

BikeBrampton minutes

January 16, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Gerald Pyjor, Peter Bolton, Barry Leveille, Alina Grzejjszczak, Steve Laidlaw, Bruce Marshall, Peggy Ramaekers, Banjo, Heidi Berki, Lisa Stokes, David Cooper, Gurpreet, Naseeb, Amin, Alum, Michael Gyovai, David Laing, Joseph Cresswell (The Journey), Leslie Benfield, Dayle Laing

cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT), Vince D’Elia (TRCA)

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

Review & approve minutes [November minutes](#) Gerald – Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. **Cross-Ride signals at Scott/James & Queen Street** – Definition requested: Similar to crosswalks, they allow cyclists to remain on their bikes and safely cross through intersections. They are generally connected to dedicated cycling facilities such as segregated bike lanes, cycle tracks and other cycling infrastructure. The cross-ride may be identified with thick painted blocks on either side, sometimes enhanced with arrowed bicycle stencils and/or green paint. At signalized intersections, the cyclist may remain on their bike and cross the road when the signal display (usually a small lit bicycle) indicates that the cyclist has the right-of-way. At intersections, proceed cautiously along the marked cross-ride and watch for left- and right-turning vehicles (both ahead, behind, and to the right of you) to be sure that they are yielding. Always travel at a reasonable speed that allows for you to stop if needed. Do not pass other cyclists within a cross-ride. Source: [Ottawa.ca](#) Photo below by Lisa, July 2017 – Main Street, Ottawa:

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Action: members to request traffic engineering to activate the signals at the Queen St. cross-ride. Discussion about the issue with cross-rides in Mississauga at Burnhamthorpe and Ponytrail.

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The cross-ride signals have been bagged due to light pole and bollard obstruction on the bike lane. Proper coordination amongst city departments responsible for installation and proper education of drivers is required. Cars turning right on red need adequate sightlines before proceeding. One option is to prohibit right turns on red if the location warrants this. Region of Peel is looking at shutting down all their regional road cross-rides. This would be most unfortunate, as these are valuable pieces of infrastructure for safe convenient cycling. Important to support our engineering experts who know the standards for proper design. **Action:** members to email their Regional Councillors for cross-ride support.

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2. George reported that Etobicoke Creek Trail will be closed at Elgin until Aug 1st. We have assurances that this will not affect the Bike the Creek route.
3. [ATMP \(Active Transportation Master Plan\) update](#) presented to BCAC on Nov 16th has been posted to City website.
4. Members may report street lights out to 311. Reminder to carry extra Region of Peel bike lights to hand out to those we see illegally cycling without lights in the dark!

Regional Update:

1. **Biking Beyond Downtown** – Erica speaking on panel discussion – Jan 17th. Lisa, David, Dayle attending

Community Engagement

1. Brampton Age-Friendly Public Forum – Jan 19th – Flowertown Seniors Centre. Gil Penalosa, founder of 8-80 Cities, the keynote speaker. BikeBrampton hosting a display booth
2. **Institute for Sustainable Brampton** – BikeBrampton is sitting on task force for forming an independent charitable organization that would help the City realize its 2040 Vision, bring green jobs to the City and increase sustainable transportation as part of our One-Planet living. As Chair of the task force, David delegating to Committee of Council on Jan 30th. [Blog post](#) with link to white paper report.
3. Discussion about having a BikeBrampton Youth Ambassador. Naseeb would be an excellent candidate!
4. [Brampton Bike Hub 2018 in Review Video](#)
5. [BikeBrampton mentioned in House of Commons by MP Sonia Sidhu - video](#)

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. [Peel Community Cycling Program Tender](#)
David reported that the partnership of PCHS, BikeBrampton, Town of Caledon and Caledon Community Services was successful at winning the CCP tender by Region of Peel. The program will run from Jan 2019 to Jun 2020, with expansions to at least one more site in Brampton and 2 in Caledon (Bolton and Southfields). Discussion about potential for expansion in Brampton at The Journey (Ardglen) and City

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Hall. More mentors are needed and those who feel they have graduated from Pedalwise and would like to become mentors are invited to the mentor training, slated for April. Alina will be putting on our [Winter cycling seminar on Wed Mar 6th](#). Jason will be conducting a Nutrition seminar on Wed May 1st. The [EcoAction winter/spring incentive](#) has been announced. We were up 700% more in kilometres logged in Dec/18 vs. Dec/17. Results will be published on the Brampton EcoAction Group in Strava. The new contest is based on group accomplishment and runs until the end of June. Remember to log your active transportation cycling trips as “commute” to count, so you can participate in the prizes. Discussion about other potential fun seminar topics: “how to fall without hurting yourself”. Apparently, Gerald and David’s nephew are experts in this area! Another topic could be pointers for distance cycling. Mentors have a substantial core base of knowledge that can be shared, eg. Discussion about cycling foot placement theory! Gerald is an Ont Mountain bike instructor Level 1.

Action from previous meeting: Mentors to review their training document to see if more points need to be added, and submit to David. **Action from previous meeting:** David to ask protégés, if they are not participating, to complete an exit survey so we can learn going forward.

2. Promotion:
Social Media & Website

N/A

3. Prioritized list of infrastructure projects

Action: members should consult the list of projects and report on progress/completion and identify new areas as appropriate. Members can use 311 to report issues.

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. **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 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 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. **Action:** Dayle to report next mtg

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- b. Worn pavement lines on existing infrastructure (eg. Bonny Braes Road, Rutherford, Bleasdale)
- 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. Francheschini bridge across #410– signage on both sides of bridge has been audited for updating to direct AT traffic. EcoCounter logged 20,000 trips from end of May. Peak was 100 on Bike the Creek day, Jun 23rd.
- 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. OMCIP grant of \$1.7 million for Brampton AT infrastructure – slated for Kennedy Rd cross-ride
- e. David Cooper mentioned an issue of guidewire and light standard placement on Airport Rd. He contacted 311.

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- 4. [Bike the Creek](#), Jun 22, 2019 TRCA will be making registration live shortly. Monthly planning meetings are underway. The new route to Toronto Pearson Airport will now mean the event is truly region-wide. Promotional business cards are available.
 - 5. [Brampton Kids on Bikes Project](#) **Action:** David to update at future meeting on Region of Peel submission for funding.
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New Business

Events

- 1. Toronto International Bike Show BikeBrampton is hosting a booth again this year, at the Better Living Centre. There is only one time slot
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| Mar 1-3 rd | still available! Doodle Poll Action: Dayle to send out information package to all those who signed up once we receive our booth number. Looks like it will be another great event and opportunity for us to promote our programs to Brampton residents and cycle tourists! |
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| 2. Critical Mass Rides , last Fri of every month | Nov 30 th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) BikeBrampton webpage . Facebook Messenger group chat has revitalized event. |
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| 3. Winter Cycling Seminar, Mar 6 th | 50 Sunny Meadow during BikeWrX drop in - Alina |
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| 4. Caledon Mentor Training, Mar 11 th | The Exchange, 55 Healy Rd, Bolton |
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| 5. Ontario Bike Summit, Apr 1-2 nd | Share the Road – save the date, Courtyard by Marriott Downtown Toronto |
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| 6. Nutrition Seminar, May 1 st | 50 Sunny Meadow during BikeWrX drop in - Jason |
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| 7. Community Rides – May - Sept | Information now available on City website . Maps being updated by BCAC |
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| 8. Vélocity 2.0 , Caledon Day – Jun 15 th | Save the Date – ride in support of Caledon Seniors – fund raiser |
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| 9. Bike the Creek Jun 22 nd | Save the date! Registration to open soon. Some new routes. |
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Next meeting Wed Feb 20th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108

Meeting adjourned 8:30p.m.