March 30, 2015 - 6:30pm - 8:30pm

16 George Street North (Brampton Safe City Association offices)

Attendees: Members: George Shepperdley, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, John Van West,

Gerald Pyjor, Peter Bolton, Ernst Braendli, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Ranjana Mitra (CEA)

Guests: George Liu (TCAT, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation), Andrea Adlam (Region of Peel), Stephen Samuel, Mark, Tiana, Michael,

Laurie Miller (Satellite Ranger for David Suzuki Foundation)

Regrets: Kevin Montgomery, Tricia Prato, Jerry Prato, Paola Rico, Chris Spinney, Jason Hammond (Community CarShare), Councillor Bowman

Meeting Started: 6:40 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes: Polly, seconded Gerald – Carried

Bike Clinic Graduation Presentation Ceremony

David presented the "Brampton Bike Clinic Gears Up" Pecha Kucha (20 slides; 20 seconds each) presentation that he will be delivering at the Ontario Bike Summit on April 1st. This is a 'good news' story of a community working together for a successful outcome.

Gerald awarded graduation certificates to the inaugural class of the McHardy/Fair Oaks Bike Clinic program. Tiana, Mark and Michael received their certificates to the warm applause of BBAC members, Andrea Adlam (Region of Peel), Stephen Samuel and guests. Graduates were commended on completion of the program, their dedication, attendance, enthusiasm, and their come-early/leave-late/keep-it-tidy behaviours! Graduates were encouraged to volunteer in the next clinic, at our events and to join BBAC. Our bike mechanic instructors: Gerald & Peter; our mentors: Ernst & George were congratulated and thanked. Cherry Skerritt (Peel Region) was praised & wished a speedy recovery.

Action: Dayle to post photo of graduates with their certificates & their mentors on our <u>website</u>.

Community Bike Centre (Pedalwise & BikeWrx) --

George, Ranjana and Erica announced the creation of the "Bike Community Centre" to be located at Community Environment Alliance, 7-222 Advance Boulevard. This collaborative initiative of CEA, Region

Special Announcement

of Peel, TCAT and BikeBrampton has the vision of a place where everyone can come together to enjoy cycling in Brampton. TCAT's Community Based Social Marketing project "Pedalwise" will engage mentors to train 30 participants to feel comfortable cycling for active transportation trips such as shopping. Mentors would be available for questions, show riders, for example, how to use bike racks on transit. A celebration at the end of the mentorship time would be held for mentors and mentees. Mike suggested an "app" in the fashion of an Easter Egg hunt, to allow Pedalwise participants a method of obtaining points while cycling and getting to know their community by bicycle. The "BikeWrx" shop is currently being set up at CEA to train bike mechanics to fix bicycles for the Pedalwise folks, starting in mid-April. Ernst, Peter and Christoph have been building work benches. The partner team has been meeting to create strategy, funding, promotion, and a website.

Action: The program is looking for mentors for "Pedalwise" (sign-up sheet was circulated) for a minimum commitment of 3 months, and for 10 donated bicycles to start the program. Mechanical prerequisite not required for mentors.

Action: Erica to follow up on old bicycle donation from Peel Safety Village.

Action: David will follow-up with Janet Menard (Commissioner, Region of Peel), to arrange delegation to Peel Regional Council on the Bike Clinic Pilot success and other BBAC initiatives.

Brampton City Update

<u>Brampton Budget 2015 – Active Transportation Input</u>

With input from BBAC members, a <u>cycling priority document</u> was prepared and submitted, outlining the economic benefits of active transportation and our priorities for 2015. Dayle posted the document to the <u>website blog</u>, and requested to delegate in support this document at the Brampton Budget Committee on March 31st.

Action: Dayle to report on delegation and city feedback.

Interviews for new Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee

Dayle reported that Brampton City Clerk's office sent an <a href="mailto:email

Trueman Street Bridge Rehab / Replacement

David queried Michele Robinson about the "Public Notice" ad in the Brampton Guardian on Wednesday March 18th, 2015 Bid Call No. T2015-017 Trueman Street Pedestrian Bridge over CN Railway Rehabilitation/Replacement within the City of Brampton. The <a href="mailto:emailto

Transportation Master Plan

Andria Oliveria reported in an <u>email</u> response to Dayle's query that Brampton's Transportation Master Plan Revision is scheduled to be released and presented to Council in May or June 2015.

Regional Update

Erica reported that Wayne Chan has secured bicycle storage at a Region site, close to the new Community Bike Centre.

Erica reported that Bike Month 2015 will be from May 25th to the end of June. http://bikemonth.ca/
Dayle supplied Erica with information for Brampton's municipal webpage and bike month postcard.

Erica supplied presentation pdfs (see each hyperlink) from her <u>Bicycle Facilities and Municipal Liability Workshop</u> for regional, city and school board staff for Feb 26th. <u>Belinda Bain</u>, from Gowling Lafleur Henderson LLP provided expert legal opinion on liability associated with cycling infrastructure. <u>Dave McLaughlin</u> from MMM Group presented Ontario Traffic Book 18: Cycling Facilities. Toronto Constable <u>Hugh Smith</u> presented the police perspective and clarified rules about e-bikes and how they judge sidewalk cycling based on child age rather than wheel size.

Action: Erica to provide Dayle with link to video once available, for posting on our website.

Erica reported that she and David will be seeing a Professor from Sheridan College about their initiative to improve bicycle facilities at the Brampton Campus.

Action: Erica to report on Sheridan College progress at next meeting.

BBAC Project Updates

 Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes Dayle reported that she will be attending the 8-80 Cities Community Innovator Awards on March 31st where Peter VanSickle, on behalf of BDDC will be honoured with an award.

Action: Dayle to create & post blog about Community Innovator Award event.

Action: Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post.

2. Brampton Kids on Bikes Project

Polly reported that she attended the Youth Engagement meeting at the Peel Region office on Mar 3rd. Katie Whittmann, Green Communities Canada/TDSB & TCDSB School Travel Planning Facilitator Sustainability Office, presented what can be done, when a school board is engaged in the safe and active transportation to school process.

Action: Erica to send Dayle video of Katie Whittmann presenting for posting on our website.

Polly, Dayle, & David attended Metrolinx GTHA Active and Sustainable School Transportation HUB in Toronto on March 5th, to further encourage the engagement of all stakeholders in school AT. Bike to School Week was coordinated with the Ecoschools' challenge and Bike to School Week was promoted. Two new subcommittees were formed to address research and evaluation of AT practices, as well as future development and closures, regarding school boards, municipalities and AT. The group was asked to review the huge infographic of GTHA activities and groups, to decide and report where and how work fits into the infographic. The reports will be recorded at the next meeting in early June.

On March 11, David and Polly had a meeting with Pastor Finu of All People's Church, and his colleague, to collaborate on a **Bramalea Bike Hike**, now called Bramalea Cyclefest, (similar to Bike the Creek), in Bramalea on June 27th.

Action: Dayle to post Bramalea Cyclefest event once details are finalized.

On March 26th, Dayle, David & Polly attended their 2nd Brampton Springdale Network meeting, and

solidified plans to attend Brampton Northwest Connects meeting on Apr 1st and a Police School Safety meeting, right afterwards. Michelle Shaw (Brampton Safe City), stated that she had been converted to getting her kids to school via AT, after hearing David's presentation at the previous meeting.

The next BKOB workshop "Moving Peel Kids Safely" has been organized and scheduled for Apr 20th. We have Bill McBain co-facilitating from Heart & Stroke, George Mammen, UofT doctoral candidate presenting his 4yrs of AT research and members from York Region sharing how they are successfully sharing resources for effective school travel planning. Michele Robinson has found space for our meeting at Century Gardens Rec Centre. There is an event poster, and stakeholders are to rsvp to david@bikebrampton.ca

Action: David and Lisa to arrange to speak at RJ Lee parent council meeting in May.

3. Bike Clinic Pilot Project

(See above: Special Announcement: Community Bike Centre (Pedalwise & BikeWrx))

4. Bike the Creek - June 20, 2015

The planning committee continues to meet once a month and deadlines are being met. Dayle has posted the route maps, descriptions, posters and flyers on the <u>website event page</u>. Dayle announced that Radio on-air personality Kerry Lee Crawford, host of Steps After Dark on G98.7 FM, will be joining us at Bike the Creek! Michele Robinson (Brampton Recreation) funded the printing of additional BTC promo business cards, which Dayle was able to order at a 50% discount. Dayle brought flyers and the new business cards for BBAC members. Dayle created a <u>blog post</u> about Bike the Creek, 100 days away. Michele Robinson has asked David to delegate to Council as part of Bike Month.

Action: Dayle to bring box of business cards & flyers to each meeting for members to refill their supply. **Action:** BBAC members to pass out business cards to promote Bike the Creek to one and all!

Action: BBAC members to post flyers around Brampton, and let Dayle know so a spread sheet can be updated for efficiency of all Bike the Creek partners.

Action: Ask Nick to put some cards on counter at CyclePath. Request City Hall main foyer display. Erica to display cards in Regional office in brochure location. Kevin to request display at Main Library by contacting Katherine, the new Community Engagement Coordinator. Lisa to contact Gore Meadows Library for display request. Also: Metro stores throughout Brampton have bulletin boards. Discussion about the advantage of having same logo for Bike Brampton and Brampton Bicycle Advisory

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Action: BBAC members to tweet using #bikethecreek

5. Promotion: Social Media and Website

Action: Kevin to report website update next month

Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy Gerald reported there is a curb cut on south side of Steeles at Austin Drive (which may have been installed for accessibility). David reported that city traffic engineering is waiting for OTM Book 15 to be released later this spring. OTM Book 15 will legalize certain pedestrian crossing treatments which the city believes are necessary to allow curb cuts. It is also hoped that attendance by Brampton traffic senior staff at the Regional Liability workshop, will also help facilitate changes to Brampton's current policy.

Action: Messrs. Parks and Cadete committed to looking at each situation as described in Lisa's report of 59 documented and photographed infrastructure deficiencies. Need to follow-up with Nelson

Action: Lisa and David to follow up with Messrs. Parks and Cadete regarding the prior commitment from last July to make a joint delegation to Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee in May 2015.

Action: David and Lisa to discuss & edit delegation PowerPoint to address up-front, the concerns raised at the Accessibility Advisory Committee delegation.

Action: discuss with Councillor Bowman for next step.

David also noted that Bill 31 Transportation Statute Law Amendment Act (Making Ontario's Roads Safer) has been reintroduced in the Ontario Legislature and is currently in 2nd reading debate. It is hoped passing of the bill will be announced at the Ontario Bike Summit April 1st. Bill 31 doesn't specifically address curb-cuts but will help make roads safer for cyclists.

7. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

John reported on our prioritization of projects. He encouraged Brampton to incorporate AT as other municipalities of similar size have done and to start with the simple painting of pavement lines to make cycling safer in Brampton. Discussion about waiting for the outcome of our <u>submission</u> and Dayle's delegation to the Budget Committee on March 31st (which includes this following list).

Motion: BBAC will bring the discussion forward to our May meeting to determine that tangible action has occurred since delegation and whether this will require escalation – moved by John, seconded by

Polly. - carried

Update on projects: BBAC identified bicycle infrastructure priorities:

BBAC priorities

- a. Curb cuts:
 - i. along the Etobicoke Creek Trail David
 - ii. along the Flowertown Trail Lisa
 - iii. at 384-398 Balmoral Drive and 30 Avondale Blvd as identified by Kevin
 - 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 will be delegating a report to <u>Brampton Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee</u> on Apr 13th. David will be <u>delegating</u> in support of their report, which contains an active transportation component to this issue as well as the cultural heritage landscape and protection of turtles crossing the road. 560 homes are planned for the east side, south of Countryside Drive, and there will be a Khalsa school on Heart Lake Road, just south of Mayfield. An intermediate and longer term solution is being proposed. **Action:** David to report update at April meeting.
- c. Kennedy Valley Trail Extension David has followed up with city staff and forwarded a letter to Wards 2&6 and 3&4 Councillors requesting that project funding already in place be preserved (also included in 2015 budget request document). George reported that digging and shoring work at #410 has commenced. David reported that completion is set for end of 2016.
- d. Installation of bike lanes along Bramalea Road to the Bramalea GO station Kevin
- e. Active transportation crossing of Queen St. at Scott St. -John
- f. Repair of railway level crossing at James and John Streets John
- g. Additional signage along Etobicoke Creek Trail –George reported signage locations to David in a document, following his survey ride of the trail. **Action:** David to forward to city staff
- h. Peel Memorial Wellness Centre bicycle facility connection to Etobicoke Creek Trail Kevin previously reported that he has not had any response to his <u>letter to Neil Davis</u>, on the Board of Directors, William Osler Health System, with copies to 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.
- i. Trueman Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement BID Call T2015-017 Mar 18th Brampton Guardian (opportunity to accomplish priority #h) (see Brampton City Update and emails attachment.)
- Bovaird Drive has high curbs at locations of new businesses along multiuse path Lisa (see Referred Matters List #8)
- k. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project "Community Bike Centre" David

City Priorities

- I. Bicycle Facilities along County Court, Fernforest, Richvale Drive The City has adjusted alignment along County Crt based on queries from Kevin and John. Previous discussion about making Twitter comments using: @bramptontransit This address reaches the city officials monitoring Twitter and is also broadcast to one's own followers.
- m. Multi-use trail signs and marking along McVean Drive, Clarkway Blvd and Chinguacousy Road in accordance with OTM Book 18.
- n. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) David reported that engineers were spotted on the bridge.

Action: David to bring Kevin's 3'x4' map with bike routes for ongoing use and updates at each meeting. **Action:** BBAC members to continue to note issues from their areas of the city and provide list to David **Action:** David to consolidate and send section issue list to Councillor Jeff Bowman for city staff – or to select new channel in light of formation of BCAC.

- 8. Bike Friendly Communities
 - a. Bike Friendly Business Program
 - b. Active Network
 Transportation
 Coordinator

a. David presented Bike Friendly Business Program to CEO of Macdonald Dettwiler Corporation, a company of 400 employees at Airport Rd & Williams Pkwy. Despite some avid cyclists at the company, the response was that the perception is that Brampton lacks cycling infrastructure and is therefore not safe. For that reason, they declined to participate in the program at this time. None of the executives and few of the employees live in Brampton. Discussion followed about bicycle facilities being one of the factors to attract people who work here to want to reside in Brampton. Lisa reported she rides Airport Road, where she "takes the lane" to ensure her safety on the 6 lane regional road.

Action: Lisa to arrange photographing of her riding Airport Road.

Action: David to request CEO to send a letter to Mayor Jeffrey & Region re lack of bicycle infrastructure.

Discussion about BBAC members selecting and contacting various companies in Brampton. David can provide material to help promote this. Bramalea City Centre was suggested as a business for approaching. David reported that New York City installed 400 km in only 7 years!

Motion: BBAC members to volunteer as champions for selecting & contacting various companies for participation in Bike Friendly Business Program – moved by Gerald, seconded by Peter – carried.

Action: Bring forward this for discussion at next meeting – establish volunteers for program

Action: Once program has been developed, David to approach Rotary Glen Brampton, which has offered to provide a signage sponsorship.

b. Dayle reported position is not yet posted. Position is integral to our 2015 Budget submission.

Action: Dayle to follow up with city staff regarding AT position

Action: Dayle to research the quote from "Bikeconomics" about cost savings and modal shift benefit.

Action: Dayle to create poster on cost saving benefit.

New Business

 Road Safety Challenge Grant – application due Mar 31st **Action:** BBAC members to send innovative suggestions to David for our application for \$1000 grant for safety items(?) for our booth at Celebrampton BikeFest. The theme must be tied to Bill C-31.

Action: David to apply to MTO for this grant

2. FairOaks /McHardy Bike Clinic, June 27, 2015 Stephen announced that he will be hosting a bike clinic again this year.

Action: Stephen to forward details to David, so that Dayle can post event on our website.

3. <u>Toronto International Bike Show</u> – Mar 6-8th Ernst reported that 8 members of BBAC participated in booth duty at the Bike Show. The show management provided a free 10'x10' booth space. We promoted Bike the Creek 2015 and displayed information on our Brampton Kids on Bike project. The Region supplied trail maps. We also distributed our Bike the Creek promo business cards. Erica reported that the booth attracted quality attendees and quality connections. Dayle secured WIKE, the Guelph company that manufactures bike trailers for a Sponsor of Bike the Creek. We had at least 200 people through our booth. David sent a thank-you letter to the organizer of the event. Discussion about the positive value of attending this event and conclusion to participate next year if given the opportunity.

4. Pot	tential "Brampton Challenge"	Lisa reported on the "Halton Challenge." At the Bike Show, she met man from Halton who explained how 150 Halton communities logged more than 200,000 km biked to raise money for their local hospital. They set up a website for logging the distances. Sponsors donated money based on kilometres logged. George confirmed program, as he had participated in Halton Challenge. Action: Lisa to follow up and confirm when this man can come and present to us for an opportunity for raising money for Brampton school bike programs.
5. BB/	AC member in the News	Dayle posted a Car-less in the 905 <u>article</u> about Kevin Montgomery on our website, following Toronto Star article on Feb 20 th .
6. Wa	alking School Bus Report	Laurie Miller (a satellite ranger for the David Suzuki Foundation), reported that she is starting a walking school bus for Massey Street Public School, 95 Massey Street in north Bramalea (south east of Bovaird & Dixie). (She previously started a butterfly garden there.)
Event	ts	
1. Crit	itical Mass Rides - April 24 th	Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) – (last Friday of every month) – friendly bike ride no matter the weather!
2. Bik	ke the Creek Planning Meeting	Next meeting: April 9 th 1:00pm-2:30pm – Loafers Lake Recreation Centre
3. Mo	oving Peel Kids Safely –	"Moving Peel Kids Safely" Apr 20 th (Brampton Kids on Bikes Project Stakeholder workshop)
4. <u>On</u>	ntario Bike Summit	March 31 -April 1 st , Toronto. David will be making presentation about our Bike Clinic program success.

	our website. George encouraged riders to pre-ride for predicting their times.
	Action: George to provide flyer to Dayle for posting - done
	Action: Dayle to share flyer and website link to Erica and Ranjana so they can also promote - done
6. Bike Month – May 25 th – Jun 30 th	http://bikemonth.ca/ (more to follow – Celebrampton BikeFest Jun 13 th , Bike to Work Day May 26 th)
7. Bike to Work Day - May 26 th	Celebration & breakfast in Brampton's Garden Square adjacent to Rose Theatre. Participants can sign up. They will have a chance to win a donated free bike or VIA rail vouchers. http://bikemonth.ca/
	Action: BBAC to organize a booth and members to participate
8. <u>Bike to School Week</u>	http://www.bikemonth.ca/biketoschool Event officially launched and article blog posted
May 26-29 th	GTHA (Greater Toronto & Hamilton Area) wide. Schools can <u>register for the event</u> to qualify for a plaque and prizes. It will be promoted through school nurses and <u>posters</u> .
9. <u>Brampton Bike Rodeos</u>	Brampton's Spring Summer Recreation Guide is now available with listings for Brampton Safe City's bike rodeos, bike clinics, learn to ride courses, and get to know your trails and pathways. See p 84 of guide.
10. Bike the Creek June 20 th 2015	Our 2 nd annual signature event. Registration is open and details on the <u>website</u> .
11. BCAC Meeting Dates	As per <u>Brampton's website</u> : May 21 st , Sept 17 th , Nov 19 th – at 7pm
Referred Matters List	
Discussion with Nelson Cadete	Re: specifications for including pedestrians and cyclists in design for traffic roundabouts
	Action: Deferred until Nelson present

2.	Brampton Community Rides	George reported that the Humber Valley Trail could be an appropriate spring or fall community ride from Malton all the way south to Lake Ontario.
		Action: Bring forward this and other ride possibilities for discussion to April 2015 meeting
3.	Mayfield Road Environmental Assessment	Action: David to hear from Neal Smith regarding dates for public information feedback.
4.	PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives)	PAMA has applied to become the first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton (maybe even in Peel).
		Action: Dayle to post article about PAMA once this becomes official (not on PAMA website yet)
5.	Heritage Heights transportation public meetings	Action: BBAC members should be alert for announcements of the next round of public meetings early in 2015, and should report dates so that Dayle can post to website. Members are encouraged to attend meetings to voice their comments.
6.	Website Analytics Strategy	Action: Kevin to work on an analytics strategy for 2015, possibly including seasonal messages.
7.	Promotional Ideas	Other types of promotion were discussed, pending a budget: bike handlebar tags, rubber band bracelets, promotion of Bike the Creek on Metro Morning CBC, Rogers Cable 10 South Asian shows.
		Action: David is connected to host Matt Galloway on Twitter, and will tweet BTC event info as available
		Action: David to send list of event topics to Urz for her Heer and Now Cable 10.
8.	Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads	Action: Defer discussion of whether city or region responsibility is changing until new BCAC is formed. (See item #6 BBAC Project Updates from Feb 23, 2015 minutes – high curbs at new business driveways on regional roads.)
9.	Ontario Book 18 Committee	Nelson Cadete, who sits on this committee, has requested that David present – date to be determined.

10. Snowclearing Priorities	Clearing of multiuse paths and sidewalks is inconsistent throughout the city. Request a policy and determine responsibility prior to winter season 2015-16
Next meeting Mon Apr 20 th - 6:30	BBAC continue to meet monthly, 3 rd Monday.
pm	May 25 th meeting confirmed (May 18 th is Victoria Day)
Meeting Adjourned 8:45p.m.	Motion: Lisa, seconded George – Carried