

BikeBrampton minutes

March 27, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Peter Bolton, Andrew Ellis, Wayne Noble, Ewa Milewska, Alex Srdoc, Peggy Raemakers, Barry Leveille, Polly Thornham, Alina Grzejszczak, Heidi Berki, Lisa Stokes, Dayle Laing, David Laing, George Sheppardley, Rani Gill, Jason Clifford, Erica Duque
cc: Nelson Cadete (Brampton AT), Vince D’Elia (TRCA)

Meeting Started: 6:31pm preceding BikeWrX drop in at Brampton Bike Hub

Review & approve minutes [February minutes](#) – Ewa - Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. Big Ask – \$1,875M approved by Council to be spent on cycling infrastructure project. After consultation with BikeBrampton members, Dayle to delegate to Committee of Council on April 3rd. See [Agenda](#) pages 29-63 for presentation slides and pages 63-116 for supporting report.
 2. ATMP expected to come to Council in May
 3. OBS19 – David indicated he will be presenting at the Ontario Bike Summit this year on the Bike Hub EcoAction success. Erica will be presenting on Building a Cycling Culture in Peel.
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Regional Update:

1. Erica reported Judy Yak is Acting AT Manager, ROP.
2. Bike to School Week is targeting 180 schools in Region. [BikeBrampton event webpage](#)
3. Crossrides on Mississauga Road are temporarily turned off due to discussions with MCAC. David reported he has made BikeBrampton’s position known to Mississauga AT Manager and Region, as per our previous meeting discussion. There needs to be measurement of how crossrides are working, and then develop an educational program based on that research. Right now, they are a wasted asset, when turned off. Discussion about cyclists’ duty to approach every intersection with defensive, techniques and not assume right of way means perfect safety. We need to look in every direction before proceeding, in the same manner as defensively driving a car or being a pedestrian. A crossride is designed for multiuse paths in the road allowance. It has a specific traffic light marked with bike symbols. It is illegal to ride on a crosswalk, which are the zebra-striped crossings designed

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for pedestrians. If we use them, we must dismount and walk across the intersection. Without a crossride, we must ride on the road, at least adjacent to the crosswalk. Brampton will have to wait until ROP works this issue out with Mississauga, so that the policy is consistent across the Region. Members concluded that we want crossride signals turned to green 'on' position when the road traffic signal is green. We do not want to have to stop and push the 'beg' button to activate the crossride.

4. There is going to be a Bicycle Friendly Community seminar for Mississauga. They have Bronze status now and want the seminar to see about going for Silver.
5. Wayne reported that the Caledon AT Task Force had their first meeting the previous week, run by Eric Chan. The members were picked by January and budget has been assigned. Policy is that every rural road resurfacing will include a wide paved shoulder. They have found that it improves edge quality of road surface since the heavy vehicles damage the edge. Signed bike routes have a higher level of care – swept twice/month, and are maintained 6 months/year. Policy is to have shovel-ready projects. Once approved, projects have a contractor on-site within 2 weeks. It is expected that 7 of the 9 Caledon Councillors (including Mayor) will show up to participate in Bike the Creek.

Community Engagement

1. United Achievers – David presented to more than 50 seniors on Mar 21st at Chris Gibson Recreation. Demand for Brampton Bike Hub brochures was brisk after the seminar.
2. ['Rural Romp'](#) – Dayle presented “The Good, The Bad and The Ugly of Rural Cycling” at University of Guelph’s Landscape Architecture’s Environmental Design and Rural Development’s seminar event

BikeBrampton Projects:

CCP – Brampton Bike Hub is expanding into Caledon. Official Opening of Southfields on Apr 8th, Bolton on Apr 15th. Peter is managing Southfields; Gerald is managing Bolton. [Caledon Bike Hub webpage](#)

Mentor Training in Caledon – held Mar 11th. Caledon and some Brampton residents participated.

Work party built locked storage cabinet for Southfields Recreation Centre storefront on Dougall Ave.

Work party for assembling outdoor storage shed at The Exchange, Bolton on Apr 5th.

Town of Caledon is promoting Caledon Bike Hub on outdoor signs in 5 different locations, as well as on their [Cycling Resources webpage](#).

City of Brampton is promoting Brampton Bike Hub on their [Cycling webpage](#) – see the rotating banner

Pedalwise Carbon Challenge – the March target of 2,500km has already been reached! Congratulations. If you are still not participating, please reach out for help in counting your kilometres on Strava to

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achieve our Brampton EcoAction goals!

Discussions are underway to expand the Brampton Bike Hub to a new location on Ardglen.

Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month March 29th, April 26th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
 2. Ontario Bike Summit, Apr 1-2nd [Share the Road](#) – Downtown Toronto. Annual event by Share the Road. Former Pedalwise protégé Caitlin Lee will be presenting in the BIKE MINDS evening event on her Suburban cycling experience! Janet Joy Wilson will be speaking about her Book Rides, including the Brampton Book Ride from last April. At the Summit in the Biking Beyond Downtown Sessions, Erica will be speaking on “Building at Cycling Culture in Peel”, and David will present “EcoAction in the Brampton Bike Hub”.
 3. Nutrition Seminar, May 1st 50 Sunny Meadow – Jason has designed this seminar specifically for cycling!
 4. Massey Street PS Bike Swap, May 1st BikeBrampton is donating 10 bikes from our lending library, as we support this important community engagement event for the 3rd year. Gerald has tuned up the 10 bikes, and David and Peter will be tuning up the other 25 bikes at the school. BikeBrampton will also be hosting a display booth at their simultaneous Spring into Health event.
 5. Vision 2040 – A Community in Action, City Hall, 9am-4pm – May 11th 1-yr anniversary of the 2040 Vision focusing on AT. Justin Jones of Share the Road will be the keynote speaker. BikeBrampton has been invited to host a display booth. David has been invited to participate in the discussion panel. [FREE registration](#). [Committee of Council Agenda for Mar 20th](#)
 6. Big Ask Report to Council – Jun 3rd Staff report back to Planning & Development Committee - 7pm – [link](#) to where agenda will be posted.
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7. TRCA Bike Tour Rides –Friday evenings 7-9pm in June
- Jun 7th – Claireville Conservation Area, 8180 Hwy 50 – [FREE Registration](#)
- Jun 14th – Rosalea Park, 71 Church St E – [FREE Registration](#)
- Jun 21st – Chinguacousy Park, at Ski Chalet, 9050 Bramalea Rd – [FREE Registration](#)
- David has added these rides to Lisa’s [volunteer sign up list](#) ride leaders, sweeps, helpers needed!
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8. Community Rides – May - Sept
- FREE Registration now available on [City website](#). Maps being updated by previous members of BCAC. 14 rides. First 10 in Wards 1-10.
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9. [Bike to Work Day](#) – May 27th
- Garden Square, 7:30-9am – [FREE registration](#) for chance to win one of 6 \$300 MEC gift cards
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10. [Bike to School Week](#) –May27-31
- BikeBrampton members participating in school activities throughout bike month!
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11. [Bramalea CycleFest](#) – Jun 1st
- Starts from All People’s Church, 41 Finchgate Blvd – [Registration](#)
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12. [Vélocity 2.0](#), Caledon Day –
- Jun 15th – ride in support of Caledon Seniors – fund raiser
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13. [Bike the Creek](#) Jun 22nd
- FREE Registration open! Two new routes, including further north into Caledon, and now including Mississauga with route south to GTAA Toronto Pearson Airport! Check the [website](#) for what’s new, route maps, descriptions and link to registration. Road closure on Heart Lake Road, showcasing Brampton’s Eco Bike Café – for all 4 routes.
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- Next meeting Wed May 15th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm**
- 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108
- Meeting adjourned 7:38p.m.