

BikeBrampton minutes

October 12, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

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

Attendees: Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Kevin Montgomery, Peter Bolton, Bruce Marshall, David Laing, Dayle Laing
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:37 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

Motion to approve Sept [minutes](#): Steve – Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. Kevin reported on BCAC September meeting:
 - Ping Street App – could link to Strava, Community Rides – shows what Brampton has to offer vs. other cities like Cambridge, Kitchener
 - Will look at Burlington & Hamilton to gain insight into BFC (**Bicycle Friendly Community**) steps to Silver
 - Greenway of LRT route – deferred to EAC for bioswale request
2. David asked to participate in **Brampton South corridor Community Meeting of HLRT** on Nov 1st
3. David to delegate on **PSARTS** at Nov BCAC meeting
4. Lisa reported **Community Rides** for 2018 selected – 14 rides went into Parks & Rec calendar, participant numbers similar to 2016, better volunteer participation, good feedback, demographics changed to younger riders, Councillor Medeiros advertised in his newsletter **Action:** get dates to Councillors now for 2018. Future Ready came out to final Community Ride to canvas cyclists. Councillor Whillans participated in Community Ride and after cycling Etobicoke Creek Trail north of Mayfield, he may apparently be in support of paving this rough stretch of gravel. Steve reported that the Mississauga end of Kennedy Valley Trail (south Etobicoke Creek Trail) has been paved.
5. Dayle reported BikeBrampton/BCAC booth at **Brampton Grow Green EcoAction** wrap up event on

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Oct 7th in Ken Whillans Square. Excellent community engagement and questions.

6. Dayle reported on **Heart Lake Road Corridor Technical Advisory Committee meeting** of Sept 15th. Focus of meeting was on road engineering. Discussion about importance of considering complete terms of reference for design. Discussion about connectivity along Countryside Drive from Heart Lake Rd to Hwy 50. Discussion about roundabout feasibility. First PIC to be announced shortly.

Regional Update:

1. **Ontario Environmental Commissioner Dianne Saxe** spoke at [Region of Peel Make Space for Climate Change event](#) on Aug 11th. "We have a once-in-a generation opportunity to cut energy costs and reduce the environmental footprint of municipalities," said Dianne during the event. In response to this important call to action the Region has initiated the development of a Corporate Climate Change Master Plan to support continued execution of the 2015-2035 Strategic Plan and Term of Council Priority to mitigate and adapt to the effects of climate change. [Youtube link](#) for Dianne Saxe's presentation. Apparently, Brampton is one of the few communities in Ontario that does not have a climate change strategy.
2. Polly reported on [Drawdown](#) by Paul Hawken – 100 Solutions to Reverse Global Warming. If 14% of urban trips were done by bike, we would meet our Paris accord climate targets.
3. City of Toronto Bloor Bike Lane [Report](#) TCAT recommends make **Bloor Bike Lanes** permanent [link](#).
4. **Pearson Airport** logistics may be considering bicycle infrastructure in future plans
5. **Caledon** now has signed bike routes that connect Etobicoke Creek Trail on road to the Great Trail (Transcanada Greenbelt Trail)
6. **Caledon** Share the Road workshop – Oct 23rd. – David asked to participate in stakeholder session

Community Engagement

Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant – David reported on status of grant partnership. Mentorship will be much simpler and less time consuming than in the past. Minor customization. Protégés log kms on GPS units or Strava app on their phones. Upload data every few weeks. 16 month program. David contacting Waterloo professor who mapped data for Peel. Bike donations continue! People contact us through info@bikebrampton.ca David looking for mentors.

Lisa reported Erica and she presented Ride your Bike – Discover your City on Sept 18th at newcomers' centre (Ray Lawson & Main). Discussed value of reaching newcomers when their lives are changing already and cycling can be introduced as part of the new culture they are acquiring. Lisa obtained 2

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names of potential protégés.

Action: David to renew BikeBrampton membership in Canadabikes.org for \$60. Lisa and Polly each provided \$20. David and Dayle made up the \$20 balance. - done

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. Promotion:
Social Media & Website Kevin reported large increase in June 2017 due to Bike the Creek. He has provided data by age, gender, etc. See links in supporting documents for this month. High percentage of newsletter emails opened.

2. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects **TRCA Trails:**
 - a. **Etobicoke Creek** trail surfacing being re-evaluated north of Mayfield
 - b. on **Kennedy Valley** trail construction begun – bridge abutments in progress. Clearance from Enbridge received. Asphalt surfacing selected.
 - c. **Sherway** trail construction (connection under the QEW bridge at the West Mall) delayed to spring 2018.**BikeBrampton priorities:**
 - a. Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy – David and Dayle sitting on TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) see in Brampton report
 - b. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road, Rutherford, McMurchy) **Action:** members to contact 311 to request attention**City Priorities:**
 - a. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across #410 - Franchesini bridge in progress
 - b. 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
 - c. Queen Street Densification Corridor

3. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) N/A

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New Business

1. TVO Life Sized City Mikael Colville-Andersen (originally from Canada) has created a 6-part series where he visits different cities around the world. [TVO link](#) Episode 2 was done in Toronto.
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Events

1. [Critical Mass Ride](#) – Oct 27th 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. Brampton GrowGreen Network Partnership Meeting Oct 16th, City Hall
 3. [Bike the Creek](#) Date set for Jun 23, 2018 – save the date
Planning rides to be announced
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Referred Matters List

1. Cyclists of Brampton Winter project
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Next meeting Thurs Nov 2nd, 6:30 pm – 8:30pm

Meeting Adjourned 8:25p.m.
