

BikeBrampton minutes

September 25, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Amritpal Sidhu, Peter Bolton, Steve Farstad, Gerald Pyjor, Kevin Montgomery, Lisa Stokes, Sreeja Phirose, Pardeep Varha, Leslie Benfield, Brandon Quigley, Leonard DeSario, Heidi Berki, Tajinder Dhanjal

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

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

Review & approve minutes [June minutes](#) – Peter - approved

Brampton City Update:

1. **ATMP** came to Planning and Development Committee September 23rd with a presentation by Nelson Cadete and the Consultant, IBI. [Agenda](#) ; [Minutes](#) Eight members of BikeBrampton were present. Region of Peel Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Jessica Hopkins also delegated in support for the ATMP, outlining the health benefits of active transportation. Kevin Montgomery, BCAC Co-Chair delegated. He “acknowledged that the development of a City-wide active transportation network will be expensive, however given the benefits, he suggested the resources and funding requests as outlined in the staff report be approved”. (What Kevin said during his delegation was that the context of this AT budget request of \$126 million over 20+ years should be compared to the 2019 one-year budget of \$116 million for the widening of 4 roads only. Councillor Santos commented that we are never asked to justify spending on roads.) David Laing, Chair of BikeBrampton [delegated](#) with a show of support for the plan, requesting “funding requests as outlined by staff be approved and that staff take the appropriate steps to begin implementation”. The delegations were well received by Councillors and the ATMP was endorsed. [Council](#) minutes received on Sept 25th. **“That staff report back with a draft Active Transportation Charter, as proposed in the action items of the Brampton 2040 Vision”**
Members discussed 2040 Vision, 1st mile – last mile, in-fill network with curb-cuts fix-it program prioritized, Big Ask east-west Vodden route, and the 38km city loop. The key is implementation. The climate emergency has immediate implications for the need for AT mode shift. Riding even short distances will have an impact. The CEERP energy audit indicates that 60% of energy used in Brampton is for transportation, with the

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majority used in personal automobiles. Dr. Hopkins made the point that 62% of Brampton residents are overweight or obese. We are cycling and having fun doing so! George will appreciate that the Orangeville rail trail was mentioned in the ATMP. David sits on the CEERP task force. We need to cut our energy use by 60% by 2030. There is a bus fleet electrification pilot. Streetlights are being replaced by LEDs. Our Brampton budget stacks up well per person against Mississauga's \$5 million and Toronto's \$16 million. The challenge is the capacity of staff's ability to realistically implement the program spending and targets. [The [Brampton Vision 2040 Report](#) recommends that Brampton scale up programming with the addition of an AT Programming Coordinator staffing position.] Mississauga is suggesting an increase to their mode share targets. The ATMP is a "framework" and will be a "living" document that we will continue to encourage and support with our advocacy and programs.

2. **Community Rides** – Lisa reported that we have completed our 4th year of these organized rides. This year we have averaged 25 riders per event, with occasionally as few as 10-12 and as many as 40. 5km options were offered each ride. Routes were revised to include new infrastructure and bike hub locations. Thanks to the volunteers! Many are needed to make the ride successful. The impact was significant according to reported experiences. One rider attended 13 of the 14 rides with dramatic improvement in her abilities. The committee thanked Lisa for her organizing these events and managing the program for BCAC.

Regional Update:

1. **PSARTS** - Brandon chairs the Ontario Active School Travel Fund, which is administered by Green Communities Canada. \$150,000 has been allocated for Region of Peel to hire an EcoSchools Manager. TRCA coordinates EcoSchools, which supports school travel planning and a parent engagement strategy. There are 17 stakeholders in PSARTS, with the objective to get children to walk/cycle to school. The barrier are parents who opt for their convenience, perceived safety and habit. Our goal is to make it more comfortable for kids to walk/bike and less comfortable to be driven.
2. **CCP** – David reported on the [EcoAction Final Report](#). Since December 2017, we have averaged 60 participants / month in the bike hubs, with more than 1400 participant-visits, more than 30 bikes on loan from the lending library. We have 36 new Pedalwise proteges since April, with more than 60 in total. 55% of the proteges are female and 70% are immigrants in Canada less than 5 years. More than 95,000 km have been logged to the end of August, which has saved over 30,000 kilograms of carbon. We have moving personal success stories. This program is about changing the culture, so that each personal story is of significance in that shift. Canada Bikes is very pleased that we have met all of our program objectives. Yvon is our newest mentor. Angela is our facilitator, who has been conducting focus groups and interviewing participants to gain feedback and greater insight

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into the success and future direction of the program. David announced that Gerald, Steve and he have spent many hours over several sessions dismantling un-repairable bikes for scrap metal and separating re-useable components. They have netted over 800lbs of scrap metal for around \$40, which has been returned into the program budget. There are many more bikes requiring repair downstairs in the cage. We need to systematically use drop-in times to repair these bikes to have sufficient stock ready for our lending library. Rarely are donated bikes not needing attention first!

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **Greg's Ride** – a dozen participated from BikeBrampton at Sept 22nd Dundas ON annual charity ride for Share the Road Cycling Coalition. [Blog post](#) The excellent showing from Brampton was much appreciated. The new OPP Commissioner, Tom Carrique rode the 80km route and expressed interest in participating in Bike the Creek in 2020.
2. [Canadian Police Memorial Ride to Remember](#) Steve will be running tomorrow in the 460km relay from Toronto to Ottawa, which will be completed in 10km increments over 3 days. The Ride to Remember began as our way to honour our heroes, those who have made the ultimate sacrifice for their community and to ensure the magnitude of their sacrifice is never forgotten. On September 24, 1998, the Government of Canada officially proclaimed the last Sunday of September of every year as the Police and Peace Officers' National Memorial Day.
3. **Electrification of Cross-Rides.** Kennedy Road, just south of Hartford Trail (below Steeles) has been completed, joining James/Scott crossride at Queen. Coming soon are crossrides along Countryside Drive at the multiuse path.
4. **BikeBike** – Kevin reported on the 3-day conference he attended in Scarborough in the spring. The theme revolved around equity and inclusion and began with a land acknowledgment. Bikepoc is a new social cycling group for Black, Indigenous, Persons of Colour, who identify as women, trans, femme, non-binary. The concept is to make “space” to break down the typical white male stereotype of cyclist. We need to ensure that funding is equitable. Building a cycling network can gentrify a neighbourhood resulting in increased land values that may unintentionally displace those the network was meant to benefit. Expanding the network across all areas of the city should minimize this possibility. Biking in Brampton builds our Community. We need to be mindful of whose community... Discussion about our Brampton and Caledon Bike Hubs embracing this concept of inclusion. The 2019 Ontario Bike Summit keynote speaker, Jay Pitter spoke eloquently for the need for “making space” and inclusivity in our cycling activities and culture.

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5. **Brampton Bike Hubs** operating Wednesday evening at 50 Sunny Meadow, Thursday evening at 9 Ardglen [Brampton Bike Hub webpage](#) – check the schedule
6. **Caledon Bike Hubs** operating Monday evenings in Bolton and Southfields [Caledon Bike Hub webpage](#) – check the schedule
7. **Pedalwise** – [register](#) to participate in program. Bikes can be lent to those registered, who agree to the program terms as stated on the website and Pedalwise registration, and track their kilometres on Strava.
8. **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.
9. **Bike the Creek** – save the date for June 27, 2020. Organizing committee has begun preparation.
10. **Bike-a-thon** – Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us with idea for a PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year
11. **Central Park** – announcing bike lanes now installed on segment from Queen Street north and east to Bramalea Road! – featuring the first green bike boxes in the City!

Events

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| 1. Critical Mass Rides , last Fri of every month | Sept 27 th Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15) BikeBrampton webpage . Franceschini bridge for 7pm |
| 2. Climate Strike | Sept 27 th Gage Park |
| 3. Cubs /Boy Scouts Night | Southfields Caledon Bike Hub, Sept 30 th . – BikeBrampton bike safety presentation, road safety challenge and prizes for the kids |
| 4. Fletchers Creek SNAP | Oct 5 th - CVC |
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5. **West Bolton SNAP** Oct 6th BikeBrampton booth and activity advertising Caledon Bike Hub at TRCA tree planting & BBQ event – Adam Wallace Memorial Park
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6. **BikeWrx Seminar** Calderstone Middle School (Cottrelle & McVean area) discuss 6 module seminar – time TBD
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7. **[Bike the Creek](#)** Jun 27, 2020 Check the [website](#) for 2019 route maps, descriptions if you want to re-visit the routes. Stay tuned for 2020 planning as it unrolls.
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- Next meeting Wed Oct 23rd, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm** 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108
Meeting adjourned 7:50p.m. – moved by Barry