

BikeBrampton minutes

November 2, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

Loafers Lake Recreation Centre, Auditorium

Attendees: Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, George Sheppardley, Leslie Benfield, Peter Bolton, Bruce Marshall, Wayne Noble (Caledon), David Laing, Dayle Laing, Vince d’Elia (TRCA), Gerald Pyjor
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 8:17 pm, following review of PIC presentation boards for Heart Lake Road and Sandalwood Parkway

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

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

Brampton City Update:

1. Discussion about Public Information Centres for Sandalwood Parkway (Heart Lake Road – McLaughlin). Many comments about local community being against 6 lanes on Sandalwood, speed of vehicles, safety of Sandalwood/Heart Lake Road intersection and difficulty in cycling safely along Sandalwood, especially crossing the intersection west to east, and navigating around cars exiting onto #410 south. Discussion about dedicated bus and bike lanes on Sandalwood, and keeping existing 4 lanes for vehicles. Discussion about impact of Burnt Log community on traffic volume, and future with autonomous vehicles and changing patterns for vehicle use. **Action:** members to register their comments directly to: Ghazanfar.mohammad@brampton.ca and peter.cholewa@aecom.com
2. Discussion about Public Information Centre for Heart Lake Road Corridor. Discussion about confusion about alternatives, small size of maps, consideration for all of the terms of reference, involvement of stakeholders – the businesses, TRCA trail, entrance into HLCA opposite Countryside Drive, feasibility of using conservation area trail due to sensitivity of area, flooding and steep esker hills at south end. Discussion about speed of vehicles and future increasing volumes due to Emery and Burnt Log developments and residential and commercial developments in Caledon, north of Mayfield. Discussion about changing road designation from minor arterial to collector. Discussion about speed cushions installed spring-fall. [Blog post with comments and proposed alignment](#). This proposal was incorporated in Alternative G. **Action:** members to register their comments directly

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to: nelson.cadete@brampton.ca and francois.tomeo@stantec.com

3. David participated in Metrolinx's **Brampton South corridor Community Meeting of HLRT** Nov 1st on behalf of BikeBrampton. Meeting of concerned stakeholders, local residents, Board of Trade. Project plan presented. Construction to begin spring 2018, starting with underground utilities, until 2022. Highlights: bikes to be allowed on LRT trains during non-rush hour. David requested Metrolinx add impact of bike lanes to their schedule of upcoming business impact seminars. Community benefits of employment opportunities, reflective of city demographics.
4. David to delegate on **PSARTS** at Dec BCAC meeting
5. Brampton RoadWorks closures & construction projects shown on [MapIT](#)

Regional Update:

1. **Sustainable Mobility Summit** Oct 29-Nov 1. David was requested to moderate session on active transportation, corporate, equity. Hosted by Region of Peel, with participants from across Ontario. Association of Traffic Demand members were the main attendees. Highlights: Janette Smith, ROP Commissioner of Public Works indicated that 66% of Peel commuters travel by single occupancy vehicle and average commute is 35-40 minutes. Target in 20 years is to reduce number to 34% and average commute to 32 minutes. She said pollution kills more people globally each year than wars, disease and hunger combined! We need to move from doing things right to doing the right things. She highlighted the challenge of improving the percentage of children walking or cycling to school with a question on whether we are currently doing the right things to reverse this declining trend. David reported on Jerry Boyer, from 'One Million Acts of Innovation', who presented mobility as a service, which would combine various transportation modes under a one-fare system using a smartphone app to get people from origin to destinations. He said the private car is used 4% of the time, sits idle 96% of the time, but accounts for 85% of the total mobility dollars spent. He predicts that ride-sharing services will result in a 6% reduction in bus services, an increase in regional transit (ie. GO) and lead to less biking and more walking.
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. **Airport Road EA** (Braydon Blvd – Countryside Dr) Thurs Nov 23rd 6:30pm to 8:30pm Fairlawn Public School gym, 40 Fairlawn Blvd. AT alternative with keeping 4 lanes with AT infrastructure, or widen to 6 lanes. Although there are 6 lanes south of this small subject area, Wayne reported there will be

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an EA for Airport Rd. (Boston Mills – Huntmill) that will offer opportunity to have AT considered north. Comment on decisions that will affect the whole region, not only Brampton. **Action:** Dayle to post Airport EA advertisement link, once available.

4. **Caledon Share the Road workshop** – Oct 23rd. – David was asked to participate in stakeholder session. Caledon is committed to become a BFC. The mayor and 3 Councillors attended the session, led by Justin Jones from Share the Road. Caledon just installed a signed bike route linking Southfields community from the Etobicoke Creek Trail to the Great Trail (Greenbelt Trail). Wayne reported planned installation for 2 bike repair stands – one at foot of Newhouse Park, Valleywood and one for Southfields.
5. Discussion about **long term increase in cycling mode share** will require both bike lanes and on-road facilities. Shared paths are not enough to accommodate more cyclists. Mississauga has found that paths have become an issue for cyclist/pedestrian conflicts because they are too busy now.

Community Engagement

Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant – David reported on status of grant partnership. Working on memo of understanding with non-profit PCHS, that can handle the funding and insurance, storage. Their location at Sunnymeadow and Peter Robertson is fairly central. David looking for mentors (small honorarium) – training to start 3rd week November. Lisa reported that she and Erica 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 names of potential protégés. David will be contacting Boys and Girls Club for protégé recruitment. 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, for reports on his research. Bike donations continue! People contact us through info@bikebrampton.ca Discussions with library re: early December launch. BikeWrx planned to start early December (Peter and Gerald). Plan is to have formal course one Wednesday and drop-in the next Wednesday. Logo and promotion in development.

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1. Promotion: [Bike the Creek webpage](#) updated with new poster image and details for Jun 23, 2018
Social Media & Website
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2. Curb Cuts
Councillor Palleschi requested a list of top 10 for curb cuts in Ward 2 (Mayfield-Bovaird, #410-McLaughlin). David provided a potential list based on Bike the Creek routing and school proximity. Importance of having shovel-ready projects to maximize grant potential.
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3. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects
- TRCA Trails:**
- a. **Etobicoke Creek Trail** surfacing being re-evaluated north of Mayfield. Brampton owns 600m north of Mayfield. Needs to be coordinated between Brampton & Caledon with TRCA. Councillor Whillans cycled September Community Ride and saw first-hand how rough the gravel path is, especially for road bikes. **Action:** encouragement for political support for paving ECT
 - b. **Kennedy Valley Trail** construction begun – bridge abutments in. Restoring wetland area first, then trail work starting Nov for 6-8wks. Asphalt surfacing spring 2018. Area at airport is paved. Bridge at #401 is under construction for next 2 years. Good detour connects to Humber Valley Trail.
 - c. **Sherway Trail** construction (connection under the QEW bridge at the West Mall) TRCA hopes to install bridge if weather holds, otherwise delayed to spring 2018
 - d. **Valleywood - Southfields Trail extension**, Caledon, bridge is now in place. Paving from Valleywood to Butter & Cup in Southfields.
- 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, Bleasdale) George reported McMurchy sharrows have been repainted and are better than original ones. David requested meeting with Councillor Palleschi to discuss members' responses to 311 calls. Some members have already followed up on their requests. Discussion about opportunity for 311 to advise when they have responded and deficiency/issue has been corrected, as this is positive publicity
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City Priorities:

- a. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across #410 including Franchesini bridge – Fall 2017
- 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
- d. BFIP projects – Traffic Calming Locations: [Edenbrook Hill](#), [Fernforest](#), [Mountainash](#), [Richvale](#)

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4. Bike the Creek, Jun 23, 2018
- First planning meeting for core team of partners was held Oct 11th. City of Brampton confirmed that Recreation (Community Development) will be supporting BTC. COB Active Transportation and Emergency Response, TRCA and Town of Caledon reconfirmed their partnership. Mississauga has confirmed they wish to be part of BTC with a route spur extending south into Mississauga at Charles Park. The Caledon loop will be extended north to showcase new signed bike route. This will be a truly regional event. Region of Peel confirmed verbally their support for sponsorship of lunch.

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

New Business

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1. TRCA Support
- David thanked Vince for the continuing support from TRCA for BikeBrampton and events such as Bike the Creek. Members echoed this appreciation.
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2. Miscellaneous
- Bruce reported that cycling enthusiast Sara Singh has been nominated for NDP Brampton South for upcoming provincial election. Sara is a PhD candidate in public policy. Apparently, Sara Verma has moved to North York and is no longer with CEA.

Events

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1. [ATMP Public Engagemt](#) Nov 9th Thurs 2-9pm drop-in, City Hall Atrium. “The City of Brampton is working on an Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP). This plan will help us develop a strategy and supporting policies to build a connected cycling and pedestrian network in Brampton. Our aim is to make it safer, more convenient, and more enjoyable to travel by non-motorized modes, and to encourage cycling and walking as a real transportation option for both recreational and utilitarian purposes.

Your input is important. Your feedback will be used to measure support for new cycling lanes, trail improvements, bike parking and pedestrian connections.” ***“Participate online from your computer or mobile device, by dropping pins on our digital consultation map that will be available until November 30 at www.brampton.ca/ATMP Brampton ATMP main webpage***
 2. [Torbram Rd EA PIC Nov 16th](#) Professors Lake Rec Ctr 6:30-8:30pm “Brampton has initiated a Municipal Class Environmental Assessment (EA) for improvements to Torbram Road from Queen Street to Bovaird Drive. In order to address operational deficiencies and need for additional north-south capacity in the area, a number of alternatives will be examined as part of the study including intersection improvements, active transportation, transit improvements, traffic operations and widening to six lanes. The overall impacts of such improvements on the social, cultural and natural environment will also be examined.”
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 4. [Critical Mass Ride](#) – Nov 24th 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.
 5. Bike People Party Lisa proposed a party for her cycling friends, partners & children for either Sat Nov 25th or Sat Dec 9th, 6pm. Potluck – bring favourite dish. She will be sending out doodle poll.
 6. [Bike the Creek](#) Date set for Jun 23, 2018 – save the date
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Referred Matters List

1. Cyclists of Brampton

Winter project

Next meeting Thurs Dec 7th, 6:30 pm – 8:30pm

Chris Gibson craftroom confirmed location

Meeting Adjourned 9:25p.m.