needs a bike box painted at the intersection that allows cars to turn right while allowing for cyclists to collect to go straight through.'
 - **Action:** Lisa to document these requested changes to Craig Kummer and Steve to review the recommendations against Book 18 latest edition.
2. **Wheels of Change Award** – Discussion about the evolution taking place in the City resulting from bike lane installation. Now seeing families riding on Howden and Central Park. Discussion about how paint is not as good as barrier separated but still provides a higher level of comfort for cyclists because it marks out the space where cyclists are supposed to be. It also lowers traffic speeds and

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making the roads safer reducing lane changes. Discussion about Vodden being reduced to two traffic lanes and one centre left turn lane that will improve left turn safety.

- Discussion that we need three testimonial letters for the WofC application
 - **Action:** Dayle will draft points and look for testimonials
3. **City Staff Bike Tour** – Discussion about making this a regular event. **Action:** Lisa to organize?
 4. **Brampton Cycle Tourism** – Discussion about the BTC drone videos and how they can be used to promote Tourism. Discussion that Sonia Maset is participating in a Brampton business webinar with Louisa Mursell from Ontario by Bike and Gage Board to get support for Bicycle Friendly Businesses.

Regional Update:

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BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **CCP Review** – Discussion that Bramalea SS Pop up event was successful with ~50 people served. Believes the youth volunteers are getting a lot out of the BikeWrX sessions learning new skills including Gerald teaching the kids at Heart Lake Baptist Church how to fix a bottom bracket and Alina teaching people how to ride. Lina is now mentoring Chinoya who wants to learn to ride to work.
2. Lisa reported she is reinstating the Brampton NE Sunday morning rides, leaving from McDonald's (Bramalea and Sandalwood Pkwy) at 9:30am

Referred Matters List

1. [BCAC Delegation to Regional Council](#) –**Action:** David to invite Senior ROP Staff and Regional Councillors to cycle this infrastructure (in a safe, controlled manner that educates without scaring and displays positive changes as well as areas for improvement).
2. [Future Ground Network](#) – BikeBrampton has joined this grass roots not-for-profit organization that builds cooperatively on everyone's strengths. "supporting local action for a sustainable future". FGN is a "hub of groups taking action in their communities to secure healthier, more viable futures in the areas of climate justice, biodiversity, waste reduction and sustainable systems. Joining the network means connecting with organizers from other groups to share best practices, find inspiration and work together to achieve common goals. Network members will gain access to free training and digital tools to help mobilize their communities and amplify their voices." They offered us a free welcome session to discuss our needs, since we have a quorum of 3. **Action:** Additional

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BikeBrampton members are encouraged to sign up for this valuable resource.

3. **Orangeville-Brampton Rail Trail Update** – (see [January minutes](#) for background.) Orangeville, Caledon, and Brampton are all interested in MUP for pedestrians and cycling. Another rail company has submitted a proposal to continue the line for trains, which would potentially be good for connecting goods and people movement inter-regionally. We need to advocate for 3 communities and Region of Peel to all contribute to make a rail trail happen. If it is sold to private enterprise, this opportunity will be lost. Caledon Trailway is perfect example of collective action for public benefit. **Action:** members to contact their Councillors to request the rail trail.
4. **Bike-a-thon** – Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us re PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year – **Action:** discuss possible date and time in May. David to contact Ms. Sharma to start the organization of the event. – carry forward to 2022
5. **BikeBrampton Introduction Video** – it was suggested that David’s introduction to the BikeBrampton background be captured on a short video clip that can be posted on our website.
6. **Trail signage** – trails have been audited for signage. – Esker, Chinguacousy, Don Doan – some sign installation along Esker Lake Trail – incomplete – **Action:** bring forward to future meeting

Events

1. [BikeWrx Pop-ups](#)

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2. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month
Plan to do a costume ride for October, and a Toby’s ride for the November CM and include Toby’s way. Check [BikeBrampton webpage](#) for information to this casual ride. Group rides limited to current COVID-19 standards. Cyclists who wish to ride solo may do so.

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3. [Bike the Creek](#)
June 18th 2022. Check the [website](#).

**Next meeting Thursday Oct 28th
6:30-7:30pm** Meeting adjourned 7:45p.m.

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