

# BikeBrampton minutes

**June 1, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

Chris Gibson Recreation Centre, 125 McLaughlin Road North, Craft Room

**Attendees:** Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, John Van West, Bruce Marshall, Peter Bolton, David Laing, Dayle Laing  
Guests: Vince D’Elia, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority  
**cc:** Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

**Meeting Started:** 6:38 pm

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## **Review and approve minutes from last meeting**

**Motion** to approve minutes: John – Carried

Congratulations to Polly for being awarded the “Frank de Jong Legacy Award For Volunteers” in recognition of 7 years volunteering for the Green Party

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## **Brampton City Update:**

1. Kevin is developing a **web app to track bicycle infrastructure projects** and submitted a [report](#) on his progress. It will run in the [Bicycle Infrastructure Projects](#) tab on the BikeBrampton website. It pulls data from publicly accessible databases from both City and Region, further explained in his blog, [Brampton GeoHub: Storytelling with data](#).  
Discussion ensued about BFIP implementation and concerns about the safety of urban shoulders, how cycling infrastructure will be supported in the ATMP
2. **Report on Council Delegations** – Kevin delegated June is Bike Month/BCAC Workplan on May 15<sup>th</sup>. David delegated about Bike the Creek on May 31<sup>st</sup>. [Agenda](#) – see pp. 11-31 of 260 (presentation slides 5.2-1 to 5.2-20). [YouTube](#) starts 27:00 and ends 39:17.
3. **Ontario Bike Summit** (OBS), Polly – Kevin and Polly attended on Apr 12-13<sup>th</sup> 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, which is available for booth displays. Dayle posted [blog](#). Brampton Guardian published a [story: “City of Brampton achieves bike friendly status”](#) on Apr 17<sup>th</sup>, where David was quoted. City published a [media release](#).

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4. **Community Rides** – 1<sup>st</sup> ride May 28<sup>th</sup> – Lisa reported 24 riders attended. Next ride, Tuesday June 6<sup>th</sup>. Members to [register online](#), even if they are volunteer leaders.
  5. **Main/Queen Streetscape Final Report** (presented to Council May 31<sup>st</sup>) –David reported a number of businesses in downtown Brampton are requesting their patrons sign a petition requesting that on-street parking be kept on Main and Queen. Kevin posted [Support Downtown Reimagined](#) blog.
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## Regional Update:

**Cycling Guide:** Region will be producing for spring 2017 availability – done – available [online](#) & hard copy – Dayle posted [link to page](#) on website.

**Bike to School Week May 29 – Jun 2, 2017** - Erica reported 151 Peel schools signed up for BTSW 2017. A list of schools is posted on the [Walk and Roll website](#). Some schools did not sign up because the principal was concerned about lack of adequate bike parking. Lisa reported 115 bikes in the R.J Lee racks this past Thursday.

**McMurphy Bike Festival** will be held again this year on June 17<sup>th</sup> 11-2pm. BikeBrampton will support with a booth and bike repair. Action: - Dayle to ask for a table. - done

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## Community Engagement

**Brampton Springdale Network** – Polly reported that BSN is interested in creating a community hub. She described a hub example located in Cambridge <http://www.langs.org/community-health-centre/>. Discussion that community bike centre idea would be a good fit in new community hub.

**Brampton Northeast Connects** – no report

**Brampton Northwest Connects** – no meeting

**Erin Oaks** – new centre open at McVean and Castlemore

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## BikeBrampton Projects:

1. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)
  2. [Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#)
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3. Promotion: Social Media & Website Dayle reported on series of 60 Bike the Creek tweets used to promote the event. Many were tied into Canada 150 historical theme.
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4. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

**1. TRCA Trails Report: Vince D’Ellia**

Discussion about trail surfacing, (gravel vs. asphalt). Lisa reported she recently rode the new trail in Heart Lake Conservation Area and found the gravel surface has degraded with large gravel rising to the surface. David indicated possible alternative in Mississauga Erindale Park where plastic honeycomb material was used to secure screenings. Mississauga is installing asphalt on their sections of ECT this summer, (behind HP building south of the 401). Vince indicated he would explore solutions and let us know. **Action** – David to follow up with Vince re trail surfacing

- a. Vince reported **Valleywood Southfields Phase 2**, (Pinewood Circle in Valleywood to trail behind new homes at Dougall in Southfields), to be completed this June.
- b. Vince reported construction on **Kennedy Valley** trail to start this summer from west of 410 to Mount Charles Park in Mississauga. Will include bridge crossing creek, E of 407 just before Tomken. In 2018 plan is to connect to Powerade Centre where a trailhead will be created. An additional bridge is needed here. Another mini-trail head planned for West Creek Blvd, with a parking lot. **Action: Dayle** to send Vince pictures from KVT with Dayle, David and Peter – done
- c. Vince reported, **Sherway** trail construction, (connection under the QEW bridge at the West Mall) will go ahead this September.

**BikeBrampton priorities:**

- a. Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy – David reported that consultant retained and mitigation report work has begun. TRCA produced [video](#). Nelson has received draft report.
- b. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road, Rutherford, McMurchy) no report **defer to next meeting** (whose action item?)

**City Priorities:**

- a. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across #410 (Franchesini bridge) –
- b. BFIP traffic calming: Fernforest (urban shoulders installed), Richvale Drive (residents decided to do nothing), Mountain Ash Rd (urban shoulders installed), and Edenbrook Hill Drive (urban shoulders installed) – slated for traffic calming which will include bicycle infrastructure option as per BFIP.

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c. Queen Street Densification Corridor.

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## 2. Bike Month 2017

[Bike the Creek - June 24, 2017](#) - Use #bikethecreek to promote. David provided an update on volunteer status and new safety plan.

**BTWD**- Dayle reported there were fewer attendees than last year but that the day was successful with more Councillors attending, (Councillors **Bowman** and **Whillans** arrived on a tandem bike)!

**PEYA Amazing Green Race** – Alina, David and Dayle presented the MTO Road Safety Challenge Intersection Game to dozens of keen students at UTM on May 20<sup>th</sup>. [Thank-you note](#) from PEYA team

**Rani** highlighted in Bike Month magazine as the “Cyclist of the Month” – Congratulations Rani!! Action: Dayle to post on website – done [BikeBrampton Member Profiled](#)

Members, Alina, Lisa, Steve, David and Dayle volunteered to lead rides at **Bramalea Cyclefest** and **Manitou Bike Parade**.

**Bike to School Week**, Bike Brampton members participated at events in 7 schools including St. Leonards, Massey St., Our Lady of Providence, Conestoga, Clark, Louise Arbour SS & Great Lakes PS

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## 3. Ottawa Bike Trip

**John** reported 6 BikeBrampton riders plus a support van will be riding from Ottawa to Brampton on starting on July 10<sup>th</sup>. Polly indicated she received a response to her letter to VIA rail regarding the lack of baggage car on the Ottawa line. Answer is: no baggage car will be provided. ([letter posted to BikeBrampton.ca](#))

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## New Business

### 1. Environmental Defense Engaging Communities in Climate Change grant proposal

David reported he wants BikeBrampton to submit proposal for this grant. Plan is to resurrect Pedalwise program, (similar to CanadaBikes eco-action grant proposal). Mentors and mechanics will be paid positions, if the grant is awarded. Will know by mid-June. **Motion** to support grant proposal tabled by Polly - Carried

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### 2. Peel Daily News

**Dayle** reported she and David had both written articles on active transportation for the first 2 issues of the Peel Daily News (a new local publication) David’s article: [Brampton, a Bicycle Friendly Community](#),

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published Apr 2017, p.16. Dayle's article: [I am a Cyclist](#), published May 8<sup>th</sup>, p.6.

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3. Province Wide Cycling Network **David** reported that the Ontario government is looking for public input on a proposed cycling network. Motion for BikeBrampton to submit comments indicating that the Etobicoke Creek Trail and the Hurontario Main planned bike lane be included in the network. Moved by Polly – carried - done
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## Events

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1. [Critical Mass Ride](#) – Sept 29<sup>th</sup> 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.
  2. [Community Rides](#)
  3. [Bike Month events](#)
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## Referred Matters List

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**Next meeting Thurs Sept 7<sup>th</sup>, 6:00 pm – 8:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned 9:10p.m.

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