

# BikeBrampton minutes

**September 7, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm**

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

**Attendees:** Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, George Sheppardley, Gerald Pyjor, Erica Duque (ROP), David Laing, Dayle Laing  
**cc:** Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

**Meeting Started:** 6:35 pm

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**Review and approve minutes from last meeting**

**Motion** to approve June [minutes](#): Gerald – Carried

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**Brampton City Update:**

1. Dayle reported on BCAC meeting of Jul 20<sup>th</sup>:
  - Share the Road provided feedback on Brampton's BFC (**Bicycle Friendly Community**) bronze status, outlining steps to Silver
  - Dayle was appointed to represent BCAC on **Heart Lake Road Function & Design Technical Advisory Committee** (TAC). (David is to represent BEAC on same TAC)
  - Franceschini bridge to start in August – apparently started, confirmation required
  - Kennedy Valley Tr extension to start summer – weather-dependent, confirmation required
  - South Fletchers Creek Trail (southwest of McLaughlin & Elgin, adjacent to Brampton Centennial SS) to be completed Aug. Incomplete trail was used in Bike the Creek City Ride, so this is an important missing connection. Confirm path under Elgin also complete
  - Notices about urban shoulders being added automatically on Colonel Bertram (Conservation-Mayfield) and Queen Mary (Wanless-Edenbrook) – discussion about new approach being a positive step: announcing projects rather than requesting permission from residents
2. Dayle reported on BCAC meeting of Aug 17<sup>th</sup>:
  - David presented EcoAction Community Funding Project, to resurrect Pedalwise, Bikewrx and

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which needs volunteer support. – BCAC moved to support

- BCAC 2017 Work Plan was reviewed – discussion about ambitious extent of document
  - Kevin queried consistency of Brampton Transit policy application for bike & ride – he was denied rack access because his is not a mountain bike. – discussion: Lisa added she was denied roller blade access by one but not 2 other drivers – discretion of bus drivers leaves residents wondering what they will encounter. Standardized policy better for encouraging transit use, as there is no mention about tire diameter or roller blades on transit website
  - Notices about urban shoulders being added automatically on Sunforest (Sandalwood-Bovaird) and Don Minaker (Ebenezer-Gore) – discussion: follow up using 311 re McMurchy worn lines, Fernforest still has hand-drawn bike sharrows
3. [Main / Queen Streetscape Notice of Completion](#) – Aug 31<sup>st</sup> – design & tender spring 2018
  4. **Community Rides** – discussion about improving turn out by increasing promotion. Program subcommittee planning to address suggestions and policies to make rides more successful for 2018. Discussion about importance of listing community ride dates and link for registration on Brampton Recreation 2018 bulletin, along with other city cycling events, like Bike the Creek.

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## Regional Update:

1. **PSARTS** - Polly reported that David Laing and Tony Camera (Peel Public Health) are the new co-chairs of PSARTS. Next meeting Oct 24<sup>th</sup>, or date TBD for availability of school board representatives. David and Dayle had 1<sup>st</sup> meeting with new Peel MOH (Medical Officer of Health) Dr. Jessica Hopkins, and Dr. Lawrence Loh on Sept 1<sup>st</sup>. Meeting was a positive first contact to establish working relationship. Dr. Hopkins is a recreational cyclist and wishes to explore commuting cycling. She is open to Bike the Creek 2018 invitation, as is Dr. Loh, who enjoyed his 2017 experience speaking as Acting MOH, and running the route.
2. **Fall programming** – Erica gave update on planning. Brampton Transit gave Peel 40 abandoned bikes. Discussion about success of summer programming offered by Brampton Recreation, which was enhanced by Walk+Roll prizes. ROP sponsoring new bicycle for a girl who attended library program. Bike is being purchased from Brampton CyclePath.
3. **School Bike Racks** – are being installed now. Lorie sent photo of new bike rack at Massey Street PS. Some installations are occurring too close to school building, preventing proper bike frame fitting

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into stand. Walk+Roll students are photographing locations for documentation.

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## Community Engagement

**Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant** – David reported on status of grant partnership. Waiting for details of how money to be distributed. Discussion about insurance and various locations for programming. Then contracts can be finalized. Gerald and Peter are tentatively engaged for bike mechanic training. Pedalwise mentor program to start after Nov 1<sup>st</sup>. GPS counters using Strava to be part of program data collection.

Lisa to speak about Ride your Bike – Discover your City on Sept 18<sup>th</sup> 9am at newcomers' centre (Ray Lawson & Main). [Centre for Education & Training](#) is organizing the event. Discussion re value of reaching newcomers when their lives are changing already and cycling can be introduced as part of the new culture they are acquiring.

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## BikeBrampton Projects:

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1. Promotion: Social Media & Website Kevin has set up [Bicycle Infrastructure Projects](#) category on website. Data is drawn from city and region and can be sorted by Ward and type of project!

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2. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

### 1. TRCA Trails

- a. Vince to reevaluate **Etobicoke Creek** trail surfacing north of Mayfield, & propose options
- b. construction on **Kennedy Valley** trail was to start in summer -west of 410-Mount Charles Park, Mississauga. Including bridge crossing creek, E of 407 before Tomken. 2018 plan to connect to Powerade Centre, for a trailhead. Additional bridge needed. Another mini trail-head planned for West Creek Blvd, with parking lot.
- c. **Sherway** trail construction, (connection under the QEW bridge at the West Mall) to go ahead this September.

### BikeBrampton priorities:

- a. Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy – David and Dayle sitting on TAC (Technical Advisory Committee), 1<sup>st</sup> meeting Sept 15<sup>th</sup> – review consultant's draft report
  - b. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road, Rutherford,
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McMurphy) Action: members to contact 311 to request attention

- c. Alderlea Bike Rack – after several years of tirelessly advocating, John Van West was finally successful at having rack installed at historic Alderlea. He submitted his poetic [letters of thanks](#) to Councillor Bowman and Project Manager Robert Hornblow. – 1<sup>st</sup> rack is up, 2<sup>nd</sup> to follow and sign to be removed! – Members commended John’s persistence.

## City Priorities:

- a. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across #410 (Franchesini bridge) – Lisa reported new section of trail finished –Queen–Clark, west side of Norton Park pond limestone-screened and asphalted up hill to Queen – Steve reported done
- 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.
- c. Queen Street Densification Corridor
- d. Truman Street bridge connecting to Centre St – path now open

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3. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) Lorie reported via email, after having just moved to Milton (Halton Hills), that her kids’ new school, Escarpment View PS, informed her immediately that their school is a “walking” school and it would be expected that children walk or bike and are not driven!

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2. Ottawa Bike Trip Group of 6 cyclists completed ride from Ottawa to Brampton on starting on July 10-17<sup>th</sup>. John did an amazing job of organizing this event and having his friend Jim drive the support van and trailer. Unfortunately, John left us after day 3. He cycled 127km to Kingston, without complaint, on a sprained ankle! This was a fabulous trip and opportunity to see cycling infrastructure, both rural and city. David organized meetings with top level officials from 4 different federal departments. Brampton was well represented! Heather Shearer VP of BikeOttawa, took us on an extensive tour of Ottawa infrastructure. At the Durham Regional boundary, we were met by Joe Arruda (Oshawa) and Jim Boate (Clarington), followed by Bruce MacDonald (Whitby), who generously escorted us to Ajax. Lisa wrote and posted terrific blogs and photos for each day. These are well worth the read:

<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/08/ottawabramptonodysseycycle/>

<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/09/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-train-travel-day-to-ottawa/>

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<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/11/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-meeting-and-tour-day-ottawa/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/11/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-retail-therapy-carbo-loading-and-shenanigans/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/12/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-ottawa-to-mannotick/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/13/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-merrickville-to-kingston/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/14/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-kingston-to-belleville-a-day-of-contrasts/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/18/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-belleville-to-port-hope-headwinds/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/19/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-port-hope-to-ajax-with-an-escort/>  
<https://lisastokes66.wordpress.com/2017/07/23/ottawabramptonodysseycycle-ajax-to-brampton-final-day/>  
Stats Summary - <http://wp.me/p4TEzX-10w>

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| 3. Cyclists of Brampton  | Discussion about making this a winter project. Lisa has taken several photos. Polly has supplied write up     |
| 4. Environmental Defense Engaging Communities in Climate Change grant proposal | David reported we were not successful in obtaining this grant as they were looking for more rural communities |
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## New Business

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| 1. Retail Bike Racks           | George reported that new Tim Hortons are Vodden and Main has a bike rack front and centre!   |
| 2. Cycling in Amsterdam/London | George prepared a slide show of his recent experience in Europe. He focused on extensive cycling and how infrastructure handled the traffic and bike parking |
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## Events

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| 1. <a href="#">Critical Mass Ride</a> – 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. <a href="#">BikeBrampton webpage</a> This is free-flowing and not organized by BikeBrampton. |
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2. [Community Rides](#) Last 2 rides: Sept 10<sup>th</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup>. Sept 10<sup>th</sup> is combining event with Town of Caledon

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  3. [Tour de Mississauga](#) Lisa has registered for 50km. Erica reported Peel Walk+Roll will be hosting a booth – Sept 17<sup>th</sup> - 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of event

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  4. [Bike the Creek](#) Date set for Jun 23, 2018 – save the date
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## Referred Matters List

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**Next meeting Thurs Oct 12<sup>th</sup>, 6:00  
pm – 8:30pm**

Meeting Adjourned 8:20p.m.