

BikeBrampton minutes

Oct 17, 2016 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Century Gardens Recreation Centre, 340 Vodden Street East (at Rutherford) Rm#1

Attendees: Members: Stephen Laidlaw, George Shepperdley, John Van West, Lisa Stokes, Lorie Miller, Erica Duque (Peel Active Transportation), Ernst Braendli, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Peter Bolton, Jocelyn Cann, Sarah Verma, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Leo Romano
Regrets: Kevin Montgomery, Alina Grzejszczaki, Leslie Benfield, Carolyn Clubine, Gerald Pyjor, Gaspard Ndayishimiye
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:42 pm

**Review and approve
minutes from last meeting**

<http://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/2016-09-19-BikeBrampton-Meeting-minutes.pdf>

Motion to approve minutes: Steve – Carried

Brampton City Update

[Valleywood Interregional Trail Connection opening](#) – Oct 11th official opening of newly constructed 1,500m of Etobicoke Creek trail joining Brampton and Caledon. Funded by City of Brampton, Town of Caledon, Ministry of Transportation, coordinated by TRCA and also funded by Region of Peel. George, Lorie, Peter, David attended and Dayle spoke on behalf of BikeBrampton. Mayor Jeffrey spoke for Brampton. Caledon represented by 5 Councillors, including Acting Mayor Rob Mezzapelli. Councillor Jennifer Innis (on the TRCA Board) was Master of Ceremonies. MPP Harinder Malhi spoke for the province and the OMCIP grant. TRCA CEO Brian Denney was in attendance. Henrik, Nelson and Jake rode up from city hall.

Discussion about larger stones used in construction. TRCA indicated that fine limestone is prone to erosion and difficulty was compacting path during drought. Impermeable surfaces are less environmentally desirable. Cost is about 1/3 more for asphalt, and equipment for smaller jobs more difficult to obtain quotes. TRCA will sweep the larger stones in the spring after they have risen to the surface and assess condition of trail. Discussion about accessibility consideration (wheelchairs & scooters cannot navigate on coarse gravel) and preference for asphalt trail surfaces, ECT being an AT corridor and considered an urban path, suitable for commuting. Discussion about less liability potential with asphalt surface and that all new paths in Mississauga are asphalt.

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Action: members to monitor over winter and defer action until spring after sweeping.

Lisa gave update on final [Community Rides](#). BCAC completed 10 rides + 2 autumn bonus rides. Ride 11 had 25 riders; Ride 12 had 40! New program deemed successful with 16-45 attending each ride during first year. Community Rides well received, momentum gained with new riders participating, including inexperienced riders. Members congratulated Lisa on her organization and George on the route planning.

Action: Lisa to send Dayle blog post link of Lisa's experience of **riding from Brampton to Hamilton** – infrastructure improved as she travelled west through Mississauga, Oakville, Burlington, Hamilton.

Action: Nelson requested members' help on parts of his application for **Share the Road's Bicycle Friendly Community** status. Successful communities will be recognized at OBS2017.

Action: John continuing his follow-up on 'no bike' sign at **Alderlea** and installation of bike rack.

Regional Update

[Community Bike Centre](#) Sarah reported CBC update, building on Peter's report in Sept.

Parks Day tree planting Bike4Brampton Oct 1st at Allan Kerbel Park, Brickyard Way, organized by Brampton Recreation. 200 trees were planted for the Bike4Brampton campaign. Lorie organized BikeBrampton booth and helped with tree planting along with several BB members. 75 residents participated on the cold rainy day.

Peter reported that 4 young ladies completed their 20 hrs each on the [Earn-A-Bike](#) program. After they finished their repairs, all 4 donated their bikes. [Do-It-Yourself Bike Maintenance](#) for a \$10 annual CBC membership, one can gain access to repair tools and discounts on parts. Call 905-463-9941 to book an appointment. Bikes can be borrowed depending on qualifications. \$100 deposit is required. There are 120 bikes ready in the fleet for 2017. Peter reported that he taught a lady to bike in "**Learn to Bike**". Discussion about "[Start the Cycle](#)" a not-for-profit organization started in Hamilton. It encourages bike lending libraries. Sarah reported CBC has contacted them. Adequate staffing is the issue. Membership in 'Start the Cycle' is about \$400/year, which gives access to group liability insurance. Erica reported that Brampton Recreation will be offering learn to bike programs again in 2017.

Action: Sarah to let Dayle/David know what programs CBC wants BB to promote in 2017.

Action: Community Bike Centre to report on their Sept 27th presentation results regarding their offering for **McHardy Court bike mechanic clinic** (as follow up to our [bike clinic partnership project](#) in Dec 2014).

All: Drop off Donated bikes: [Community Environment Alliance](#), 7-222 Advance Blvd. Wrecked bikes

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provide useful parts.

[10 Step Handbook for High School Bike Projects](#) Erica reported it is available on Peel Walk and Roll [website](#), along with downloadable survey tools. David and Dayle will be assisting Peel AT and Public Health deliver 3 workshops at [Peel Environmental Youth Alliance](#) (PEYA) [EcoBuzz](#) on Nov 9th at Louise Arbour SS. They will be using the handbook to guide students through the exercise to encourage cycling at their schools. It focusses on overcoming barriers and engaging student leaders to create their own tailored programs. Public Health Nurses will support, rather than lead student teams. Discussion about 72 bikes on racks at St. Edmund Campion Secondary School, 275 Brisdale. Discussion about all Catholic schools being Eco-Schools which have eco-committees suitable for bike promotion and use of this handbook. The roll-out of the program and AT planning will vary with each school depending on their location and student base. Discussion about need to measure impact and maintain momentum by rolling out program in an organized manner. Program to go before ethics committee next spring.

Action: BikeBrampton members can request more copies of handbook from Erica, and encourage their school contacts to request this program from their School Health Nurses.

Action: Erica to send Dayle pdf of **2015 Pedalwise Report** – Dayle to post on website

Action: Erica to provide **B2SW 2016 fact sheet** pdf once it is finalized – Dayle to post on website

School Bicycle Parking Program – Erica reported that program has been very successful with 97 schools applying for the 100 available bike racks. Assessment will be based on ‘need’. Racks are styled in 3 inverted ‘U’s’ which can park 8 bikes. Installation will be spring 2017. Region of Peel will cover cost of rack and installation for this year only.

Metrolinx HUB Meeting Oct 12th – Dave, Dayle, (Polly via phone) attended. Erica reported that Metrolinx is planning the sequel to the “Big Move”.

Action: members can publicly comment on the Metrolinx [discussion paper](#) until the end of November.

Smart Commute School Travel Award - announced at HUB that the top performing school in each of the 6 GTHA regions will be honoured at the Smart Commute Awards evening on Nov 24th.

Bike to School Week 2016 – report delayed due to school board ethics review and timely ethics applications to ensure that information can be made public. Culture Link will be planning B2SW 2017.

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Cost Benefit Analysis of School Travel Planning – latest research presented at Metrolinx HUB, this ratio is calculated based on the benefit of travel mode shift divided by the cost of STP implementation.

Year 1 – **2.4** (for every dollar spent implementing, the benefit is \$2.40)

Year 3 – **4.5**

Year 5 - **6.3**

[International iWalk iWheel Month of October](#) – As of HUB meeting, 81 schools across GTHA have registered. Unclear if Peel school boards are participating officially. Lisa reported R J Lee is participating. David made Metrolinx HUB aware of **Cycling Advisory Committees of Western Lake Ontario** and the cycling curriculum motion which was adopted by City of Brampton and underway in other communities.

[Live 5-2-1-0 Event](#) Oct 6th – Brampton Recreation invited BikeBrampton to display a booth for 500 school kids at Brampton Soccer Centre. David and Dayle attended. Dayle reported that Mayor Jeffrey spoke, citing the importance of AT. The students, teachers and parents were quite interested in playing our MTO Road Safety Challenge game. The message of healthy eating and activity was presented, as supported by Peel Public Health. **Five** is the number of servings of fruit & vegetable every day; **two** is the maximum number of screen hours per day; **one** is the minimum number of moderate to vigorous exercise hours per day; and **zero** is the amount of sugary drinks per day! This initiative started in BC. Brampton LNs, Cardiologists and Endocrinologists started and are supporting the event here. Peel Public Health is rolling out the program. All of DufferinPeel DSB bought into the program and a few of PDSB schools. There is a pilot program in Brampton northeast to start, with plans for expansion to the rest of Brampton. After the schools, Brampton Recreation under Mary Held is to roll out the program. George reported that there is to be a tie-in to the seniors program.

Action: David to ask Michele Robinson how Lorie's Manitou Bike Parade could tie-in with Live 5-2-1-0

[Region of Peel Official Plan Amendment Health and the Built Environment Assessment](#)– David was asked with a few days' notice to delegate on behalf of BikeBrampton to ROP Council on Oct 13th ([Agenda](#)) ([Rogers TV Video](#) of David's presentation – watch segment 31:45 – 38:41). ROPA 27 is a proposed amendment to update policies on Age-friendly Planning, Health and the Built Environment, and Technical and Administrative Updates for Peel through 2041. It recognizes that communities need to be walkable and have AT, especially as the population ages. "Community health is significantly impacted by the built environment, which consists of transportation systems, land use patterns and

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urban design. Traditional suburban design comprises low density land uses and automobile-dependence. This can lead to: poor health behaviours, primarily low levels of physical activity; an increased risk of obesity; and an increased burden on chronic disease, including cardiovascular disease, type 2 diabetes, asthma and respiratory disease.” [Region of Peel’s Healthy Development Assessment User Guide](#). ROPA27 would require health assessments of all applicable planning applications. David said BikeBrampton supports the amendments generally, however suggested that the language in Section 7.4.2.5 be strengthened to require this health assessment rather than allowing municipalities to opt out. He added he would like to see more language to encourage on-road bicycle infrastructure, and bike parking at destination.

Action: members to watch video and vote on BB official support at November meeting, for the record.

[Share the Road – Greg’s Ride](#) Sept 25th – Peter reported that he, David and Dayle represented BikeBrampton at this annual ride in Milton. STR message is worth supporting, as this is their annual fund-raiser. Most inspirational was Team Julie, a group supporting Julie Sawchuk, a Blyth-area triathlete who was paralyzed last year after being hit by a car while training. She rode the route on a hand-bike with her husband Theo running and pushing her up the hills. Lisa is familiar with Julie’s blog. This was an opportunity to not only enjoy a relaxing ride on rural Halton Hills roads, and also chat with cyclists and dignitaries from around southern Ontario. Speaking were STR ED Jamie Stuckless, Minister of Tourism, Culture & Sport Eleanor McMahon (who had just been given responsibility for #CycleON2.0), Minister of Transportation Steven Del Duca. Dayle posted a [blog](#).

Community Engagement

Brampton Springdale Network – offered workshop meeting dates for booking at Louise Arbour SS. They are available first-come first-serve. Contact Amanjit to book: Nov 22nd, 29th, Dec 13th, 20th, Jan 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st, Feb 14th, 21st, 28th, Mar 14th, 21st, 28th, Apr 11th, 18th, 25th, May 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th, Jun 6th, 13th. Let David know if you need Amanjit’s contact info.

Brampton Northeast Connects – Lisa reported group starting a youth night every Friday at Gore Meadows Rec Centre. She offered to present on behalf of BB at late winter/ early spring meeting.

Brampton Northwest Connects – meets quarterly

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Updates

1. [Legacy Cycling Infrastructure](#)
"Big Ask" for Brampton /Peel

Action: Kevin to report on Peel Memorial bike parking follow up
Action: David to discuss at next Office of the Central Area Communication session.
 2. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)

Peel Public Health Workshop - Sept 23rd David presented the results of the Peel School Safety Committee on behalf of Peel Police Constable Joy Brown. This was the 3rd stakeholder workshop on how we plan STP in Peel schools. The target is 100 schools; amounting to 5 per Public Health Nurse. An assessment has been done listing schools by priority, based on volume of cars. Lorie reported that Massey St PS has enrolled in the program. Discussion about how biking to school is now deemed 'cool'!

Action: Erica to find out how many schools have signed up for school travel planning
 3. [Bike the Creek - June 24, 2017](#)

Save the Date! The first 2017 Bike the Creek Planning meeting was Oct 4th. Canada 150 theme, for the 150th anniversary since confederation. PAMA targeted for a pavillion since old court house and jail were built in 1867. Comments from 2016 BTC were incorporated into the planning document. Decision to add a longer ~60km route for experienced cyclists. A series of planning rides will be scheduled to plan the new route. Members available are welcome to attend. Use #bikethecreek to promote.
 4. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#)

Action: David to follow up with Wayne Chan and Judy Yak regarding Brampton Caledon SmartCommute and the handbook for business, and coordination with Peel Public Health.
Action: Kevin & David to coordinate dropping off BFB Bronze awards to City & Regional representatives.
 5. Promotion:
Social Media & Website

Kevin provided a [report](#). He put a [social media survey](#) on the website and posted about it on Facebook & Twitter. This deals primarily with the value of weather reporting on daily basis.
Action: Members to make their views known on the [social media survey](#)
Kevin reported interest in Community Rides, large website visits increase in people aged 45-54; smaller increase in those 25-34 yrs. Women accounted for 37% when traffic spiked. Facebook likes & Twitter
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followers increasing. @bikebrampton use increased by 122%!

Discussion about how to use twitter symbols: Using @bikebrampton in a tweet sends a note to BikeBrampton twitter account moderators. Using #bikebrampton links to any previous mentions and is therefore more powerful for audience reach.

Action: Kevin to report survey results for decision on usefulness of daily weather reports.

6. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

BikeBrampton priorities:

- a. Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy - David
- b. Kennedy Valley Trail extension progress – David. Work slated for early spring 2017. **Action:** Lisa to bring up request for asphalt surface at BCAC meeting.
- c. Etobicoke Creek Trail signage –part of audit by Ford & Associates **Action:** Dayle to update once report available – December BCAC meeting
- d. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road)

City Priorities:

- e. Franchesini bridge status, as part of Esker Lake Trail extension. To be discussed at Oct BCAC mtg.
 - f. Fernforest, Richvale Drive, Mountain Ash Rd and Edenbrook Hill Drive – slated for traffic calming which will include bicycle infrastructure option as per BFIP.
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7. Potential Cycling Challenges

See item #1 above, and Regional Update (Bike4Brampton)

8. 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.

Action: Lisa to report if this is working

New Business

1. BikeBrampton membership in

BikeBrampton has year membership, courtesy of John's \$60 donation. Members thanked John for his

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CanadaBikes.org	contribution! David reported on 2 hr AGM teleconference meeting of Oct 16 th . They have hired a part-time executive director from a MEC grant. Group consists of cycling associations from across Canada. They will be preparing a national cycling strategy. David subsequently emailed a list of positive suggestions on running their meetings.
2. Ottawa Bike Train Ride	John reported on planning for this trip (starting Jul 9, 2017). Discussion about Toronto – Ottawa, vs. Ottawa – Toronto benefits. Accommodation at Ottawa university residence (\$169/2BR suite) or jail. Distances approximately 100 km/day/5days or stretch to longer. Shorter distance along Hwy#7. \$150x 8days = \$1200 approx. Support vehicle, trailer rental \$20-30/day. VIA rail allows no bikes unless put in baggage car in Brockville. Lisa is organizing back-to-back 100km rides –see Events
3. Suggestions from Kevin – discussion deferred	<ol style="list-style-type: none">creating a page of "Heroes" page -- a way for the public to ask targeted questions to people who are prepared to answer them...such as club cycling, utilitarian cycling, riding with kids. Anyone interested in having a profile summary on BikeBrampton website, and being contacted?Is it possible to organize a Winter Cycling workshop before the snow falls, perhaps at the Library? Would Katrina Doctor be able to help with this?In light of increased awareness of Vision Zero
4. BikeBrampton meeting schedule	Proposal to move the meeting dates from the 3 rd Monday of each month to the 1 st Thursday of each month starting in January 2017 Action: David to find out room availability and to create doodle poll to confirm moving meeting
5. Bicycle Lending	Discussion about possibility to create bike lending through the library system as done by some other communities. City of Hamilton, Mohawk College & McMaster University. All have bike-lending programs despite a Hamilton bike share. Discussion about bicycles owned and perhaps not being used by Brampton Bylaw as a potential for lending. Action: bring forward to next month to discuss action plan

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Events

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1. 100km practice rides Oct 29,30th Lisa is organizing back-to-back 100km rides to train and see what it feels like to ride those distances. Oct 29th to Yonge & Temperance. Oct 30th in northern Brampton and Caledon.
 2. [Critical Mass Ride](#) – Nov 25th Last Friday of every month. Cyclists meet at Gage Park (corner of Main & Wellington) at 6:15pm and set out at 6:30pm. [BikeBrampton webpage](#) This is free-flowing and not organized by BikeBrampton.
 3. [Bike the Creek](#) – Jun 24, 2017 Save the date!
 4. Manitou Park Bike Parade 'Save the date' for Jun 3, 2017. (Brampton Recreation may be moving Parks Day to same date, so Bike Parade date may be changed). **Action:** David to elevate this conflict to Recreation management.
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Referred Matters List

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Next meeting Monday Nov 21st

6:30 pm – 9:00pm

Meeting Adjourned 9:02 p.m.

Location: Century Gardens Recreation Centre, Room #2 upstairs

Motion: Lorie – Carried