

# BikeBrampton minutes

**October 17, 2018 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm**

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

**Attendees:** Members: Peter Bolton, Gerald Pyjor, Barry Leveille, Alina Grzejjszczak, Jason Clifford, Steve Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Ewa Milewska, David Laing, Dayle Laing,  
**cc:** Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT)

**Meeting Started:** 6:35pm preceding BikeWrX drop in at Brampton Bike Hub

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

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## **Brampton City Update:**

1. **BCAC** is continuing to meet unofficially. October meeting was cancelled. Anticipated ATMP will give the new term of Council an opportunity to support and provide a budget for active transportation.
  2. **Real Cyclist Wednesday** – See cyclebrampton on Instagram. Using Lisa's Cyclist of Brampton photos and answering these questions: What is a real cyclist? Name? Riding since? Bike type preference? Favourite place to ride in Brampton? What inspired you to start riding? Riding goals? If you want to be featured, contact [cycling@brampton.ca](mailto:cycling@brampton.ca)
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## **Regional Update:**

1. [Transportation Tomorrow Survey](#) – 2016 Reports, just published Sept 2018. Robust data for all of GTHA, including Region of Peel, conducted by University of Toronto. 11-17 year olds have doubled their cycling since the 2011 report. Discussion about the role of BikeBrampton's advocacy in the success behind these numbers. Bike to School Week has planted the seed that has helped change the youth cycling culture. Bike racks are full most days at Louise Arbour SS, Sandalwood SS, Bramalea SS, RJ Lee PS (thanks to Lisa), Massey Street PS (thanks to Lorie) and Roberta Bondar. Peel Walk+Roll has done an excellent job with encouragement programs! BikeBrampton has been invited to participate in several school assemblies over the past several years.
  2. We welcome Matthew Sweet back to Peel, in his position as Manager, Active Transportation, City of Mississauga.
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## Community Engagement

1. [Brampton Bike Hub](#) (Canadabikes.org EcoAction Grant, partnering with ever supportive PCHS) Our Environment and Climate Change Canada EcoAction grant runs until Jun 30, 2019. David has another interim report due in December. The Healthy Living Supports grant from Region of Peel has made the bike storage cage in the underground garage at PCHS possible. Steve, Gerald and David installed the cage. Racks to hold the bikes to be built and installed Nov 24<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** looking for volunteers to assess bikes in the cage – to fix or strip for scrap metal, before year end. **Action:** review mentor training document to see if more points need to be added.
  2. **Pedalwise:** We currently have 39 protégés, with 30 active. Discussion about performing an analysis of how many found the Pedalwise program due to self-motivation and how many we recruited at events. Does this make a difference in commitment? A couple have dropped out due to moving and health reasons. Some protégés may have simply changed their minds about participation. **Action:** David to ask proteges, if they are not participating, to complete an exit survey so we can learn going forward. Some participants choose to work on their cycling in the background and do not come out to the Bike Hub. Ewa commented she has had a great experience. She liked the technical BikeWrx training. Previously riding only on trails, she now cycles on roads too. She used Strava to find routes of others that she could personalize! Ewa and her husband bought a couple of city bikes while vacationing in Poland. They travelled all over with them. She said “I learned something from everyone in this room”. Discussion about our base ability for cycling increasing every year!
  3. [Pedalwise Carbon Reduction Challenge](#) – Oct 31<sup>st</sup> deadline for challenge amongst registered Pedalwise participants. Winners to be announced in November!
  4. **Institute for Sustainable Brampton** – discussion about BikeBrampton’s participation in forming an independent charitable organization that would help the City realize its 2040 Vision.
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## BikeBrampton Projects:

1. [Peel Community Cycling Program Tender](#)

David reported that BikeBrampton is partnering with PCHS to submit a bid for this tender for Brampton/Caledon communities, due Oct 30<sup>th</sup>. This would be to effectively continue and expand the Brampton Bike Hub’s Pedalwise & BikeWrx programs. The duration would be for 18 months, starting Jan 2019, with an option to renew annually, two times. David estimates 40 hours to pull this RFP

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submission together. He has produced a proforma budget, which allows for modest payments of services delivered. He needs 3 letters of reference. Town of Caledon and Caledon Community Services are additional partners in the bid, which would allow for expansion of program into Caledon. We should hear about success of tender shortly. Mississauga has a separate tender from Peel.

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2. Promotion:  
Social Media & Website

Facebook Messenger Group Chat – organizes impromptu rides in Brampton and beyond. Please contact [info@bikebrampton.ca](mailto:info@bikebrampton.ca) if you want to join this group.

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3. 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 Mt Charles Park – paving almost completed
- 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). Heart Lake Wetland Complex is 7<sup>th</sup> out of 2260 most important provincially significant wetland on MNR's Ontario Wetland Evaluation System. [Heart Lake Road AT blog](#) as result of 1<sup>st</sup> PIC held Nov 2, 2017. 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

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direct AT traffic. EcoCounter logged 17,761 trips from end of May to Sept 20<sup>th</sup>. Peak was 100 on Bike the Creek day, Jun 23<sup>rd</sup>. Average daily number is 42 cyclists.

- b. BFIP projects – Traffic Calming – Richvale North has daily issue with cars parked illegally in no stopping active lane of traffic.
- c. Queen Street Densification Corridor
- d. Hurontario-Main downtown streetscaping including bike lanes– Ontario 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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4. [Bike the Creek](#), Jun 22, 2019      BikeBrampton is passing lead on project to TRCA. While discussions are occurring, planning amongst the partners for 2019 has started. Planning ride scheduled for Oct 30<sup>th</sup> – goal to assess new route into Mississauga on Kennedy Valley extension of Etobicoke Creek Trail. Event will be regional!

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5. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#)      See our extensive literature review and description of projects. David delegated to Peel District School Board in May, requesting them to apply for grant covering Active Transportation Coordinator position. Green Communities Canada was funding the position. Neither school board had an appetite to support this funded position. City of Mississauga has committed funding for Round 2 of School Travel Program. Peel Public Health is considering moving forward with funding as well.

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## New Business

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## Events

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1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month      Oct 26<sup>th</sup> Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#). Facebook Messenger group chat has revitalized event. Halloween theme for Oct.
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2. Fright Night, Nov 2<sup>nd</sup> 6-9pm      BikeBrampton invited for booth at Gore Meadows. Ewa and Polly volunteered
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| 3. Healthy Communities Initiative, Nov 6 <sup>th</sup> 9-12 | BikeBrampton invited for booth at Soccer Centre for Peel Public Health's Live 5-2-1-0 follow up event. David and Dayle volunteered |
| 4. Repair Café – Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>                       | Chinguacousy Library branch – looking for volunteers. This is now independent of Sheridan College.                                 |
| 5. Sheridan College Repair Café – Nov 17 <sup>th</sup>      | David Campus – looking for volunteers                                                                                              |
| 6. BikeBrampton winter party Jan 16 <sup>th</sup>           | Wednesday evening during BikeWrX time                                                                                              |
| 7. <a href="#">Bike the Creek</a> Jun 22, 2019              | Save the date!                                                                                                                     |
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**Next meeting Wed Nov 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm**  
50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108  
Meeting Adjourned 7:15p.m.