

BikeBrampton minutes

May 15, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Gerald Pyjor, Steve Laidlaw, George Sheppardley, Polly Thornham, Alina Grzejszczak, Erica Duque, Jason Clifford, Andrew Ellis, Blossom Woodlawn, Steve Farstad, Clara Migwi, Heidi Berki, Mercy Mantay, Steve Maxwell, Simran Gill, George Olenick, Lina Yee, Len de Sario, Dayle Laing, David Laing

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

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

Review & approve minutes [March minutes](#) – Polly - Carried

Brampton City Update:

1. **Brampton 2040 Vision** – Communities in Action, May 11th. Active Transportation was the focus of the one-year anniversary workshop held in City Hall atrium, moderated by Justin Jones from Share the Road. Justin gave a rousing keynote to encourage even more in the city. Henrik Zbogor presented AT progress to date, mentioning both the upcoming ATMP and the Big Ask. David was part of a panel discussion. BikeBrampton had a display in the Conservatory, promoting Community Rides, Bike the Creek and Brampton Bike Hub. Bike valet user received a free recreation pass for one visit.
2. **Big Ask** – \$1,875M approved by Council to be spent on cycling infrastructure project. After consultation with BikeBrampton members, Dayle delegated to Committee of Council on April 3rd. See [Agenda](#) pages 29-63 for presentation slides and pages 63-116 for supporting report. [Youtube Video](#) of delegation and Council questions starts at 52-minute mark and ends at 1:38.45, totaling 42 minutes. Excellent questions from Council, displaying considerable interest. Result was a referral back to staff for a report coming before Committee of Council on May 26th.
3. **OBS** – [EcoAction in the Brampton Bike Hub presentation](#) – David presented these slides in the Biking Beyond Downtown session.
4. **ATMP** expected to come to Council in September. Staff will be adding the information gathered in

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the AT workshop at the 2040 Vision day event.

5. **Brampton Tourism** is becoming more active regarding cycling. Linda Oliner has been attending Bike the Creek meetings and Tourism will be hosting a booth at BTC. Expected to have a push on tourism as part of economic development for city.

Regional Update:

1. Erica reported she spoke at **OBS 19** on Community Based Marketing. BikeBrampton was mentioned several times at the summit, including in Caitlin Lee's presentation at Bike Minds, and by the keynote speaker, Jay Pitter.
2. Erica reported she attended the 5-day **World Bike Forum**, which consisted of representatives from Central & South America, South Africa, and Nepal. It was started 8 years ago arising from a cycling crash. It is volunteer-organized. She presented about the Community Cycling Program in Spanish. There, mentors are called "bike angels" or godmothers. Gender, equality, non-machismo issues specific to women were topics. For example, in Columbia, for every 30 days of city transit trips, you get one free trip. For municipal workers who cycle to work, they get ½ day off for every 30 days cycled. They discussed the benefits of fitness cycling to generate energy to operate a variety of mechanic things requiring power. Lesson is that we do not always have to look to Europe for inspiration!
3. **Bike to School Week** is targeting 180 schools in Region, and has 186 registered! [BikeBrampton event webpage](#) We have gone from 25, to 52, to 152, to 162 schools in the past 5 years! The schools need a champion teacher and a principal who allows B2SW participation. Region bought Yellow Bicycle books for each school registering, as part of their gift package.

Community Engagement

1. BikeBrampton has been invited to design, put up the signs and lead the rides again for **Bramalea CycleFest** on Jun 1st. Steve, David and Dayle volunteered to lead the 3 rides. BikeBrampton will be sharing a booth with Peel Walk + Roll. Displaying literature for Brampton Bike Hub, Bike the Creek and Community Rides.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **Electrification of Cross-Rides**. Discussion about James/Scott cross at Queen. **Action:** David to report next month re progress.
2. CCP (Peel Community Cycling Program) - David reported **Winter/Spring Eco Challenge** numbers

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- being blown out of the water. Challenge is higher for May and June.
3. **Brampton Bike Hub at The Journey** is opening at 9 Ardglen on May 23rd. Dayle posted flyer on [webpage](#). Joe Cresswell is the mechanic for this site. Open Thursdays from 6:30-8:30. All welcome to visit! This an unexpected and worthy new location. We are carving out some money from the existing CCP budget.
 4. **Caledon Bike Hubs** operating Monday evenings in Bolton and Southfields [Caledon Bike Hub webpage](#)
 5. **Scrap Metal** - Gerald, Steve and David took apart 25 non-repairable bikes today and netted 778lbs of steel, which provides a modest amount of cash back into our project budget. Triple Ends Metals pays more for scrap. Price varies with “clean stripped” vs. “clean metal”. That makes 60 bikes taken apart to date. We keep the reusable components for bike parts in our hubs. A valuable labour of love...
 6. **Mentor training** – Alina, Lisa and Kevin discussed a re-certification training for existing and new mentors. This will include advanced skills for the practicalities of cycling. For example, 78% of serious injuries/deaths are the result of cyclist- vehicle collisions due to right hand turns. It will probably be held on a Saturday to accommodate folks. Steve Maxwell is now a mentor!
 7. Lisa has a [sign up sheet for Community Rides](#), including the 3 **June TRCA bike tours**. Please view and contact Lisa to sign up for vacant positions, extending into September.
 8. **Bike Month commitments** – David asked for volunteers for vacant spots at bike month commitments. We are going to 9 schools for assemblies or bike workshops. Lisa and Polly volunteered to help David and Dayle at Great Lakes and Red Willow. There is an **Eco Open House at Louise Arbour May 16th**. Polly and Steve offered to help David and Dayle. Lina offered to help Alina at Bike the Creek rodeo. Set up for event start at 9am, Jim Archdekin recreation centre, amongst the BMX skate park.
 9. Steve Maxwell reported he is webmaster for Brampton Cycling Club. When they are approached for **website content insertions**, he judges if it is well written and not commercial. We were approached to add a page for The Definitive Guide to Safer Cycling Michael Morris. <http://www.thebikestoragecompany.co.uk/bike-safety-guide/> The other one is Grace from Teens for Safety. <http://www.buyautoinsurance.com/road-biking-safety-with-cars/> Discussion about the merits and risks of accepting these requests. No resulting decision taken.
 10. **BikeBike** – this is a 3-day conference in Scarborough. Kevin is attending. See events below.

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11. **Ride Don't Hide** – this event on Jun 23rd is no longer using Airport Rd as part of its route.
 12. We have planned a [SW Ont Cycling Odyssey](#) Jul 3-10th. Please let Dayle know if you are interested.
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Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month May 31st Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
 2. [BIKE BIKE bicycle conference on community cycling](#) May 17th – 20th Toronto \$100 or pay what you can
 3. Brampton Council Proclamation 'June is Bike Month' May 22nd Council Chambers, City Hall. 9:30am – David and Dayle receiving on behalf of Bike Brampton
 4. Big Ask Report to Council – May 29th Staff report back to Committee of Council – 9:30am – See Nelson's staff report on [agenda](#) – item 9.2.1 pages 436-445. Available BikeBrampton members welcome to attend.
 5. 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!
 6. 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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7. [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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8. [Bike to School Week](#) – May 27-31 BikeBrampton members participating in school activities throughout bike month!
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9. [Bramalea CycleFest](#) – Jun 1st Starts from All People’s Church, 41 Finchgate Blvd – [Registration](#)
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10. [Vélocity 2.0](#), Caledon Day – Jun 15th – ride in support of Caledon Seniors – fund raiser
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11. [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. Brampton’s Eco Bike Café in Rosalea Park.
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12. [Ride Don’t Hide](#) Jun 23rd Caledon, in support for Mental Health
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13. [SW Ont Cycling Odyssey](#) – Jul 3-10th Leamington, Pelee Island, Windsor, Sarnia, Grand Bend
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- Next meeting Wed June 19th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm** 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108
Meeting adjourned 8:05p.m.