Sept 21, 2015 - 6:30pm - 9:00pm

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

Attendees: Members: George Shepperdley, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Kevin Montgomery, Peter Bolton, Ernst

Braendli, Andria Oliveira, Alina Grzejszczaki, Krishna Udaiwal, Tom Zawada

Regrets: Gerald Pyjor, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Lorie Miller, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), John Van West, Anthony Simone, Leslie

Benfield, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Leo Romano, Tricia Prato, Jerry Shaw

Meeting Started: 6:35 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve minutes: George, seconded Kevin – Carried

Brampton City Update

Kevin reported on the Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee (BCAC) meetings of Jun 18th, July 16th, Aug 12th and Sept 17th. A subcommittee of BCAC is developing an annual work plan for the term of Council. Staff is preparing budget requests now for 2016. The vision is for Brampton to become a Bicycle Friendly Community, as designated by Share the Road Cycling Coalition. The strategy is "Go for Bronze", the entry level of designations. Brampton did apply in 2013, receiving Honourable Mention. The plan will focus on taking Share the Road's response, which identifies areas where Brampton needs to improve, then set targets, actions and dates for implementation.

Further to our discussion about adding "recreational" to the trail names as a risk mitigation strategy, George reported that Humber Trail in Toronto has now added "recreational" to their signage. Legal expert Belinda Bain did recommend this at Peel's <u>Bicycle Facilities and Municipal Liability Workshop</u> on Feb 26, 2015. Her video is well worth the viewing.

Action: Kevin to report back on how this change in pathway signage will affect the city's ability to meet the utilitarian cycling use requirements outlined in the upcoming Active Transportation Plan.

David reported an excellent conversation with John Spencer about recreational signage. Victor Ford & Assoc., who are already on retainer with the city, and who have extensive background in trail planning throughout Ontario, have been asked to perform a trail audit of a small piece of the Etobicoke Creek

Trail. This audit will assess trail condition, signage, and conformity to standards, and then set the stage for future trail signage and standards for Brampton's trails. The Region was requested by Brampton to change trail names to include "recreational" on the Peel Walk + Roll website maps. John Spencer added that Development Charges (DC) are handled differently for parkland trails vs. multiuse paths in the road allowance. Ontario allows DC coming from fees charged to the developers to be used within the road allowance, but parkland trails must be financed from the taxpayer base. For this reason, funds are usually cobbled together from different budgets and must result in a net sum zero.

Dayle noted that her recent review of the <u>Improving Health by Design in the Greater Toronto-Hamilton Area: A Report of Medical Officers of Health in the GTHA, May 2014 2nd Edition, there is a section that outlines amendments the Ontario government is encouraged to make to its transportation and land use planning policies to better support the achievement of compact, complete communities with increased active transportation and public transit use. The Development Charge system is one area they mention that warrants change! (page 15)</u>

Action: Dayle to supply quote and link from MOH 2014 Report to provide Development Charges changes recommended to the province. (Quote follows:)

"Opportunities to Strengthen the Development Charges Framework

- Improve the development charges framework to support the development of healthy, compact, complete communities. This may include:
- Supporting the full costs of public transit development, including eliminating the current 10% reduction.
- Supporting the full cost of active transportation infrastructure.
- Basing charges on planned service levels rather than historical trends.
- Encouraging area-specific development charges to capture the true costs of greenfield development.
- Ensuring dedicated parkland and recreational opportunities for higher-density developments.
- Incentivizing the establishment of local retail and other destinations." (page 77)

Motion: ask David to prepare and send a letter to local MPPs (Harinder Malhi and Jagmeet Singh) regarding the state of Development Charge legislation change and the implementation of recommendations from the MOH 2014 Report. – moved by Kevin, seconded Lisa - carried

Action: David to prepare Development Charge letter from BikeBrampton to local MPPs

Kevin reported that the bike lane on County Court has been extended to Hurontario on the north side of the crescent. In addition, urban shoulders (that permit both cycling and car parking) are being added to .78km of Grenoble. There is also now a plan to add cycling infrastructure along McMurchy from

Steeles to Queen Street, with urban shoulders, and painted 'sharrows'. Discussion ensued that this is a very positive step, especially given the proximity of local schools and Sheridan College.

Kevin reported that the City has submitted an application for a \$3000 grant for educational funding. Andria said that this would provide CanBike instructor training for 5 of BCAC members.

As reported at our June meeting when Polly attended Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario – May 30th, she was asked to create a motion to request the Ministry of Education to put cycling and active transportation into the Ontario school curriculum for grades 1-12. She has prepared a draft of that motion, on behalf of representatives from: Burlington, Hamilton, Milton, Mississauga, Grimsby, Oakville, Waterloo and Brampton. Polly presented this draft motion at the August and September meetings of BCAC. Brampton staff asked to have time to look at the motion. Polly requested that Dayle add reference links to the motion for further documentation.

Action: Dayle to work on reference links for Polly's Ontario School curriculum motion - done

Action: Polly to report on the deadline for the motion (ie. next meeting of the Joint Committee?), exactly who are the representatives (ie. city committees or advocacy groups), and who will be submitting to the province. Polly to submit revisions to BCAC for next meeting.

David mentioned he was on PSARTS subcommittee that spent a great deal of time developing bicycle education for grades 3-6. Discussion about capital costs of providing bikes for this education. Discussion about Peel Safety Village, which despite considerable capital investment, runs approximately 6 weeks per year and handles only 6% of Peel grade 3 students. Lisa said only 1 of her 3 children had been trained there. Alina suggested that if Ontario imposed a cycling curriculum, then there would be an opportunity for the Safety Village to be better-used. Discussion followed about the opportunity to establish a "bike library" at the Community Bike Centre. Brampton Safe City (now closed), operated bike rodeos which handled a small portion of the potential students.

Action: Kevin to report on Oct 15th BCAC meeting at our Oct 20th meeting.

Regional Update

Action: Erica to report on October 7th Walk/Bike to School Day, and her presentation to Metrolinx HUB Committee on Aug 27th.

<u>Tour de Mississauga – Sept 20th</u> - Alina, George and Lisa reported that they attended. There were 3,800 cyclists and the event has grown to such an extent after 8 years, a professional company has been hired

to run it next year.

George reported that the LCBO has a Greenbelt Trail Map insert in their magazine!

BikeBrampton Project Updates

 Community Bike Centre (Pedalwise & BikeWrx) The Pedalwise pilot project is to conclude Sept 25th. Mentors: Lisa, Andria, Peter, George made comments about their experiences and how their mentees gained confidence during the program. There was discussion about how mentees are being asked to return their bikes. There was consensus that they should be able to keep or purchase (for a nominal amount) their bike to keep up the momentum of their riding. If given bikes, then they could be asked to sign a pledge that they would return the bike if they subsequently purchase one. The concept is to attach the bike to a level of commitment. It was reported that Community Bike Centre was collecting used bikes at the Tour de Mississauga last weekend, and a steady stream of bikes were coming in for donation. There were comments about requests for matching, requests for pairing mentors, that were not always fulfilled. There were comments about matching day vs. evening schedules, demographics, neighbourhood proximities, differing abilities. Rides were used for doing errands as well as making interesting destinations with small rewards like stopping for ice cream. It was concluded that the bigger group rides were more interesting for both mentors and mentees – to capture the enthusiasm and the momentum. Pilot idea was awesome and these ideas need to be taken now for the next step. There were nearly 30 people who were not biking before, who are now enthusiastic! David wants to see a Pedalwise debrief meeting, and has been requesting Region to build this program into their ROP budget for 2016. Ranjana has been submitting for external funding grants. Questions are: how can this be scaled up? How can the program obtain more visibility?

Action: involve Bike Brampton mentors to participate in debrief meeting

Action: Lisa to invite Dayle to Pedalwise Facebook page to access photos – done

Action: Dayle to write a Pedalwise blog article for our website

Peter reported that he has been going to BikeWrx on Wednesdays. There is a BikeWrx debrief meeting

on Sept 30th.

Action: Gerald or Peter to update on BikeWrx debrief meeting at October meeting

Action: Erica to update on Peel's long term strategy for Community Bike Centre

Donated bikes are to be dropped off at: Community Environment Alliance, 7-222 Advance Boulevard.

2. Brampton Kids on Bikes Project

David reported that he and Dayle met with Dr. de Villa, Peel Acting Medical Officer of Health and her top staff on June 19th. There was discussion about a "top-down" strategy to address the need for school travel planning, the need to give PSARTS "more teeth" with a clear mandate from Peel Health and both school boards. David has made a follow-up appointment for November 10th.

David and Dayle attended the Metrolinx HUB meeting of July 22nd via conference call, where Bike to School Week was debriefed. 15,000 students across GTHA participated. 73% said they were more likely to bike in the future. Lack of bike parking at the schools was the most cited barrier, followed by busy streets. 10 schools in Brampton participated (3 as a result of Bike Brampton inspiration). 30% of Brampton students do not own bikes! There is a GTHA program International Walk to School Day for October 7th and October is going to be a month for both walking and cycling to school activities. iWalk iWheel Walk to School Day – Oct 7, 2015 Peel Police have organized one school per board in each division for programs. Mississauga has 4 schools as does Brampton. See Event item #4.

Dayle reported that the Peel Police School Safety Committee has completed 4 short videos for showing to parents and students in Peel. The videos combined are 16 minutes, and feature: safety, health benefits, academic benefits, and parent interviews. The videos were shown to BikeBrampton members. Lisa and Lorie were commended as the parents interviewed for the videos. It was noted that most of the bicycle shots had kids without backpacks. David and Dayle participated in the video subcommittee. Material from Brampton Kids on Bikes Literature Review was used in both the health and the academic videos. The video(s) are to be shown at school council meetings, open houses, sporting arenas, doctors' and dentists' offices, senior centres.

Motion: to officially approve the Peel Walk & Bike to School Videos – moved by George, seconded by Kevin – carried

Action: Dayle to post the links to the YouTube videos on the website – done

Action: Dayle to ask if more shots of children biking with backpacks could be added to the videos. – [not possible as video production was already completed the day of our meeting]

David reported that Katie Wittmann has been engaged by the Region of Peel to work with Erica and David on producing a kit for high schools. Katie conducted similar research for her Masters thesis.

Action: Dayle to post video of Katie Wittmann presenting to the High School Engagement Workgroup for our website. – link is no longer active. Erica to re-supply link if available.

3. Bike the Creek - June 20, 2015

David reported that Bike the Creek was an unqualified success with around 400 cyclists, more than doubled from the first year. Dayle created a blog for our website, highlighting many of the features and comments from the ride. The routes were deemed to be excellent, with a good balance of natural and cultural heritage. Participants liked exposure to areas of Brampton and Caledon that they did not know, especially Bovaird and Alderlea Houses. There was excellent cooperation amongst the partners: City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Bike Brampton. Region of Peel was the Title Sponsor. David and Dayle donated in excess of 400 hours to the event. TRCA and Caledon used the event for the official opening of the Etobicoke Creek Trailhead that connects the trail to Kennedy Road and provides cycling/walking access from the Valleywood community to the rest of Caledon and Brampton. Mayor Thompson cut the ribbon and bestowed a proclamation document that celebrated Bike the Creek on behalf of the Town of Caledon. Councillor Innes from Caledon accompanied the Mayor. Harinder Malhi, MPP-BramptonSpringdale spoke and Bike Brampton member Peter escorted her on the Nature Route. Ms. Malhi rode the Peel Walk+Roll bicycle. Councillor Michael Palleschi brought greetings from the Region and Councillor Doug Whillans spoke on behalf of Brampton. Also in attendance were Peel Police Deputy Chief Chris McCord, Brampton Fire Chief Michael Clark, Paramedic Divisional Commander Tom Kukolic, Peel Commissioner Dan Labreque and Peel Commissioner Gilbert Sabat. Bike Patrol Officers from Peel and OPP-Caledon attended. Cyclists enjoyed a perfect-weather day, lunch complements of Peel, and a chance at excellent prizes. The tots enjoyed the rodeo.

The committee is scheduled to start on Bike the Creek 2016 planning on October 14th. A debrief meeting was held and changes for next year were noted. It is anticipated that the routes will be the same at least for 2016 and that this should simplify the planning to some extent. A very short route will be added for small children and their families. It is expected that BCAC will take over the event

partnership at some point and that transition must be seamless to avoid loss of any momentum that this highly successful event has created. This should be the signature event for Brampton and showcase the connection from the Waterfront Trail on Lake Ontario/Erie up through the Etobicoke Creek Trail to the Greenbelt Trail that runs through Caledon. TRCA is planning to upgrade their north-south trail through Heart Lake Conservation Area, and there will be consideration for inclusion as part of the route in the future. This would be an excellent opportunity to attract more residents and visitors to this unique gem in Brampton.

There was discussion about comparing Brampton's event with those of Guelph and Cambridge, which appeal to a completely different audience of road cyclists. Country roads were used and the shortest distance was 50 km. Our mandate is to show people what facilities we have in the trails and roads of Brampton and south Caledon. Community Rides (to be organized by BCAC) will facilitate this and should help build our ridership for 2016. Lisa had asked Brampton about sweeping the multiuse path of debris and is awaiting an answer. Steve added that pathways should have the same standard of maintenance as sidewalks. Andria reported that there will be an audit of Bovaird Trail (see events).

Action: David to report on Bike the Creek at October meeting.

4. Promotion: Social Media and Website

Kevin reported that there has been a steady increase in likes and website traffic since mid-July. We had our 100th like on the Facebook page. Popular pages were the events in June, trails, maps, routes and the Bike Brampton minutes. BikeBrampton Facebook audience is primarily 35-44 years. Our target should be young families.

Action: Dayle to write a blog post about the minutes!

5. <u>Bicycle Friendly Business</u> Program

David announced Share the Road's Bicycle Friendly Business Program at Bike to Work Day. Applications were made available in July, with the deadline of September 17th for this first round. 32 applications were received from across Ontario (5 from Brampton). City of Brampton, Region of Peel and Sheridan College were amongst the applicants. There is interest from Canadian Tire for the next round. When David called on Canadian Tire, there were 14 bikes in the racks. Bike Brampton is responsible for encouraging submissions. Champions can be persuaded and the challenge is to find the correct contact. Businesses will then promote to their employees and encourage the City and Region for more infrastructure. David has found the Belinda Bain video quite persuasive for business decision makers,

since liability is really the same as a company being responsible for the roads the employee drives to work! This is a program that has great potential and fees vary with the size of the business. Dayle created a Bicycle Friendly Business tab on website. It directs to the appropriate page on Share the Road.

Action: Bike Brampton members to supply contact names for David. Kevin to supply contact for Rogers.

Action: David to report on BFB announcements at the next meeting

Action: Lisa to arrange photographing of her, while riding Airport Road, regarding previous discussion about bike to work safety for cyclists.

6. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects (new updates highlighted in yellow)

BikeBrampton 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 delegated a report to Brampton Planning & Infrastructure Services Committee on Apr 13th. David also delegated. There will be a study of the area, which was approved in the 2015 budget. In the meantime, signs notifying traffic to watch for wildlife have been installed, and traffic calming flashing speed signs have been installed in 2 locations on Heart Lake Road.
- 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. 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. Peel Memorial Wellness Centre bicycle facility connection to Etobicoke Creek Trail Kevin reported he has seen traffic counters on Centre Street. (The wheel base does show the difference between cars and bikes as they travel across the counter.) 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.

- h. 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.) David reported that there has been no response to this issue.
- i. Bovaird Drive has high curbs at locations of new businesses along multiuse path Lisa obtained curb cut by contacting project manager directly see New Business item #1.
- Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community
 Based Social Marketing project "Community Bike Centre" David
- k. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage this is now part of audit by Ford & Associates

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

 Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes **Action:** Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post. She reported that she has been collecting photo images of various racks around the city.

New Business

1. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads

David reported on the Aug 12th meeting that he, Lisa and Dayle attended with Region of Peel AT, Traffic engineering and City of Brampton Long Range Planning and Traffic staff. Regional active transportation

strategy, especially the new construction along Dixie Road and Bovaird Drive were discussed. The BFIP policy is to have multiuse path on one side and sidewalk on the other side of city roads. There is a senior management steering committee to have active transportation be considered in all projects in Brampton. Similar policy is noted in the regional AT Plan. The Dixie Road reconstruction between Steeles and Clark is an example of a missed AT opportunity. The small section of multiuse trail connecting to a winding parkland trail will not be suitable for utilitarian cyclists. There was commitment to have Chinguacousy Trail connect to the Bovaird Trail by way of an after-thought 'splash pad' connection. Some of these systemic issues are the result of planning from long before the AT Plan. In spite of this, there needs to be extra consideration given to stated AT policy for every project whether retrofit or new, current or future.

Dayle posted newly released <u>Peel Active Transportation Plan Implementation Strategy 2014 Program</u> Update link to Peel Walk+Roll page on our website.

Lisa reported a success story about Bovaird access to a new paramedic station with depressed curb on one side of the entrance and high curb on the other. Lisa called 311, and asked for the project manager. He responded immediately and had the site crew remove the high curb.

Events

1. <u>Senior Games OSGA 55+</u> qualifying ride

George announced there will be a 10km time trial tomorrow at 9am at Mayfield and Chinguacousy for seniors 55+ for the Ontario Senior Games Association.

2. Critical Mass Ride – Sept 25th

Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) – (last Friday of every month) – friendly bike ride no matter the weather!

Action: This month, bring a friend. Lisa to bring a sharpie and name stickers to encourage people to get to know each other better. Lisa planned and posted the route. There is to be a circle-back to Gage Park to pick up stragglers or drop off people who need to leave early.

Action: October Critical Mass – Halloween dress-up planned

Share the Road, Kelso Conservation Area, Milton. David reported that he and Dayle will be attending o behalf of Bike Brampton.
Action: Dayle to create and post blog about Greg's Ride done
Bike Brampton members are invited to participate at any of these 4 schools:
22 Division - St. Ursula Elementary
Start: School - 11 Dwellers Road, Brampton at 0900hrs
Finish: At the school – 11 Dwellers Road, Brampton
21 Division - Good Shepherd
Start: Giffen Family Park, 0830hrs (Maidengrass Road /Sand Cherry Crescent)
Finish: At the school – 28 Red River Drive, Brampton
22 Division – Queen Street Public School
Start: Lloyd Sanderson Park Pavilion, 0815am (Lockwood Road/Sterrit Drive)
Finish: At the school – 20 Academic Drive, Brampton
21 Division – Mountain Ash Public School
Start: North east corner of Freshspring Drive, Brampton. Entrance to the park foot path
(Beck Valley) that leads towards the school, 0815hrs.
Finish: At the school - 280 Mountainash Road, Brampton
Police Association Banquet Hall, 10675 Mississauga Road, 6:30pm-8:30pm
1:30pm – 4:30pm Meet at Tim Horton's SE corner of Ashby Field Rd and Bovaird for audit with City of Brampton staff

		Action: David, Dayle, Lisa and Polly to attend
7.	Bike the Creek June 18, 2016	See Bike Brampton Project Updates #3 – mark your 2016 calendar
8.	EcoBuzz October 28 th at Louise Arbour SS	There will be more to follow on this. Bike Brampton has been invited to participate.
Re	eferred Matters List	
1.	Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy	Action: Lisa to provide update regarding her infrastructure deficiencies presentation to BCAC.
		Action: Messrs. Parks and Cadete committed in the summer of 2014, to looking at each situation as described in Lisa's report of 59 documented and photographed infrastructure deficiencies. Her list is outstanding. Committee to discuss next steps.
		Action: David and Lisa to discuss & edit delegation PowerPoint to address up-front, the concerns raised at the Accessibility Advisory Committee delegation.
		Action: David to report on follow up actions with the city Solicitor regarding liability.
2.	Cycling two a-breast in Brampton	Discussion at the previous meeting about need to cancel current outdated Brampton by-law. Action: Lisa to raise this issue at BCAC and report back at October meeting.
3.	"Big Ask" for Brampton /Peel infrastructure	Action: Lisa to discuss next steps for "big ask" at October meeting
4.	Not-for-Profit status for Bike Brampton	Action: David to report back on Not-for-profit at next meeting.

5.	Discussion with Nelson Cadete	Specifications for including pedestrians & cyclists in design for traffic roundabouts Action: BCAC
6.	Community Rides	Action: George to bring up at BCAC – put into workplan
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.
8.	Bike Month Events	Bramalea CycleFest Jun 27 th , 2015 David created and Dayle posted articles on Bramalea CycleFest: Bramalea CycleFest 2015 Success; Bramalea CycleFest Kids Bike Giveaway; and Bramalea CycleFest Kids Helmet Giveaway David planned the route and appeared in a promotional video with Pastor Finu.
		Action: David to report on Bramalea CycleFest at October meeting and discussion about 2016.
		Action : David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement with next year's planning for McHardy Bike Clinic
9.	Heritage Heights transportation public meetings	Action: BCAC
10	. Snowclearing Priorities	Action: defer to BCAC Clearing of multiuse paths and sidewalks are inconsistent throughout the city. Request a policy and determine responsibility prior to winter season 2015-16
11.	. MTO Road Safety Challenge	Action: David to discuss BikeBrampton's participation in next year's Road Safety Challenge
pm	xt meeting Tues Oct 20 th - 6:30 n – 9:00pm eeting Adjourned 9:02p.m.	Location: Century Gardens – Lawn Bowling Club (building in middle of rec centre parking lot) Balance of Fall Schedule: Nov 16 th , Dec 21 st Motion: George, seconded Kevin – Carried