

BikeBrampton minutes

September 12, 2018 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Members: Peter Bolton, Lisa Stokes, Bruce Marshall, Heidi Berki, Tracy Zason, Barry Leveille, Jason Clifford, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Erica Duque, Brandon Quigley, Jim Holder, Joan Creed.

cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

Meeting Started: 6:40pm following BikeWrX drop in at Brampton Bike Hub

Review and approve minutes from last meeting [April minutes](#): Lisa – Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. **Community Rides** – Sept 23rd and Oct 14th still left. Oct 14th is ride #15 to replace cancelled Fernforest. It features Franceschini bridge on 15km route. Safety briefing has been documented in BCAC minutes, so next committee has all the information. Discussion about updating to identify “wobbly” rider and assign volunteer to improve predictability of novice riders. Also, caution “no headphones”. A rider could not hear instructions from leader. Also, “if this is your first community ride, we suggest you consider the 5km distance to make sure you know what to expect.” For the last few rides, ask riders if there is a demand for a 5km route and then assign volunteers accordingly. Discussion about pace for 15km ride being about 12-13km/hour.
 2. Discussion about AT questions for all municipal election candidates – meeting 6pm Friday night at Steve’s.
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Regional Update:

1. **Region of Peel Long Term Cycling Network 5yr Strategy** ([Sustainable Transportation Strategy – AT Implementation Plan 2018-2022](#))
2. Erica and Brandon reported that main goal is to reduce car mode share from 65% to 50% by 2041. If travel habits remain the same, by 2041 there will be 45% more vehicles on the road during morning peak period. Sustainable mode share includes walking, cycling, transit, carpooling. Discussion about the 3 municipalities’ approach ie. paved shoulder in rural parts of Caledon, urban shoulders / bike

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lanes in urban Brampton. Discussion about Bramalea Road being repaved without bike lane. Consensus that we support paved shoulders being indicated on ROP map as a bike route. Discussion that Caledon has high maintenance standards for their signed bike routes. ie. swept 2x/mth and maintained May-Oct. Discussion about a well-maintained paved shoulder is preferred to a multiuse path. Call 311 if you see debris on the trails. Indicate the hazard, which seems to elevate status of the report. Erica reported that AT programming budget for 2019 is increasing from \$230,000 to \$400,000-\$500,000. \$40 million is budgeted over 5 years for infrastructure and cross-rides. Annual budget was \$1.2 million and will now be \$8 million.

3. **Bike to School Week (B2SW)** last week of May. The B2SW [Outcome Report](#) showed 165 Peel schools participated in 2018, up from 152 in 2017, 52 in 2016 and 25 in 2015. Mode share during the week increased from <1% to 6%! The [B2SW Report Stories](#) affirm the program's success and the encouragement for students cycling following the program. There are supports for school travel planning during the year, not only during B2SW.
4. **Transportation Tomorrow Survey** – 2016 Reports, just published Sept 2018. Robust data for all of GTHA, including Region of Peel, conducted by University of Toronto.
5. **PSARTS** – (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School) – 17 stakeholders including Peel Public Health, Peel Walk+Roll, both School Boards, Brampton & Mississauga Traffic Councils, BCAC, BikeBrampton, Caledon OPP, Peel Regional Police, etc. Active Transportation (AT) needs to be normalized behaviour. The committee and subcommittees develop communication strategies and advocate. Discussion about Larkspur and Richvale. Richvale South has newly painted traffic calming lines. There are a significant number of cars parked (not just stopped) in the active lanes of traffic, every day.

Community Engagement

1. **Brampton Bike Hub** (Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant, partnering with PCHS)

BikeBrampton Projects:

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| 1. Promotion:
Social Media & Website | Facebook Messenger Group Chat – organizes impromptu rides in Brampton and beyond. Please contact info@bikebrampton.ca if you want to join this group. |
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2. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

TRCA Trails:

- a. **Etobicoke Creek Trail** surfacing north of Mayfield planned for paving in 2019. Brampton owns 600m north of Mayfield. Being coordinated between Brampton & Caledon with TRCA.
- b. **Kennedy Valley Trail** extension- Kennedy Road to Westcreek Blvd to Mt Charles Park – paving planned for this autumn.
- c. **Sherway Trail** construction - 2019 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– signage on both sides of bridge has been audited for updating to direct AT traffic.
- b. BFIP projects – Traffic Calming – see above for report on Richvale South.
- 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.

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3. [Bike the Creek](#), Jun 22, 2019 BikeBrampton is in process of passing lead on project to TRCA. While discussions are occurring, planning amongst the partners for 2019 has started.
 4. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) Discussion about the importance of evidence-based decisions – see our extensive literature review and description of projects.
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New Business

Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month Sep 28th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
 2. Brampton Grow Green Network Meeting 5, Sep 13th City Hall – discussion regarding planning an **Institute for Sustainable Brampton**, as outlined in Vision 2040.
 3. Tour de Mississauga, Sep 16th Discussion about a group from BikeBrampton / Brampton Bike Hub registering & attending
 4. Community Rides Sept 23rd & Oct 14th. <http://bikebrampton.ca/events/brampton-community-rides/> [Registration](#)
Rides 15 Fernforest, is make-up ride for Ride 9 cancelled due to thunder back in July.
 5. Greg's Ride, Sept 23rd Share the Road fundraiser in Dundas/Hamilton. BikeBrampton has special group discount code for registration.
 6. Erie Cycling Odyssey Sep 23-29th Group cycling odyssey from Greg's Ride, down to Lake Erie, back home to Brampton. Link for [Lisa's](#)
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[excellent daily blogs](#) Well worth the read & to see photos!

7. BikeBrampton winter party Jan 16th Wednesday evening during BikeWrx time

8. [Bike the Creek](#) Jun 22, 2019 Save the date!

Referred Matters List

1. Cyclists of Brampton Winter project

Next meeting Wed Oct 17th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108

Meeting Adjourned 7:59p.m.