

BikeBrampton Minutes

February 22, 2016 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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

Present: Carolyn Clubine, Gerald Pyjor, Kevin Montgomery, Pauline Thornham, Lisa Stokes, George Shepperdley, Steve Laidlaw

Review and approve minutes from last meeting	http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2016/02/20160118BikeBramptonMeetingminutes.odt.pdf Approved.
Brampton City Update	Lisa Stokes reported on BCAC: Notes: Painted bike lanes or other painted amenities are not legally enforceable. Signs removed from Fletcher's Creek Blvd. Community Rides: Ride leaders, sweepers and food coordinators are needed for each of the 20 rides, two in each ward. This adds up to 60 slots, with 3 slots per ride. Some slots have been filled, but several more are still empty. Please contact Lisa Stokes to be added to the list of volunteers for the rides.

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	<p>Discussion re BikeBrampton's role vis-à-vis BCAC:</p> <p>Kevin: BB should identify all the areas WITH bike facilities, and recommend signage for destinations</p> <p>Lisa: How can BB best spend its limited time? Perhaps designing and putting up destination signage, or planning a proposal to Council by August, for the 2017 budget.</p> <p>Action: Kevin to put a link on the BB website, to Nelson Cadete's AT Master Plan presentation.</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? Deferred until David's return. Kevin reported on Nelson's BCAC presentation, however, that there is a 2-year timeline for the AT Master Plan completion.</p> <p>Action: David to follow up with Harinder Malhi's office re contact name for Development Charges Act task force. Deferred until David's return</p>
<p>Regional Update</p>	<p>Erica – Deferred to next month.</p>
<p>BikeBrampton Project Updates</p>	

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<p>1. Community Bike Centre (Pedalwise & Bikewrx)</p>	<p>Erica / Gerald / Peter Lorie / Lisa</p> <p>Gerald reported that Sarah Verma of the Community Bike Centre is looking to hire a bike mechanic. Polly mentioned the name of a person who is qualified for the job. It turns out that his name is on the list of applicants already.</p> <p>Action: Erica to present final CBC report at a future BikeBrampton meeting</p> <p>Gerald also reported that he, Polly, George, Lisa and Lorie attended various school council meetings with Joy Brown, (Peel Regional Police) to support the introduction of the safe cycling to school videos. Interest was expressed by the school council members present.</p> <p>Polly brought forward the idea of having the city and/or school boards pay for walking guards (like crossing guards) from designated gathering points (up to 1K) to each school.</p> <p>Action: Polly will inquire into funding for crossing guards.</p> <p>The following actions deferred to 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</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>2. Brampton Kids on Bikes Project</p>	<p>Action: Lorie to follow up with Principal at Massey Street Public School re activity</p>

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	<p>challenge, previously delayed for labour reasons.</p> <p>Action: Dayle to request videos for the Garden Square big screen – ask Michele Robinson for assistance, closer to Bike Month</p> <p>The above actions are deferred to a future meeting.</p>
<p>3. Legacy Cycling Infrastructure “Big Ask” for Brampton /Peel</p>	<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 It was decided that this will not have funding, so will have to await a policy to ask for funding, two years away, at the end of the AT Master Plan. Lisa and Kevin met with 3 MP s, who would give money to such a project, but not without a specific program in place. They would show up for publicity for the project, however.</p>
<p>4. Bike the Creek - June 18, 2016</p>	<p>Action: David to provide update on event planning. - Deferred.</p>
<p>5. Bicycle Friendly Business Program</p>	<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.</p>
<p>6. Responsibility for Multiuse Pathway on Regional Roads</p>	<p>Lisa reported that the City sweeps all roads every spring, and that the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for cleaning the paths that are in the parks.</p>

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	<p>Action: BikeBrampton members can make comments for Gore Road Environmental Assessment, or attend the public display at the Gore Meadows Community Centre. Lisa provided this link to see the history of this project and see what is now planned. Here is the link to the presentation boards from the Public Information Centre. Here is a link to the feedback form. While it is not a fillable form, Lisa encouraged sending an email to neal.smith@peelregion.ca to provide feedback, particularly to question 3 which reads: What is your preference? Cycle Track + Sidewalk or Multi-use Trail only. The original design had Multi-use Trails only. Lisa provided feedback encouraging the team to be more innovative and to build cycle tracks. They listened. Lisa said that the advocacy and advisory work that this group is doing can and is making a difference.</p> <p>Action: Lisa to report on sign placement along new Dixie multiuse path at next meeting – deferred</p>
7. Promotion - Social Media and Website	<p>Kevin reported that he found interesting information in the BikeBrampton website Analytics on what messaging and media young women (e.g. 25-34) prefer, such as finding like-minded people, information on events, and video media. Kevin also shared that the top 2 Facebook posts on Winter Walk to School Day had the most “impressions”, and that about 14% of views result in action, which is a good average. Lisa commented that the weather posts are found to be an irritant, but Kevin said that some people respond positively. Gerald also found them helpful as a reminder, and that they are not meant to be engaging.</p> <p>Action: Kevin will remove the sunrise/sunset posts, and regular weather posts</p>

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	<p>from Facebook, but will leave them on Twitter. He will continue the special extreme weather or changes on Facebook.</p> <p>Website: It was agreed that bikebrampton.ca will promote, but not host the Community Rides.</p>
<p>8. Review prioritized list of infrastructure projects</p>	<p>Discussion about relevancy of list items</p> <p>BikeBrampton priorities</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. 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 advocacy. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred to a future meeting. b. 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. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Deferred to a future meeting. c. Bike lane installation on Bramalea Road to Bramalea GO

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station – Kevin will contact those responsible for construction of upgrades.

d. Active transportation crossing of Queen St. at Scott St. Kevin suggested revisiting this issue.

Action: Kevin and Lisa will contact the Region of Peel and councillors for an update.

e. Repair of railway level crossing at James and John Streets – John

- Deferred to a future meeting.

f. 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 had an email response from Henrik Zbogar, and will share with BB.

g. Trueman Street Bridge Rehabilitation/Replacement BID Call T2015-017 Mar 18th Brampton Guardian – (see [emails](#)) This has been completed.

h. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of new Community Based Social Marketing project “Community Bike Centre” – David - Deferred to a future meeting.

i. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage –part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available

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	<p>- Deferred to a future meeting.</p> <p>City Priorities</p> <p>j. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) – Kevin reported that there is \$1.2 million in the budget to complete the renovation, and permits and planning are complete. Construction will begin in spring 2016. This continues to be the plan. Lisa suggested requesting a bike lane on Heart Lake Road, as part of the EskerLake Trail.</p>
<p>9. Traffic Round-About Design</p>	<p>Discussion of Kevin’s report: This is complete, as of Kevin's email.</p>
<p>10. Potential Cycling Challenges for Brampton</p>	<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 to a future meeting.</p>
<p>11. Critical Mass Bicycle Tags</p>	<p>Lisa has promised to bring a roll of tags to each meeting for BikeBrampton members, for hanging tags to likely participants to encourage ridership. Lisa reported that Michele Robinson has volunteered to print some for the Bike the Creek event as well.</p>

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<p>12. Community Rides</p>	<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> <p>Action: David to make contact with GTAA; Lisa to make contact with Unifor. - Deferred to a future meeting.</p>
<p>New Business</p>	
<p>Events</p>	
<p>1. Critical Mass Rides, last Friday of every month</p>	<p>Friendly bike ride, Fri February 26th, Gage Park starting at 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) The next Critical Mass Ride would fall on March 25, which is also Good Friday. Kevin shared a survey on Facebook, asking for preferences for keeping the ride on Good Friday, moving it to Thursday, March 24, or to Friday, March 18.</p>
<p>2. Winter Walk to School Day</p>	<p>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.</p>
<p>3. Ontario Bike Summit</p>	<p>April 19-20, 2016</p>

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4. Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario	Saturday, May 28 th - Irwin Mayer, MCAC hosting next meeting. More to follow
5. Bike to School Week	May 30 th – Jun 3 rd - More info to follow
6. Bike the Creek June 18, 2016	Mark your 2016 calendar. Registration is now available at link from BikeBrampton's event page . T-shirts can be pre-ordered to ensure size availability. Register online by June 16 th to guarantee free lunch.
7. 2016 Toronto International Bicycle Show	Mar. 4-6, Better Living Bldg, CNE. Kevin to present Doodle Poll results to set up a schedule for manning a booth.
Referred Matters List	
1. Speed limit on trails	Kevin confirmed that, under the Parklands Bylaw, usage of parks is for recreation purposes, but it is unclear if this includes trails. He also said that there is an 8 K/hr speed limit in all parklands, and that bikes are allowed on the paths only. Carolyn commented that people don't walk on the right, which is a problem when overtaking them on a bike. Lisa suggested saying "Keep right!" when approaching from behind, to avoid confusion.
2. Downtown bicycle revitalization including updated signage, bicycle parking, signed bike routes	Action: Dayle to create Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post.

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	Kevin approached the Heritage Board about bike ring-and-posts, which are difficult to see, in the “heritage” colour of black. He found out that black is THE heritage colour. Changing the colour is unlikely, but not abandoned yet.
3. MTO Road Safety Challenge	Action: David to discuss BB’s participation in 2016 Road Safety Challenge
4. Bike Month Events	Action: David to follow up with Stephen re McHardy Bike Clinic involvement
5. Not-for-Profit status for BikeBrampton	Action: David to report back on Not-for-profit status
6. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings	Action: members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian
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. Cycling two a-breast in Brampton	By-law issue placed on BCAC Work Plan – likely in Policy subcommittee
9. Advocacy campaign to change City curb-cut policy	Discussion deferred pending more input from BCAC policy

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10. Gore Road Information Night at Gore Meadows Recreation Centre	Held Tuesday, February 23, from 6:30 to 8:30 PM. Lisa recommended that BB members attend, to support Erica, and the installation of bike facilities.
Adjourn Next meeting: March 21 st from 6:30-9:00pm, Century Gardens, Room #3 upstairs	