

BikeBrampton minutes

Mar 21, 2016 - 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, Gerald Pyjor, George Shepperdley, Alina Grzejszczaki, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation)

Regrets: Peter Bolton, Leslie Benfield, Gaspard Ndayishimiye, Carolyn Clubine, Leo Romano, Krishna Udaiwal, Tom Zawada, Tricia Prato, Jerry Shaw

cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:33 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

<http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2016-02-22-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

Motion to approve minutes: Kevin – Carried

Announcement

David thanked Kevin and Polly for running BikeBrampton meetings in January and February

Brampton City Update

Lisa announced BCAC's [Brampton Community Rides](#) for spring & summer 2016. There will be 10 rides of 5km & 15km routes approx in each of 10 Wards in Brampton. All details found on [website](#). Lisa circulated a sign-up sheet for volunteer leaders, sweep and refreshment coordinators. Discussion about Bike the Creek being mentioned at each ride before June 18th. Ride length may be adjusted depending on response of participants over the season. George will enter the routes onto Strava for publishing on the website.

Action: Lisa to provide Community Ride info to Erica for Peel Walk+Roll website and event calendar

Action: Erica invited to come out to inaugural event on May 15th to bring bike bells from Region.

Kevin announced that 6 new CAN-BIKE instructors have been trained over the winter (Provincial and City funding). Instructors will be qualified to teach and to run Bike Rodeos. Additionally, CPR training is required to teach CAN-BIKE.

Kevin announced that Brampton has started process of developing an Active Transportation Master

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Plan, which will take about 2 years to complete. Discussion that Brampton is partnering with Region of Peel and Mississauga, both of whom are ready to update their ATMPs.

City of Brampton completed the [Transportation Master Plan Update Final September 2015](#), which includes references to active transportation on pages 69-76.

Kevin announced that Brampton has received cycling infrastructure funding of \$325,000 from OMCIP (Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program) from Province. Announcement was made by Harinder Malhi (MPP Brampton-Springdale) and Martin Medeiros (Regional Councillor) on Mar 18th at Loafers Lake. Dayle created [blog post](#) which includes [David's remarks](#) on behalf of BikeBrampton at the announcement ceremony. [Brampton Guardian](#) covered the event with reporter Roger Belgrave and photographer Rob Beintema. More than 2 dozen members of BikeBrampton, BCAC and Brampton Cycling Club attended the announcement. Grant will be matched by City for the 1.93km section of Etobicoke Creek Trail at the Kennedy Valley Trail extension for linking route from Brampton to Mississauga. Caledon also received an OMCIP grant for Etobicoke Creek Trail section north of Mayfield that connects Brampton to Caledon along an uneven old cart path. TRCA (Toronto and Region Conservation Area) will be challenged to complete both projects this summer. Projects must be completed by Mar 31, 2018.

David followed up with Harinder Malhi's office re Development Charges Act advocacy. He explained that pressure exists from local realtors and affordable housing advocacy to lower charges. At issue is the urban sprawl that is created without proper AT infrastructure. Sprawl is difficult to service and adds to existing residents' property taxes. Growth should pay for itself and development charges should be commensurate with density, ie. high density should be rewarded with lower DC. Public consultation is now closed.

Regional Update

Erica reported preparations are being made for Bike Month. Upcoming events should be reported asap to Erica for inclusion onto the postcard for Brampton.

Action: Erica to circulate Bike Month postcard draft when available.

Action: Erica to request Walk+Roll edits for Bike the Creek website link

There are [2 posted positions in AT](#) at ROP: Project Manager, Sustainable Transportation and Transportation Demand Management Analyst. Deadline Mar 31st.

There will be posters for Bike to School Week. Traffic counts are being taken at 100-120 schools for

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before and after baseline counts.

Action: Dayle to request Peel Police for coordination of bike programs between police divisions
[Toronto International Bicycle Show](#) was held March 4-6th. BikeBrampton registered for free booth and our volunteers staffed 7 shifts of 2-3 people. BikeBrampton and Mississauga Cycling Advisory Committee (MCAC) displayed side by side under Peel Walk+Roll banner. We promoted Bike the Creek, Brampton Community Rides and handed out dozens of Brampton Trail maps. Discussion about several hundred booth visitors, interest shown by Brampton residents, cycling tourists. Dayle created and posted a [blog article](#).

Tour de Mississauga is being rebranded as “Tourdesauga”. It is to be managed by Sustainmobility and 60km & 100km routes will charge fees. Shorter distances will continue to be free.

BikeBrampton Project Updates

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

Sarah and Ranjana delegated to BCAC on Mar 17th. New tag line: “shaping a better tomorrow”. CBC will focus on programming. Pedalwise program likely to be repeated for 2016. BikeWrx is available by appointment only.

Gerald will be volunteering at St. Thomas Aquinas SS in April. Gerald to provide bike mechanics training for 1 day every other week.

Polly requested demo bikes for Power of Women conference Mar 24th Some of the McHardy Court Bike Clinic grads scheduled to attend Power of Women to demo bike mechanic skills at the 2 tables that Polly has organized. (Cancelled due to ice storm.)

Action: Polly to announce Power of Women conference once revised date set

Action: Dayle to update her [Power of Women blog post](#) with updated information as available

Action: Erica to present final CBC Community Based Social Marketing report at future meeting

Action: Dayle to post CBC Pedalwise final report on website once it is available from Erica

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

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

[Winter Walk Day](#) was held Feb 3rd at 8 schools in Brampton.

Action: David & Dayle to update on Winter Walk Day at May meeting after next Peel School Safety Committee mtg Apr 26th

[Peel School Walk & Bike page](#) –see website for links

School Safety Committee presentations are/were made at several schools in Brampton and Mississauga. Peel Police invited BikeBrampton members to help with the Q&A sessions. Gerald, George, Lisa, Lorie attended. Constable Joy Brown, Peel Police made the presentations and showed video(s).

Jan 28th 7pm Meadowvale Village Public School, 890 Old Derry Rd. W. Mississauga – George said It was a snowy night so attendance was not the best.

Feb 3rd 7pm St. Timothy Separate School, 2214 Cliff Rd, Mississauga

Feb 11th 6pm Good Sheppard Catholic Elementary School, 28 Red River Dr, Brampton – Lisa said attendance was poor

Feb 17th 7pm St. Ursula Elementary School, 11 Dwellers Road, Brampton – Gerald said attendance was quite good. One parent focused on safety. Several demonstrated encouragement.

February 29th, 6pm Queen Street Public School, 20 Academic Drive, Brampton

March 31st 6:30pm Mountain Ash Public School, 280 Mountainash Road, Brampton – David & Dayle

Apr 20th 7pm St. Faustina Public School – Dayle

Apr 21st 6pm Massey Street Public School – David to present, assisted by Lorie

Kevin reported he took his daughter on public transit for several weekends to practice school travel before school opened to build confidence. Discussion about options to alleviate parents' safety objections: eg. Drive part way to school initially. Important to acknowledge parents' fright. Parents' job is to manage risk not avoid risk. Children need skills for independence.

Dayle was asked to post link to Dutch presentation made at Metrolinx GTHA HUB meeting on Dec 15th cited in December 2015 minutes: [Angela van der Kloof from Mobycon in the Netherlands, presented "Independent Mobility for Children"](#). Goal is to educate students so that they can travel independently by the time they are 11 years old.

MTO Partnership grant: BikeBrampton has received a partnership grant from MTO for GTHA bike safety

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equipment for 2016 Bike to School Week. David and Dayle coordinated this with Metrolinx by ordering and distributing helmets, bells and helping design safety postcards for school boards across GTHA.

Action: David, Polly & Dayle to report on next GTHA HUB meeting Mar 29th.

Peel Safe & Active Routes to School (PSARTS) – David and Polly attended PSARTS Strategy Meeting Dec 1st. This built on Brampton Kids on Bikes workshops from Dec 2014 and Apr 2015. Strategy meeting conclusions were generally in line with [2013 Metrolinx ASST Roadmap Plan report](#). David presented the draft conclusion report. Partners agreed on target of 100% school travel planning in 5 years (currently 11 out of 396 schools in Peel). There is to be a partnership agreement between Peel Public Health and both School Boards, where both are mandated to embrace AT as part of the culture. The strategy is to prioritize and assign champions. Both BikeBrampton and BCAC are tasked with advocating to the Ministry of Education, promoting STP programming and providing ongoing AT activities.

Motion: to have BikeBrampton support the draft strategies in PSARTS Strategic Planning Session – moved by Gerald – carried

David: to request from Catherine Sim, ROP for permission to publish to draft report.

[Peel Walk & Bike to School Videos](#) – Dayle requested Michele to organize showing of videos at Garden Square. Discussion about videos trailers shown before Movie nights May 21st and 28th. (see Event #3)

Action: Kevin to follow up with Councillor Bowman re video showings at Garden Square

3. [Legacy Cycling Infrastructure](#)
“Big Ask” for Brampton /Peel

Discussion about the Kennedy Valley Trail extension to be dedicated in memory of Mr. Praha and Mr. Jarchow. Discussed if this should be limited to these 2 men or if focusing on tragedy puts unfair emphasis on the safety aspect of cycling. On the other hand, the benefit of the trail extension is making cycling safer for those who want off-road options. Discussed about option of honouring memory with a tree planting & plaque instead. Need to explore the criteria and the funding possibilities. There may not be other new infrastructure opportunities prior to production of the new AT Master Plan. Conclusion reached was to defer discussion to next meeting to come up with a broader policy on this matter.

4. [Bike the Creek - June 18, 2016](#)

David reported that the planning committee consisting of City of Brampton (Recreation, AT, Heritage, Emergency Response, BCAC), Town of Caledon, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) and

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BikeBrampton is now meeting every 2-3 weeks. More than 160 cyclists have already registered online. Dayle distributed posters, flyers, business cards to members. Lorie reported that her company, Greenfield Specialty Alcohols Inc., will be mounting a team for Bike the Creek. As an example of a few of the promotions organized: a BTC ad was placed on p.93 in the [Spring/Summer Recreation Guide](#). David will be interviewed by Brampton Focus TV for broadcast Mon Apr 11th at 4:30pm. Nelson is working with Downtown BIA to promote BTC as a team building exercise. David has organized an ad in Board of Trade monthly newsletter which goes out to 1800 local businesses. Dayle circulated a sign-up for BTC volunteers.

Action: David to mention Brampton Community Rides while he is Master of Ceremonies at BTC

5. Promotion:
Social Media & Website

Kevin created Winter Walk Day 'Did you know?' tweets to create buzz about the posters
Kevin to report stats next month

6. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#)

David reported that he has received commitment from Share the Road for another round of BFB applications for fall 2016. He is encouraging Lorie to enter Greenfield Specialty Alcohols; Sheridan College, Canadian Tire, etc.

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

7. Responsibility for Multiuse
Pathway on Regional Roads

Lisa sent links for BikeBrampton members to make public comments about Gore Road, based on the [presentation boards](#).

Lisa reported that Nelson asked BCAC look at signs on McVean Dr. and provide feedback.

8. Prioritized list of infrastructure
projects

Discussion about relevancy of list items

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- a. **Action:** David to provide update on Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy
 - b. **Action:** Discuss status of Kennedy Valley Trail extension –see OMCIP grant announcement
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- c. Bike lane installation on Bramalea Road to Bramalea GO station – **Action: Kevin** will contact those responsible for construction of upgrades
- d. Active transportation crossing of Queen St. at Scott St. -John
- e. Repair of railway level crossing at James and John Streets – John
- f. Peel Memorial Wellness Centre bicycle facility connection to Etobicoke Creek Trail –**Action:** Kevin to share letter received from Henrik Zbogar.
- g. Implementation of bicycle facilities along Glidden Road in support of “Community Bike Centre” – David
- h. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage –part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available

City Priorities

- i. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across Hwy 410 (Franchesini bridge) - spring 2016
- j. [Fernforest and Edenbrook Hill Drive](#) – appears to be in contravention of BFIP policy, since there is no mention of bicycle facilities being offered as a traffic calming option. **Action:** Kevin, what is the status of bicycle facilities for these 2 roads?

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| 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. |
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| 10. Downtown bicycle revitalization project including updated signage, bicycle parking, downtown signed bike routes | Dayle created a Brampton bike parking (facilities) blog post . |
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| 11. MTO Road Safety Challenge | David reported BikeBrampton has been invited to submit \$750 grant application by MTO for upcoming Bike Month.

Motion: for BikeBrampton to participate this year – moved by Gerald – carried
Action: BikeBrampton members to suggest <u>new innovative ideas</u> for this year. |
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New Business

1. OPHEA Certification
Lorie reported that Massey Street Public School has submitted their application. This creates more emphasis on physical activities for improved mental health and wellness. There will be a 'Walk Wednesdays' Bike Club for May and June with CBC, and 2 days of bike rodeos (Jun 1st & 8th).
 2. Manitou Park Bike Parade
Sat Jun 25th 10am-1pm, 41 Mayberry Court. (see Events #18) Lorie reported she is organizing this for Bike Month and working with Brampton Recreation on fun games preparation. There will be a FREE BBQ, and a booth to "decorate" your bike for the parade. The parade will circle around Manitou Park located at the end of Mayberry Crt, and will also venture out to Mayberry, Mackay, and North Park, before returning back to Manitou Park. Lorie has created a [Facebook page](#).
Action: Lorie is looking for BikeBrampton volunteers for a booth and participation in the parade.
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Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#)
Last Friday of month – March 25th and Apr 29th – Gage Park arrive by 6:15; start ride by 6:30pm
Dayle added [Critical Mass event page](#) to website.
 2. Brampton Parks and Recreation Master Plan Citizen Panel
March 22nd, City Hall
 3. Secondary Schools Committee Toolkit review Workshop
March 23rd, 10 Peel Centre Drive
 4. GTHA ASST Hub Meeting
March 29th, Union Station, Metrolinx 9:30am-12pm
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5. School Safety Presentations Mountain Ash Public School, March 31st at 6:30pm
St. Faustina Public School, Apr 20th 7pm
Massey Street Public School, April 21st at 6:00 pm
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6. [Ontario Bike Summit](#) April 19-20th – 8th annual Summit hosted by Share the Road, with theme of “What's Next for Cycling”. Keynote addresses from Nicole Freedman (Chief of Active Transportation & Partnerships, City of Seattle); Kathryn McGarry (Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation) & Peter de Jager (writer & expert on issues of municipal change). Lisa, Alina and Dayle will be attending. – [link for tickets](#)
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7. [Jane’s Walk, City of Brampton](#) Sat May 7th 11:30am-2:45pm Gage Park – Lorie has organized this event. Jane's Walk is a series of neighbourhood walking tours. Named after urban activist and writer Jane Jacobs, Jane's Walks are held annually during the first week-end in May to coincide with her birthday. FREE volunteer led event in partnership with the City of Brampton Historical and Parks'n'Recs Departments, as well as Homegrown Park Rangers-Brampton. We will start with one family friendly walk at 11:30am for approx. 2km- MEET at the LARGE Fountain in GAGE PARK. The second walk will be a little longer and starts at 1:30pm-same meeting spot (LARGE Fountain in GAGE PARK). We will tour the downtown core and discuss the improvements that have been made, and will also discuss and feature a few of the heritage homes along the way... Ever wonder why Brampton became known as Flower City? Come out and join us to learn and tour a small part of your Brampton. [To register](#)
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8. [EcoAction Challenge](#) May 16-20th – Ontario EcoSchools
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9. [PEYA Amazing Green Race](#) Sat May 21st 1-4pm. David reported that BikeBrampton has been invited to participate. They would like us to use our Road Safety Game from last year.
Action: David is looking for volunteers from BikeBrampton
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10. Garden Square Movie Nights May 21st & 28th – discussion about whether BikeBrampton should/could have a table. Can we leave BTC
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& Community Bike Rides info on the table if unattended?

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| 11. Joint Cycling Committees of Western Lake Ontario | Saturday, May 28 th - Irwin Mayer, MCAC hosting next meeting. More info to follow |
| 12. Bike to Work Day | May 30 th – details to follow. Brampton AT coordinating with Sustainmobility this year. Suggested that we have the same rides into Garden Square from the 4 quadrants. |
| 13. Seniors' Council | Jun 1 st – George has invited Dayle to show School Safety Video(s) |
| 14. Bike to School Week | May 30 th – Jun 3 rd - More info to follow |
| 15. Bramalea CycleFest | Jun 4 th – more details to follow |
| 16. CeleBrampton BikeFest | Jun 11 th – more details to follow |
| 17. Bike the Creek June 18, 2016 | Registration is open and details are posted. |
| 18. Manitou Bike Parade | Sat Jun 25 th 10am-1pm, 41 Mayberry Court |
| 19. Ride Don't Hide Event | Jun 26 th – Peel Region Caledon Hill ride to fund raise for local mental health |
| 20. Waterfront Trail Adventure | Aug 7-12 th – Pelee Island to Grand Bend |
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Referred Matters List

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| 1. Potential Cycling Challenges for Brampton | <p>Action: Lorie report on Massey Street Public School re activity challenge, previously delayed for labour reasons.</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, tying into Bike Week 2016.</p> <p>Action: Steve to report on Mike Merrall and the Halton challenge, as part of BCAC initiative</p> |
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| 2. Bike Month Events | <p>Action: David to follow up with Stephen for potential involvement in McHardy Bike Clinic 2016</p> |
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| 3. BikeBrampton Not-for-Profit | <p>Action: David to report back on Not-for-profit status</p> |
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| 4. Heritage Heights transportation public PIC meetings | <p>Action: members to look for ad of Public Information Session in Guardian – this might be on hold</p> |
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| 5. PAMA (Peel Art Gallery Museum + Archives) | <p>Action: Dayle to post article about PAMA being first bicycle friendly attraction in Brampton once details received from PAMA. Dayle has asked Brampton Heritage to check on this.</p> |
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| Next meeting Monday April 18th - 6:30 pm – 9:00pm
Meeting Adjourned 8:47 p.m. | <p>Location: Century Gardens – Room #3 upstairs</p> <p>Motion: Polly – Carried</p> |
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