

BikeBrampton minutes

March 14, 2017 - 6:30pm – 8:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Members: Stephen Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Pauline (Polly) Thornham, Peter Bolton, Alina Grzejyszczak, Gerald Pyjor, Maryna Davidovich, Andrea Adlam, Aiden, Erica Duque, Caitlin Lee, Rani Gill, Jason Clifford, Alex Srdoc, David Laing, Dayle Laing
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 7:45 pm following BikeWrx drop in in Brampton Bike Hub

Review and approve minutes from last meeting February [Minutes link](#): Steve – Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. David updated on Brampton Grow Green Network meeting #3 of Feb 20th. [Dayle's report](#) Grow Green Eco Pledge 2018 is being held Apr 22nd at Eldorado Park. BikeBrampton/BCAC is being asked to host a booth again.
 2. **Riverstone** – Lisa reported on her questions answered at the open house, following our discussion at the last meeting [Lisa's report](#) She concluded that the purchase was likely good value for the city despite negative comments on social media.
 3. **Toronto International Bike Show** – [Dayle's report](#)
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Regional Update:

1. **Sustainable Transportation Strategy and Five-Year Implementation Plan** Erica reported on this plan that was presented to regional council on Feb 22nd by Janette Smith, Commissioner of Public Works; Nancy Polsinelli, Commissioner of Health; and Jessica Hopkins, Medical Officer of Health. See pages 115-149, item 10.2.1 of the [agenda](#). Report highlights:
The Sustainable Transportation Strategy (the Strategy) is an action plan that outlines the Region of Peel's roles and responsibilities to significantly increase the proportion of trips made by sustainable transportation modes: walking, cycling, transit, carpooling and trips avoided through teleworking.
The strategy includes a target of 50 per cent of peak period trips made by sustainable transportation modes in the Region by 2041 (referred to as "mode share target"). This represents an approximate 13 per cent increase from current conditions, and is aligned with the upcoming Long Range Transportation Plan update.

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More than 50 actions are recommended in the Strategy. These actions are operationalized in the Active Transportation Five-Year Implementation Plan and Transportation Demand Management Five-Year Implementation Plan. These actions will improve mobility, community health, the natural environment, and transportation system performance.

The Region will seek to increase its funding for Smart Commute Transportation Management Associations in conjunction with local municipalities and Metrolinx, as well as through the annual budgeting process.

The investment to implement the programs and projects recommended in the Strategy to 2041 is estimated to be \$207 million for active transportation infrastructure, plus \$1.8 million annually for non-infrastructure related active transportation and demand management programs.

The appropriate allocation of funding sources to implement the Sustainable Transportation Strategy will be presented through the 2018 Development Charges Background Study and the annual budgeting process.

AM Peak Period Mode Share – Current Conditions and 2041 Vision Mode Peel Region

Driving Alone now 62.4%, 2041 49.7%

Sustainable Transportation Modes:

Walking now 6.8%, 2041 9.1%

Cycling now 0.3%, 2041 2.0%

Transit now 10.9%, 2041 17.0%

Carpool now 15.3%, 2041 17.9%

Other* now 4.3%, 2041 4.3% (*school bus, taxi, motorcycle)

Sustainable Transportation Total now 37.6% 2041 50.3%

2. **Bike to School Week (B2SW)** last week of May. Out of 58 GTHA schools registered so far, 15 are from Brampton: St. Edmund Campion SS, Brampton Centennial SS, St. Augustine SS, Rowntree PS, Central Peel SS, St Martin Catholic SS, St Marguerite d'Youville, St Augustine SS, Edenbrook Hill PS, Cardinal Leger, St Jean Brebeuf, St Thomas Aquinas, Louise Arbour SS, William Parkway Sr PS, Georges Vanier. Erica presented the historical context of 25 schools the 1st year, 52 the 2nd year and 152 schools last year. Peel surpassed Toronto despite smaller size, fewer kids, poorer infrastructure. Lisa reminded us of her positive experience at RJ Lee PS. The librarian stated her kiss and ride management had gone from being the most difficult task to being the easiest with no traffic jams following B2SW. Schools, parents, children need to be reminded each year to reinforce the message. Erica's experience has been the success of making the event into a challenge with prizes. The 1st 25 secondary schools have been offered a bike rack. Many schools have racks and need more. Action: Erica to send Dayle B2SW bulletin of prizes and details for updating [webpage](#)
3. **Bike Month** - Book Ride, Bramalea CycleFest, Bike to Work Day, CeleBrampton BikeFest, Bike the Creek – see events for details
4. **PSARTS** – (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School) – 17 stakeholders on this committee. David reported that PSARTS has been asked to provide input into school transportation vision for the

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province (Metrolinx). There was discussion about the \$1.4 million extra that was spent on bussing in Peel with lowered distances.

Community Engagement

[Brampton Bike Hub](#) (Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant, partnering with PCHS) – David reported that there will be an [Eco Action National Webinar](#) at City Hall WT-2C on March 28th 7-8:30pm.

“If you Build it, They will Come: Increasing Cycling, Reducing Emissions” - Learn about successful initiatives in Edmonton, Brampton, Montreal and Halifax. Share your successes and ask questions; featuring Brampton’s Bike Hub’s Pedalwise & BikeWrX programs – financial support from Environment and Climate Change Canada.

We are continuing to have new participants sign up for Pedalwise, and have 12 protégés matched with 10 mentors. One protégé moved to Saskatchewan and was quite disappointed having only had one very encouraging meeting with Barry before he was transferred. Lisa and Maryna reported they had their 1st mentor-protégé cycle to the meeting tonight!

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. Promotion: Social Media & Website

Members expressed their appreciation for Kevin’s expertise and generosity for our website and social marketing. Kevin created Brampton Bike Hub tab at top of menu bar for easier access, and Dayle replicated the process with a top tab for Bike the Creek. Facebook page likes continue to increase every week and tweets are regularly retweeted by an ever-increasing number of followers

2. 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, especially in light of provincial OMCIIP funding of \$1.7 million
 - b. Valleywood to Southfields trail & bridge: Official Opening, Bike the Creek, Town Ride 11:00, Jun 23rd
 - c. **Kennedy Valley Trail** extension- Kennedy Road to Westcreek Blvd in time for Bike the Creek’s City
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Loop Ride.

d. **Sherway Trail** construction - spring 2018 construction. 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 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. – follow up required
- d. Finch & Steeles intersection – Lisa reported this intersection should have a “beg” button to allow crossing from north to south – follow up required

City of Brampton Infrastructure:

- a. Franchesini bridge across #410– project near completion with Esker Lake path connections – official opening Bike the Creek, City Loop and Nature Rides, Jun 23rd 10:45am
- b. BFIP projects – Traffic Calming N/A
- c. Queen Street Densification Corridor
- d. Hurontario-Main downtown streetscaping including bike lanes– Ontario government approved Council decision
- e. 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

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

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4. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) Discussion about the importance of evidence-based decisions – see our extensive literature review
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New Business

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1. 100 in 1 Day, Jun 2nd Discussed ideas for simple whimsical participation in Brampton Grow Green event. – have a treasure hunt around Brampton using bikes on Brampton Transit busses. Have preloaded Presto cards for the number of stop locations. Purpose to encourage bus-bike usage
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2. Miscellaneous David recited his “Forgive me Motorist for I am a Cyclist” poem
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Events

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1. Repair Café Mar 22nd Sheridan College Davis Campus, Student Centre 11:30-2pm – Sheridan Mission Zero
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2. [Eco Action National Webinar Mar 28th](#) 7:00-8:30 City Hall West Tower boardroom WT-2C
“If you Build it, They will Come: Increasing Cycling, Reducing Emissions” - Learn about successful initiatives in Edmonton, Brampton, Montreal and Halifax. Share your successes and ask questions; featuring Brampton’s Bike Hub’s Pedalwise & BikeWrx programs – financial support from Environment and Climate Change Canada
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3. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month March 30th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
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4. Repair Café Apr 7th Chinguacousy Library 11-3:00 – joint program of Brampton Libraries and Sheridan College Office of Sustainability
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| 5. Ontario Bike Summit Apr17-18 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) |
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| 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) |
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| 7. Brampton Book Ride Apr 29 th | http://thereadingline.ca/brampton/ Brampton South Fletchers Library, 500 Ray Lawson Blvd to Garden Square, 11-4pm – sponsored by Region of Peel registration |
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| 8. Brampton Grow Green Network Meeting 4, May 3 rd | City Hall – details to follow |
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| 9. Spring into Health, Massey Public School, May 10 th | BikeBrampton invited to display. Teacher Renee Twinney, Peel Public Health Nurse Jacqueline Kent. Bike Swap to be part of event. Lorie returning to help with event. |
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| 10. Bramalea CycleFest May 26 th | BikeBrampton has been approached by Caterina for Chinguacousy Trail bike ride – details to follow |
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| 11. 10. Community Rides starting May 27th until Sept 23rd | http://bikebrampton.ca/events/brampton-community-rides/ Registration
mark your calendars and contact Lisa to volunteer to lead, sweep, photograph, refreshment coord. |
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| 12. Bike to Work Day, May 28 th | www.bikemonth.ca/ - Brampton has started to plan event |
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| 13. Bike to School Week, May 28 th - Jun 1 st | Schools register here |
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| 14. National Bike Summit, Ottawa | CanadaBikes.org 2 nd annual event on Parliament Hill |
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May 28-29th

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| 15. 100 in 1 Day, Jun 2 nd | Brampton Grow Green initiative funded by Evergreen. Details to follow |
| 16. Ride to Conquer Cancer Jun 9-10 th | http://ride.conquercancer.ca/toronto/ |
| 17. BikeBrampton summer party Jun 20 th | Wednesday evening during BikeWrX time |
| 18. Bike the Creek Jun 23 rd | Registration open . 4 exciting new rides that showcase new infrastructure, Heart Lake Conservation Area & the Medicine Wheel Garden (National Aboriginal Day). Trail opening ceremonies at Franceschini bridge and a Southfields/Valleywood Caledon bridge. New cycling loops in both Brampton and Caledon! |
| 19. G2G Trail, Jun 29-Jul 2 nd | 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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Referred Matters List

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| 1. Cyclists of Brampton | Winter project |
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Next meeting Wed Apr 18th, 6:30 pm – 8:30pm
Meeting Adjourned 8:20p.m.
