

2017 05 04 BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes (Thursday May 4th, 2017)

- Attendees: George, John, Steve, Lisa, Erica, Polly, David, Dayle
- Meeting started at 6:36pm
- Motion to approve previous [minutes](#) – Steve - carried
- **Brampton City Update**
 1. **Traffic Calming**
 - David reported results of the traffic calming projects –
 - Mountain Ash the vote was for urban shoulders.
 - Richvale north of Sandalwood, the vote was to do nothing.
 - Discussion about amount of traffic congestion on Richvale ½ hour before school is out.
 - Discussion about need for greater enforcement of anti-idling by-law
Discussion about creating no parking zones within 500m of a school and parents can apply to drive child to school only if child is disabled
 - Discussion about implementing a program for walk or cycle mentors where older children would be matched with younger children for school travel. Need for more parent education. Publicize Lisa's story about how walking to school by themselves teaches children to be independent.
 - Discussion about Clark Blvd PS - BikeBrampton attended Family Fitness night with lots of parents keen on having their children walk or bike to school. VP related serious congestion problem at Clark Blvd.
 2. **Ghost Bike ride**
 - Deferred to next meeting
 - Kevin to ask Constable Paul Coretta to come to future BikeBrampton meeting to speak about road safety
 - David to follow-up with Sgt. Heather Andrews on bike accident stats in Peel
 3. **Etobicoke Creek Trail update**
 - David indicated Kennedy Valley Trail surface will initially be gravel with construction to start in July. TRCA is seeking additional funding to pave in the future.
 - TRCA to send out crew to check on trail surface north of Mayfield (we have found no change from condition of coarse gravel last fall)
 - Discussion about the trade-off of asphalt vs. gravel – gravel means the trail cannot be used in the winter months.
 - Discussion that the TransCanada trail spring run-off has created deep fissures
 - Discussion that TRCA have paved both the Humber and Don trail networks, so why not the ECT?
 - David committed to inviting Vince (TRCA) to the next BikeBrampton meeting

4. Council delegations: David delegating about Bike the Creek on May 31 , 9:30am to Committee of Council. [Agenda](#) – see page 3 for description, pages 11-31 for slides
 5. Main/Queen Streetscape – John reported 2 choices are being presented to Council on May 31st and both include bike lanes (road grade or raised at sidewalk grade options)
 - John has had discussion with project manager to recommend bike lanes be continued south to Steeles rather than having the bike route divert on Wellington west to Mill. Discussion about the treatment for the other project limits, i.e. that the bike lanes should be extended to Mill St in the west, to Centre St. in the East and to Church in the north. Elizabeth St would be better than Mill St.
 - Also raised concern that cross-rides are not included in the initial alignment. Should be included as the project goes to the next phase.
 6. **Main St. LRT** Dayle reported she sent a letter to Metrolinx expressing concern regarding cycling infrastructure treatment at 407 crossing under the proposed project. (no response yet)
 7. **Community Rides** – 14 scheduled from May 28th - Sept 24th Be in touch with Lisa, if you want to volunteer and have not already signed up. Easy [registration on city website](#), even for volunteers. Posted on [BikeBrampton website](#).
 8. **Ontario Bike Summit** (OBS), Apr 12th – Kevin and Polly attended on behalf of BCAC. Polly submitted her [report](#). Dayle was there for the awards supper, thanks to Region of Peel. Brampton was presented with Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze plaque by Share the Road Cycling Coalition. Dayle posted [blog](#). Thanks to Wayne Noble from Caledon for taking photo of Brampton receiving award. Brampton Guardian published a [story: “City of Brampton achieves bike friendly status”](#) on Apr 17th, where David was quoted. City published a [media release](#).
- **Regional Update**
 1. **CanBike-II training**
 - Erica reported Lisa, Rani, Raol and Leslie will be trained this coming weekend and that Kevin will be co-teaching
 2. **Peel Region Cyclist Handbook** – is done, paper copies are available and the electronic copy is posted on [Peel Walk and Roll](#) and link on [BikeBrampton website](#)
 3. **Bike Month**
 - **Postcard** – is done – copies distributed during meeting, more available for upcoming events during bike month
 - **McMurchy Bike Festival** – June 17th, 11-2 Stephen Samuel
 - **Repair Café & Presentation** – June 21st 4 Corners Library
 4. **Bike to School Week**
 - Erica reported 127 schools registered, including 60 schools in Brampton
 - Registered schools get prizes
 - Some bike racks are already installed. Scoring for a bike rack is based on need, programming, proposed rack location and commitment to sign up for BTSW
 - [Goal is 150 schools – GOAL OF 150 REACHED!]

5. [Bike to Work Day](#)
 - Sign up on BikeMonth.ca for chance to win a prize
 - BikeBrampton participating on organizing committee for 7:30am May 29th in Garden Square
 - BikeBrampton will be sharing booth with BCAC, and displaying our new 11' MTO Road Safety flag "Do the Bright Thing – be seen, be heard, be predictable"
 6. **Caledon Rides**
 - June 14th and 15th, Caledon has a cycling task force
 - Cyclists and farmers both want wide paved shoulders
 7. **PSARTS**
 - Sub-committee to engage parents and school boards
 8. **Sheridan College** planning a bike ride in July and September
 9. [Metrolinx GTHA ASST HUB meeting](#) - Polly submitted a report on meeting that David, Dayle and she attended. Peel was shown in good light with more than ½ of Bike to School Week schools registered in entire region, Peel School Bike Parking Program and BikeBrampton's MTO Road Safety grant for the flag. Dayle to post on [BB website](#)
- **Community Engagement**
 1. **BSN (Brampton Springdale Network)**
 - Polly reported that Brampton Springdale Network (BSN) was started by Baldev Mutta, who also started Punjabi Community Health Services, (PCHS) in 2012. 35 service provider organizations participate in BSN. BikeBrampton has participated for the past 2 years. He engaged schools for drop-ins and now wants help from various government levels to create a HUB for the delivery of local services in the Springdale neighbourhood. Using model from successful Hub in Cambridge
 2. **Brampton Northeast Connects**
 - David to present Brampton Grow Green at next meeting, May 18th, bike month handouts to be distributed
 3. **Brampton Northwest Connects**
 - No report – no meetings planned since chair left
 - **Promotion**
 - No report
 - **Prioritized infrastructure list** – David reported tender for the Franceschini bridge is to be awarded on May 25th and construction should start by the end of July
 - **Bike Month 2017**
 - [Bike the Creek](#) June 24th –David reported he is meeting with the volunteer coordinators next week. Emergency management has designed a safety plan, also to be discussed at meeting next week. Site visit to Jim Archdekin to decide what will be indoors vs outdoors. Entrance to rec centre is under construction, which will not affect our event. Daily "did you know" twitter posts include

#bikethecreek and promote registration. Members encouraged to favourite and retweet. Sign installation volunteers needed for Fri Jun 23rd.

- [Bike to School Week](#) - Lorie indicated there was a shortage of bigger bikes for the bike swap and that Massey School received a Healthy Schools award from OPHEA
- **CeleBrampton BikeFest** – Jun 10th 11am-4pm – Wellington St W, opposite Gage Park. Sharing booth with BCAC. David to create Doodle poll for volunteers
- [Bramalea CycleFest](#) / [Manitou Park Bike Parade](#) – June 3rd. sign installation Fri Jun 2nd morning.
- [Brampton Grow Green Network](#)
 - David reported that the Brampton Environment Advisory Committee that the Earth Day event on April 22nd at Teramoto Park went well with approximately 200 in attendance. BikeBrampton/BCAC shared a display and promoted upcoming cycling events. Councillors Palleschi, Whillans and Bowman attended.
 - Lisa reported the Professor's Lake cleanup event went well with several Councillors in attendance. Lisa distributed bike month literature.
- **Ottawa Bike Trip**
 - John reported that he, Al & Jim will be leaving on May 28th to test the route by car. Asked for another group meeting to be scheduled in early June. All accommodations are booked. Nick at Cyclepath has provided the shipping boxes for the trailer
 - David indicated he had reached out to Judy Varga-Toth at [Canadabikes.org](#). –he has not heard back as of yet. Her contract is running out May 30th
 - Polly indicated she had a response to her **letter to VIA rail regarding lack of baggage car capacity for bikes on the Ottawa run**. Dayle to post her letter on [BB website](#)
- **New Business**
 - [Province Wide Cycling Network](#) - David reviewed his proposed letter to the Ministry of Tourism and Culture regarding the Province Wide Cycling network, requesting the province include Etobicoke Creek Trail, which will connect Waterfront Trail to Greenbelt Trail. Discussion that the letter should be amended to also include the future Hurontario bike lanes. With that amendment, motion to approve the letter on behalf of BikeBrampton – Moved by Polly – carried. David to submit on behalf of BikeBrampton. Dayle to [post letter](#).
 - **Peel Daily News** David wrote a column on [Brampton a Bicycle Friendly Community](#), published May 1st. Dayle wrote a column on [I am a Cyclist](#), published May 8th.

Motion for meeting adjournment by John - carried 9:10pm

Next meeting: Thursday Jun 1st, 6:30-9pm, Chris Gibson Recreation Centre, Craft Room