

BikeBrampton minutes

February 14, 2017 - 6:30pm – 9:00pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 224

Attendees: Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, George Sheppardley, Peter Bolton, Bruce Marshall, Barry, Leo Romero, Ewa, Rado, Andrew, Brenda, David Laing, Dayle Laing
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:40 pm

Review and approve minutes from last meeting

November [Minutes link](#) (December meeting was launch of Brampton Bike Hub, January meeting was cancelled due to ice storm)It was noted that January meeting was the first ever meeting cancelled in nearly 5 years of BikeBrampton’s existence: Steve – Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. David updated on “[Future Ready Brampton](#)” visioning weekend he attended Nov 26-27th. Larry Beasley (previously Vancouver senior planner) contracted by Brampton since April 2017. More than 60,000 people have been engaged in creating vision, including students who created essays, models, drawings. Every child focused on environmental themes (trees, water).These works of art were on display at city hall. The workshop focused on 10 areas, including Bramalea City Centre, Shoppers World, Powerade Centre. David was part of the environmental group. Workshop opened with inspirational, relevant, spiritual message from an Indigenous leader, which set the tone. Each group mentioned the environment in their presentations. CAO Harry Schlange concluded the city needs to rethink some of its directions based on the workshop feedback. It is important for Council to embrace visions, and for next term of Council to move forward with visions. Essential to attract the right kind of talent and businesses to the city, have appropriate densification balanced with green spaces.
2. **Riverstone** – discussion about city decision to purchase property as it relates to cycling. Previously Woodlands golf course; 36 holes cut to 18 holes; relatively new clubhouse with saltwater pool. Senior Centre was budgeted for clubhouse. Rehabilitated valleylands (owned by TRCA) would have a pathway that connects to the local community. This is separate from the PanAm connection through Clairville Conservation Area, to the west. Region of Peel is constructing an AT treatment on

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Gore Rd. Staff report supporting Riverstone was positive. David and Dayle supported it based on environmental considerations. Budget was in-camera.

- 3. Road to Silver BFC** – Share the Road awarded Brampton bronze in 2017. Discussion about importance of programming in achieving and maintaining the award. Bike the Creek 2018 will be 5th year for the event. Discussion about how to capture promotional benefit. **Action:** Dayle to have ideas added to BTC planning meeting agenda: record official opening of Franceschini bridge and official lunchtime program; livestream both events; request Discover Ontario to video.
- 4. Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP):** discussion about adding pins to online map by end of February. Draft expected by mid-March.

Regional Update:

- 1. Sustainable Transportation Strategy and Five-Year Implementation Plans [Agenda](#)** (A copy of the Sustainable Transportation Strategy, the Active Transportation FiveYear Implementation Plan and the Transportation Demand Management FiveYear Implementation Plan are available from the Office of the Regional Clerk for viewing) Presentation by Brian Hollingworth, Director, Transportation Planning, IBI Group; and Joe Avsec, Manager, Traffic and Sustainable Transportation [Council Decision Feb 22nd](#)
- 2. Airport Road EA** (Braydon Blvd – Countryside Dr) held Nov 23rd, Fairlawn Public School, was attended by Lisa, David, Dayle. Result of advocacy at this and previous EAs, was that region is changing one of the standard design options from multiuse path on one side only, to consideration for multiuse paths on both sides.

Community Engagement

[Brampton Bike Hub](#) (Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant, partnering with PCHS) – David reported that numbers of Pedalwise registrant protégés are increasing at a rate that permits good matching with our 10 mentors. Both Lisa and Barry have met with their protégés. Some want to wait for warmer weather, while some are eager to get going now. BikeWrx is attracting 12-15 people each week to alternating drop in's and bike repair modules. Protégés sign up for Strava and log kms on GPS units or Strava app on their phones. Mentors and protégés join EcoAction group for data aggregation. Lisa prepared excellent [Strava privacy](#) instructions for how to make a privacy circle around your home, yet share your data with the group. This is well worth the look to make sure you have selected what is appropriate for you! Discussion about how GPX files can be imported into Strava, Map My Ride and Fitbit. Example of

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the Carrot program to incentivize cycling activities. Discussion about [CAA's bike assist program](#) for members at all levels: basic, plus and premier. Calling them in the event of a break down counts as one service call anywhere in Canada or the US. CAA has been a sponsor at Ontario Bike Summit.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. Promotion:
Social Media & Website [Bike the Creek webpage](#) updated with new poster image and details for Jun 23, 2018 – registration open. Kevin created Brampton Bike Hub tab at top of menu bar for easier access
 2. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects
TRCA Trails:
 - a. **Valleywood - Southfields Trail Connection**, Caledon, bridge is now in place. Path is completely paved from Valleywood to Southfields
 - b. **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, especially in light of provincial OMCIP funding of \$1.7 million
 - c. **Kennedy Valley Trail** construction begun – bridge abutments in. Restoring wetland area first, then trail work for 6-8wks, including asphalt surfacing, spring 2018. Plan for Mississauga inclusion in Bike the Creek for 2019. Mt Charles Park section in Mississauga has been completed with asphalt
 - d. **Sherway Trail** construction (connection under the QEW bridge at the West Mall) TRCA, Toronto & Mississauga coordinating over past 12 years - spring 2018 construction. David wrote to Cycle Toronto Jared Kolb to encourage this infrastructure. Councillor Tovey (who has passed away) and Councillor Fonseca have been supportive of AT. Bridge under QEW will be proceeding.**BikeBrampton priorities:**
 - a. Heart Lake Road Mitigation strategy – David and Dayle sitting on TAC (Technical Advisory Committee) awaiting 2nd TAC. Heart Lake Wetland Complex is 7th out of 2260 most important provincially significant wetland on MNR's Ontario Wetland Evaluation System. [Heart Lake Road AT blog](#) as result of 1st PIC held Nov 2nd. Heart Lake is part of Brampton city loop, connecting Esker Lake
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Trail, up Heart Lake Road, through Heart Lake Conservation Area to Mayfield Rd.

- b. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road, Rutherford, Bleasdale) **Members' responses to 311 calls** have occasionally been prompt and have occasionally required follow up calls. Discussion about benefit and positive visibility for city to acknowledge the 311 caller again, once issue has been fixed.
- c. Clairville & Queen St E intersection – Steve reported this intersection requires a “no u turn” sign. Ebenezer is a safer route.
- d. Finch & Steeles intersection – Lisa reported this intersection should have a “beg” button to allow crossing from north to south

City Priorities:

- a. Esker Lake Trail pathway extension across #410 including Franchesini bridge – spring 2018, almost completed!
- b. Queen Street Densification Corridor – Ontario government approved Council decision on Hurontario- Main downtown streetscaping including bike lanes.
- c. BFIP projects – Traffic Calming Locations:
- d. OMCIP grant of \$1.7 million for Brampton AT infrastructure. Grant money from sale of Carbon Cap and Trade credits. Spending must be matched with city portion. Awaiting spending decisions

3. [Bike the Creek](#), Jun 23, 2018

BTC 2018 will have 4 new routes, with theme of “Bicycle Friendly Connections”. What’s new for 2018:

- New City Loop route showcasing Brampton’s Active Transportation Master Plan (City Loop Ride)
- New Brampton Franceschini bridge over #410 -Brampton will celebrate Official Opening at 10:45 (Nature, City Loop Rides)
- New bike lane and covered bike parking at Peel Memorial Centre for Integrated Health and Wellness (City Loop Ride)
- New Kennedy Valley Trail, extension of Etobicoke Creek Trail (City Loop Ride)
- Newly signed and paved wide-shoulder Town of Caledon bike route (Town Ride)
- New Town of Caledon bike route along Old Baseline Road through the Cheltenham Badlands (Town Ride)
- New Caledon bridge connecting Southfields & Valleywood Villages -Caldon & TRCA will celebrate Official Opening at 11:00 (Town Ride) (Nature Ride will cross bridge before Official Opening)
- New Etobicoke Creek Trail section into John Clarkson Park in Caledon (Nature, Town Rides)

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- New trail into Heart Lake Conservation Area from Mayfield Road (Family, Nature, City Loop Rides)
- New wayfinding signage along Etobicoke Creek Trail (all Rides)
- Newly visited for 2018 are: upper portion of Fletcher's Creek Trail (Town Ride), Wanless Drive multiuse path (Town Ride), and Rutherford Road bike lane (Nature Ride)

The other theme is **Aboriginal Heritage**, showcasing Canada National Aboriginal Day Jun 21st. Medicine Wheel Garden pavilion in Heart Lake Conservation Area will host Family, Nature and City Loop Rides.

[Registration is open](#) Lorie is organizing her corporate team again! Opportunity for many businesses & municipal government teams in Brampton

4. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) N/A
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New Business

1. G2G Trail, Jun 29-Jul 2nd Guelph to Goderich Trail. George reported on this bike camping trip of 127km each way. Route is partly completed. Sag wagon support. 4 days. <http://www.g2grailtrail.com/>
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Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month February 23rd, March 30th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
2. Brampton Grow Green Feb 20th Eco Pledge Program for 2018, City Hall WT 2C 6-8:30pm rsvp growgreen@brampton.ca
3. Toronto International Bike Show, Mar 2-4th Better Living Centre, CNE. BikeBrampton/BCAC/ROP booth [Doodle poll](#) for volunteer booth duty. **Action:** Dayle to send out booth duties & info
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| 4. Repair Café Apr 7 th | Chinguacousy Library 11-3:00 – joint program of Brampton Libraries and Sheridan College Office of Sustainability |
| 5. Ontario Bike Summit Apr16-18 th | Intercontinental Hotel, Front St. Share the Road registration Early booking \$342.50 +tx (by Feb 28 th), dinner only 108.92 +tx (by Apr 10 th) |
| 6. Earth Day Apr 22 nd | Brampton Grow Green Eco Pledge 2018 kick off, Eldorado Park; Professor Lake clean up event (Lisa & Bruce attended in 2017) |
| 7. Brampton Book Ride Apr 29 th | http://thereadingline.ca/brampton/ Brampton South Fletchers Library to Gage Park, 11-4pm |
| 8. Bramalea CycleFest May 26 th | Details to follow |
| 9. Spring into Health, Massey Public School, May 10 th | BikeBrampton invited to display. Teacher Renee Twinney, Peel Public Health Nurse Jacqueline Kent. Lorie returning to help with event. |
| 10. Ride to Conquer Cancer Jun 9-10 th | http://ride.conquercancer.ca/toronto/ |
| 11. Bike the Creek | Registration open now Jun 23, 2018 |
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Referred Matters List

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| 1. Cyclists of Brampton | Winter project |
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Next meeting Wed Mar 14th, 6:30 pm – 8:30pm 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108

Meeting Adjourned 8:30p.m.