

BikeBrampton minutes

June 19, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Amritpal Sidhu, Heidi Berki, Steve Farstad, Jean Momo, Alina Grzejszczak, Erica Duque, George Sheppardley, Peter Bolton, Lisa Stokes, Zehreh Motamedi, Kevin Montgomery, Mina Nematian

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

Meeting Started: 6:39pm preceding BikeWrX drop in at Brampton Bike Hub

Review & approve minutes [April minutes](#) – Steve - approved

Brampton City Update:

1. **Big Ask** – Nelson Cadete submitted a [report](#) (Agenda item 9.2.1, p.436) back to [Committee of Council](#) (Minutes p.20, item 9.2.1) on May 29th. The report was received without presentation.

Report Overview:

☑ \$1.875 Million from the 2018 Operating Budget surplus has been allocated to a Project Budget to implement active transportation infrastructure projects.

☑ Through consultations with the cycling community the following three priority projects were identified:

- o Enhance existing recreational trails with proper road crossings;
- o An east-west protected cycling route; and
- o A north-south protected cycling route.

☑ These priority projects are consistent with the intended recommendations of City’s draft Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP), which outlines a strategy for implementing a connected cycling and pedestrian network across Brampton, and facilitating and encouraging cycling both as a recreational activity and as a viable transportation mode choice for everyday purposes.

☑ A City staff project team is currently undertaking a feasibility review of the three proposed projects with a view to the following:

- o consistency with the proposed recommendations of the draft ATMP
- o traffic implications
- o planned construction conflicts/opportunities
- o public acceptance
- o costs (capital and operating/maintenance)

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o safety

☑ Strategic Communications staff will assist with the development and execution of a communications strategy and educational outreach.

1. \$1,875M approved by Council to be spent on cycling infrastructure project. After consultation with BikeBrampton members, Dayle delegated the [Report](#) 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. Discussion about Vodden currently being resurfaced over #410 and importance of coordinating these opportunities.
2. **ATMP** expected to come to Planning Committee September 23rd. Staff will be adding the information gathered in the AT workshop at the 2040 Vision day event.
3. **Community Rides** – Lisa reported there have been 4 rides with 10 to go. Contact her for volunteer opportunities. We are offering 5 km routes on all rides, if there is any demand, and with sufficient volunteers, we can offer a ‘slow roller’ option with chance to turn back early depending on needs of the group. Importance of making sure new riders are assessed for tires pumped, seat heights. Radios would be VERY helpful to make volunteer contact safer and better.
4. **Brampton Council Proclamation ‘June is Bike Month’** - May 22nd Council Chambers, City Hall. David and Dayle received from Mayor Brown and Council, on behalf of Bike Brampton

Regional Update:

1. **Bike to School Week** Erica reported that Peel has moved from 25 schools participating in 2015, to 52, to 152, to 165, to finally 189 in 2019! Peel accounts for 32% of all the schools participating in Ontario! We have more active schools than Toronto, which scored 125 this year [BikeBrampton event webpage](#) The breakdown was 161 elementary, 9 middle, 19 secondary. 70% filled out post-event surveys, due to staff persistence. Walkober is taking place in October.
2. **CCP** – our newest Brampton Bike Hub, located at The Journey, 9 Ardglen, will be having a focus group, facilitated by Angela Bennett, on Jun 27th. Purpose is to gather initial data on residents and program participants, which will be followed up with a post survey this fall. Joe will have the tools and be open every Thursday 6:30-8:30pm. All are welcome. Joe has repaired our broken bike stand. Our year-over-year data is staggeringly good. David reported that we are sitting (or cycling!) at 64,000kg, with only 1,200 to go to reach our target. **Action:** David to report on Eco-Action program

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final & CCP interim report at Sept meeting. Erica reported that Culture Link has a Mississauga CCP goal of 35 proteges gathered over the summer, from newcomers in Canada less than 5 years. Peter reported 4-5 new people in Southfields, Caledon. The store front location is attracting walk-ins.

3. **Long Range Transportation Plan** - \$200 million is earmarked for AT over the next 20 years -- \$10 million yearly average

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **Electrification of Cross-Rides.** Discussion about James/Scott cross at Queen. David spoke with Mike Chan from COB. They have turned on the cross ride. There were some technical challenges that caused the delay.
2. **Brampton Bike Hubs** operating Wednesday evening at 50 Sunny Meadow, Thursday evening at 9 Ardglan [Brampton Bike Hub webpage](#) – check the schedule
3. **Caledon Bike Hubs** operating Monday evenings in Bolton and Southfields [Caledon Bike Hub webpage](#) – check the schedule
4. **Pedalwise** – [register](#) to participate in program. Bikes can be lent to those registered, who agree to the program terms and track their kilometres on Strava.
5. **Mentor training** – Action: Alina, Lisa and Kevin to finalize re-certification training for existing and new mentors. This will include advanced skills for the practicalities of cycling.
6. 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.
7. **Bike Month commitments** – Bike to Work Day May 27th, Bramalea CycleFest Jun 1st, TRCA Guided Bike Rides Jun 7,14,21st, Farmers Market Garden Square stage presentation Jun 29th,
8. **Bike to School Week** assemblies, bike repairs & workshops – Massey St, Countryside Village, Fallingdale, Sunny View, Cardinal Leger, Great Lakes, Red Willow, Castle Oaks, St Leonards, Louise Arbour
9. **Bike the Creek** – 925 registered – expecting ~1,000. [Blog](#)
10. **TRCA Bike Tours** – we lent 20 bikes for the 3 events.
11. **BikeBike** – this is a 3-day conference in Scarborough. Kevin is attending. See events below.
12. We have planned a [SW Ont Cycling Odyssey](#) Jul 3-10th.
13. **Summer party** – July 12th – RSVP your interest to Dayle
14. **Critical Mass Rides** – while this is independent of BikeBrampton and is organized in a loose manner by whoever shows up, there was discussion about including Franceschini bridge for 7pm. People

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can still gather at Gage Park at 6:15 for 6:30 start (last Friday of every month).

Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month May 31st Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) [BikeBrampton webpage](#). Franceschini bridge for 7pm
 2. **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!
 3. **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.
 4. [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.
 5. [Ride Don’t Hide](#) Jun 23rd Caledon, in support for Mental Health
 6. [SW Ont Cycling Odyssey](#) – Jul 3-10th Leamington, Pelee Island, Windsor, Sarnia, Grand Bend
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7. [Greg's Ride](#) – Sept 21st

Group discount for BikeBrampton members. Contact Dayle for code! Major fund raising event for Share the Road Cycling Coalition

Next meeting Wed Sept 25th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108
Meeting adjourned 7:50p.m.