

BikeBrampton minutes

Dec 21, 2015 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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

Attendees: Members: Kevin Montgomery, Ernst Braendli, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Lorie Miller, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, John Van West, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Gerald Pyjor, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Katie Wittmann (Green Communities Canada)

Regrets: George Sheppardley, Peter Bolton, Leslie Benfield, Leo Romano, Alina Grzejszczaki, Anthony Simone, Krishna Udaiwal, Tom Zawada, Tricia Prato, Jerry Shaw

Meeting Started: 6:47 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

<http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2015-11-16-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

Motion to approve minutes: Polly – Carried

Brampton City Update

Discussion about how best to present [Bicycle Friendly Business awards](#) to City of Brampton and Region of Peel.

Action: David to ask Justin Jones (Share the Road) re his part in presentations of award plaques

Action: Kevin & David to coordinate the presentations of BFB Bronze awards in delegations to City and Regional Councils.

Lorie reported that Greenfields Specialty Alcohols (who received BFB Honourable Mention), has a cycling program in place and are getting their bike racks.

Kevin reported on Ontario's "[Occupiers' Liability Act R.S.O. 1990, c. 0.2](#)", which refers to "recreational trails reasonably marked by notice as such". The City has to have acted with reasonable care. Discussion followed that if a trail is a recreational corridor, then it can't be a transportation corridor, especially since the speed limit on trails is only 8km/hr. For example, Bovaird Trail (adjacent to Bovaird Drive) is not a recreational trail. It is contradictory to have an Active Transportation policy that says multiuse paths are the basis for our AT network and then have the majority of that network be only 8km/hr recreational.

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Motion: That David get clarification from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager Active Transportation, regarding how the designation of recreational trails and specified cycling facilities will impact the Active Transportation Master Plan (to be developed). – moved by Lorie. Carried

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?

Action: David to follow up with Harinder Malhi's office re contact name for Development Charges Act task force.

Brampton received a MTO grant for CanBike2 and Instructor training. Volunteers from BCAC, BikeBrampton and Community Bike Centre were trained. The instructor was reported to be excellent. One big "take-away" was the risk that cyclists face when cycling on sidewalks. Every driveway is potentially a risky intersection! Brampton is short-listed on their MTO grant submission for the Etobicoke Creek Trail extension at the south end. Caledon is short-listed for the Etobicoke Creek Trail that currently connects Brampton to Caledon along an uneven old cart path.

Regional Update

Erica reported that Margie Chung, Principal Planner, Sustainable Transportation, has left Region of Peel. The [Metrolinx Bike to School Week Final Report](#) included material from the Robert J Lee Public School (Lisa Stokes), Massey Street Public School (Lorie Miller) and Corpus Christi Separate School in Mississauga. The [Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals](#) produced a [2016 calendar](#) (click on link for calendar digital download) that featured 2 photographs from Lorie (August and September)! BikeBrampton members congratulated Lorie on this accomplishment!

There will be updated Peel AT Plan for 2017, which coincides well with Brampton's upcoming AT plan and Mississauga's updated plan.

Public Health is coordinating well with PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School). See Brampton Kids on Bikes update below.

Community Bike Centre – Sarah is now the lead. She attended PSARTS, the last Metrolinx HUB meeting, and has taken CanBike2 training with BCAC and BikeBrampton members.

At the Metrolinx GTHA HUB meeting on December 15th, [Angela van der Kloof from Mobycon in the Netherlands, presented "Independent Mobility for Children"](#). The goal is to educate students so that

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they can travel independently by the time they are 11 years old. This was an excellent and enlightening presentation, attended by BikeBrampton members David, Dayle and Polly.

Action: Dayle to post link to Angela's slides once available.

BikeBrampton Project Updates

1. [Community Bike Centre](#)
(Pedalwise & BikeWrX)

Gerald reported that Vincent (CBC BikeWrX) and he helped Bindi Sathivelu (Boys and Girls Club of Peel) safety check and reassemble 15 of the 50 bikes donated and built by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals. Gerald later finished the other 35 bikes. Pfizer used the bike assembly as a team building exercise for charity! Erica and Trudy have been working on document to report on Community Based Social Marketing from the Community Bike Centre programming.

Action: Erica to present final CBC report at a future BikeBrampton meeting

Action: Dayle to post CBC Pedalwise final report on website once it is available – Erica to send to Dayle when received from Trudy

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

Donated bikes can still be dropped off: [Community Environment Alliance](#), 7-222 Advance Blvd.

2. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)

BikeBrampton has received a partnership grant from MTO for GTHA bike safety equipment for 2016 Bike to School Week. David and Dayle are coordinating this with Metrolinx to order and distribute helmets, bells and safety pamphlets to school boards across GTHA.

Lorie has the Public Health Nurse lined up for Winter Walk Day on Feb 3rd at Massey Street Public School.

Action: Lorie to follow up with Principal at Massey Street Public School re activity challenge, previously delayed for labour reasons.

David and Polly attended day long PSARTS Strategy Meeting December 1st. This built on Brampton Kids on Bikes workshops from December 2014 and April 2015. They agreed on a target of 100% school travel

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planning in 5 years (currently 11 out of 296 schools in Peel). There is a partnership agreement between Peel Public Health and both School Boards. The strategy meeting conclusions were generally in line with the [2013 Metrolinx ASST Roadmap Plan report](#).

Dayle reported on the Peel Police School Safety committee. Videos are receiving much interest. YouTube views to date before a promotion campaign has been launched: Get Fit Health 250 views, Safety 233 views, Academic benefits 153 views, and Interviews 139 views. The BikeBrampton link to the videos has been shared across GTHA, and even Canada-wide. [Canada Walks News December newsletter](#) referred to the BikeBrampton video link (this pdf version does not have active links). A sub-committee has developed a PowerPoint presentation for use with the videos at school parent events.

Action: Dayle to post [Peel School Safety presentation pdf](#) once approval is received. - done

Dayle has created a [Peel School Walk & Bike page](#) under Useful Links - Peel on the website. It contains 4 video links, handout and reports and literature review from the Brampton Kids on Bikes project.

Peel District School Board will be working on a combined video, using footage from all 4 videos.

David reported that he is working with St. Thomas Aquinas Secondary School Industrial Arts Program and Ecoclub, and CEA to create a pilot project for 60 students to take a bike mechanics program. Cardinal Ambrosia School may be a subsequent pilot candidate.

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3. [Bike the Creek - June 18, 2016](#) David reported that the route will be revised for 2016, substituting Brampton Memorial Arena, 69 Elliot Street at Queen for Alderlea House. Featured will be the Dominion Skate Factory at 45 Railroad Street (at Mill Street just south west of the GO Station). It is a beautiful heritage building that is going to be repurposed for condominiums. Dayle has posted [the poster and flyer for Bike the Creek 2016](#).

 4. Promotion:
Social Media and Website Kevin reported we have 300 Twitter followers now, with both Twitter and Facebook showing good increases (re-tweets and likes). Favourites are committee agendas, videos, and #thinkoutsidethecar. The BikeBrampton website is being moved to a new more reliable server.

 5. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#) See Brampton City Update. Discussion about inviting Glen Gumulka to future BikeBrampton meeting to discuss ActiveSwitch and other SmartCommute active transportation programs. - deferred
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6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads
- Lisa reported that she attended the Gore Road public Meeting. There are 3 schools, 2 places of worship; a community centre and a shopping plaza along the road (see the [map link](#) Queen St – Castlemore Rd). The engineering contract firm is proposing to take out some lane width, and for ‘innovation’, put bike paths on both sides of the road. Lisa requested true innovation and complete streets policy, which is mentioned in the documentation. Henrik supported with a request to design both on-road bike lane and the 2 bike paths.
- Action:** BikeBrampton members can make comments at [this link](#) for Gore Road EA.
- 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.
- Action:** Lisa to report on sign placement along new Dixie multiuse path at next meeting – deferred
- Lisa has spoken with Regional AT staff about expanding the Dixie multiuse path south to Advance Blvd, where it could service the Community Bike Centre. The Region will perform a feasibility study.
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7. Traffic Round-About Design
- Discussion about [Kevin’s report](#) deferred until next meeting.
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8. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects
- Discussion about relevancy of list deferred to next meeting
- 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](#). 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
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- advocacy.
- 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 – 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 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.
 - h. Trueman Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement BID Call T2015-017 Mar 18th Brampton Guardian – (see [emails](#)) David reported no response to this issue yet.
 - i. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project “Community Bike Centre” – David
 - j. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage –part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available

City Priorities

- k. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) - spr 2016

9. Critical Mass Bicycle Tags

Lisa generously had bicycle tags printed that promote Critical Mass. She brings roll of tags each meeting for BikeBrampton members. Members are to hang tags to likely participants to encourage ridership.

New Business

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1. [Legacy Cycling Infrastructure](#)

Lisa reported that she and Kevin met with Raj Grewal MP(Brampton East), Jagmeet Singh MPP(Bramalea-Gore-Malton), and Brampton Councillor Dhillon to discuss infrastructure to honour the cycling deaths of Hardeep Singh Pahra (on Steeles Road Oct 29, 2015). Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists placed a ghost bike at the spot where Hardeep was killed, as 25 cyclists gathered. Dayle created and posted a [blog article](#) based on Lisa's Facebook report and photos, and the YouTube video of Jagmeet's speech in the Ontario Legislature. This legacy infrastructure is in line with the "Big Ask" discussed previously in BikeBrampton meetings.

Action: David, Lisa, Kevin and Dayle scheduled to meet with Councillor Dhillon to discuss next steps on Jan 4th. David, Lisa, Kevin, John to meet with Nelson on Jan 7th to discuss possible infrastructure options suitable for multi-level government funding.

2. Katie Wittmann – Presentation re: her research on Changing Behaviour Attitude Theory

Katie from Green Communities Canada has been building on her U of T Masters research with the Think & Do Tank. In 2006, Katie lived in Switzerland and cycled everywhere. On Oct 28th she presented at the [PEYA EcoBuzz Cycling Culture](#) workshop, assisted by Erica, David and Dayle.

Katie described 3 main ingredients to Changing Behaviour Attitude Theory: urban design, urban rules & policy, and accepted behaviour norms. The third one is the least considered! Here are the 4 steps:

1. Segment the population
2. Identify barriers to the built environment
3. Obtain public commitment for consistent behaviour (more open to take up cycling during major transitions in life)
4. Sustain & support with positive feedback, community partnerships that provide stability

Nearly 700 high school students were surveyed, with the objections: no bike, no functioning bike, too close, perceived too far, fear, danger & safety, weather. There is a fear that a bike will be stolen. More objections with girls than boys. Students may know how to bike, but not on the street. At a Toronto school's tech course, students can keep the bike if they pass the course. A co-op program is combined. This becomes part of a hub of cycling culture at school. This was started by [Culture Link](#) in Toronto, and has taken on a life of its own now. Cycling is cool and part of the culture! Culture Link received a Trillium grant to purchase 40 bikes. They are used for school field trips instead of hiring a bus. The motto is "fun, fast, healthy, free". Working with the art department, graffiti art was created for some of the school

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walls. Students are connected to community events to engage schools in the community. Female celebrities are used as role models. Schools need to make a public commitment. Students sign up for both introductory and follow up pledges. Research supports the pledging has a strong psychologically positive impact. Students love to make videos and then present them as assemblies. The combination of friends and food work well with cycling. Students are encouraged to take a selfie with their bike and post to social media.

BikeBrampton members congratulated Katie on her research and on her excellent presentation.

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| 3. Google Map Maker | Kevin reported that using this updates Google Maps |
| 4. List of 2015 Accomplishments | David prepared a list of BikeBrampton reflections for 2015 . Dayle posted to website. |
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Events

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| 1. Critical Mass Rides , | last Friday of month – January 29 th |
| 2. Winter Walk to School Day | Wednesday February 3 rd , Peel Police are adding 4 more elementary schools to the Walk & Bike to School pilot (2 public and 2 Catholic), in addition to the 4 already in Brampton. Mississauga has 8 schools also. |
| 3. Ontario Bike Summit | April 19-20, 2016 |
| 4. Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario | Saturday, May 28 th
Irwin Mayer, MCAC hosting next meeting. More info to follow |
| 5. Bike to School Week | May 30 th – Jun 3 rd - More info to follow |
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6. [Bike the Creek June 18, 2016](#) Mark your 2016 calendar
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Referred Matters List

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| 1. Community Rides | <p>Lisa has volunteered to sit on BCAC's subcommittee to organize community rides. Work Plan with subcommittees and budget to be approved. Pastor Finu has contacted David to start discussion about Bramalea CycleFest 2016.</p> <p>Action: David to make contact with GTAA; Lisa to make contact with Unifor.</p> |
| 2. 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.</p> <p>Action: Steve to report on Mike Merrall and the Halton challenge</p> <p>Discuss whether cycling encouragement challenges should be organized through BCAC or BikeBrampton. Table motion for Brampton, potentially tying into Bike Week 2016.</p> |
| 3. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes | <p>Action: Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post.</p> |
| 4. MTO Road Safety Challenge | <p>Action: David to discuss BikeBrampton's participation in next year's Road Safety Challenge</p> |
| 5. Bike Month Events | <p>Action: David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement in McHardy Bike Clinic 2016</p> |
| 6. BikeBrampton Not-for-Profit | <p>Action: David to report back on Not-for-profit status</p> |
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7. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings **Action:** members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian
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8. PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives) There is a reference on the PAMA website to be able [to get there via bike path](#).
Action: Dayle to post article about PAMA being first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton once details received from PAMA.
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9. Cycling two a-breast in Brampton By-law issue placed on BCAC Work Plan – likely in Policy subcommittee
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10. Snowclearing Winter Maintenance Priorities BCAC Work Plan – likely Policy subcommittee. Clearing of multiuse paths and sidewalks is inconsistent throughout city. Request the winter maintenance policy. Parks & Maintenance Public Works responsible for park pathways; Road Maintenance & Operation Public Works responsible for bike lanes & multiuse paths.
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11. Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy Discussion deferred
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- Next meeting Monday January 18th - 6:30 pm – 9:00pm**
Meeting Adjourned 9:10 p.m. Location: Century Gardens – Room #3 upstairs
Motion: by Gerald to have Kevin to Chair BikeBrampton January and February Meetings. Polly to take minutes. – carried
Action: Dayle to send Kevin and Polly template for minutes & agenda
Motion: Kevin – Carried