

# BikeBrampton minutes

**October 23, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm**

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

**Attendees:** Steve Laidlaw, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Peter Bolton, Pauline Thornham, Alina Grzejjszczak, Ewa Milewska, Lisa Stokes, Pardeep Varha, Brandon Quigley, Heidi Berki

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

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

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**Review & approve minutes** [September minutes](#) Steve, Barry, Alina – accepted as amended for participants and clarification.  
Reposted as ‘revised’

BikeBrampton members thank Pardeep for bring Dawali sweets for us to enjoy during the meeting!

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## **Brampton City Update:**

1. **ATMP** – discussion of Council endorsing plan at Planning and Development Committee on Sept 23<sup>rd</sup>, then receiving at Council meeting on the 25<sup>th</sup>. See September minutes for links to Agenda, and delegations.
2. **Active Transportation Charter, as proposed in the action items of the Brampton 2040 Vision**” Staff was tasked to come back with an AT Charter that would link with the 2040 Vision. This Charter is taken from Share the Road’s report: [Vision2040 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Event, Active Transportation in Brampton – What’s Next?](#), that was held on May 11, 2019. Many of our members attended this workshop. Staff requested comments on the draft Charter. We discussed it line-by-line, recorded all the comments, and provided [feedback](#), which was sent the following morning to staff. The point about the AT Charter aligning with [Term of Council Priorities](#) is of great significance. Four of the Five priorities are checked in this Charter! The [Brampton Vision 2040 Report](#) recommends that Brampton scale up programming with the addition of an AT Programming Coordinator staffing position. Discussion about need for BALANCED risk management, have contractors held to account to maintain trees rather than replace with a small one again 2+ years later, the actual number of trees being planted by the City vs the 1 million trees targeted in the 2040 Vision. Discussion about AODA applying to new and renovated curb cuts as the basic standard. **Motion:** Dayle to compile the AT Charter comments and submit to Tamara. Steve, Barry – carried.

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3. **Williams Parkway road widening** ([Committee of Council, Oct 16, 2019](#)) - 9.3.2 **Regional Councillor Vicente** introduced a motion directing staff to review the Williams Parkway road widening project, The Councillor Vicente highlighted the transportation priorities outlined in Brampton's 2040 Vision, and requested that alternative options be considered for managing traffic congestion and moving people on Williams Parkway. Committee discussion on this matter included the following: • 2004 decision to widen Williams Parkway, and indication that the City's vision and planning priorities have changed since then • The need to review alternative traffic management options • The need to determine the impact of not widening Williams Parkway on other roadways (e.g. Bovaird Drive, Sandalwood Parkway) • Concerns and complaints received regarding traffic congestion on Williams Parkway • Active transportation, transit and traffic calming considerations • Current status of this project and limitations of the tight right-of-way in some areas •
- CW428-2019** Whereas: The 2040 Vision envisions Brampton as a place where safe, sustainable and integrated alternative travel choices to the private vehicle are available and states that a rethink of street design is at the top of the list for improving Brampton; and The transportation priorities outlined in the 2040 Vision are: first walking, then cycling, transit, goods movement, and then shared vehicles and private vehicles; and The sections of Williams Parkway – an east-west minor arterial road with a right-of-way width of 36 meters – between McLaughlin Road and Humberwest Parkway were identified for widening to 6 lanes in the City's 2004 and subsequent Transportation Master Plans, to provide additional vehicular capacity in response to projected population and employment growth; and The proposed widening to six lanes was revisited in 2018 using updated demographic and traffic forecasts and applying a multimodal analysis approach, and recommended six lane widening with dedicated High-occupancy Vehicle (HOV)/transit lanes plus continuous dedicated active transportation facilities on both sides; and A noise wall is currently being installed along Williams Parkway as is City practice prior to widening the road to 6 lanes; and Current research and evidence from other jurisdictions around the world demonstrate that investing in road expansions for vehicles does not solve congestion, and instead exacerbates the condition by attracting more traffic; and The Active Transportation Master Plan was endorsed by this Council and is supported by examples of best practices around the world, where active, non-vehicular travel modes are part of a comprehensive mobility network that facilitates the efficient and effective movement of people in cities; and The largest source of greenhouse gas emissions from human activities is from transportation and this Council unanimously passed a motion related to declaring a climate emergency and to achieving a climate change target of an 80 per cent Green House Gas reduction by 2050; and Council has voted in favour of adopting the Region of Peel's "Vision Zero" framework; and Residents across the city have been very vocal in regard to traffic calming needs; Therefore, be it resolved that: 1. Staff review the recommendations to widen sections of Williams Parkway from 4 to 6 lanes, and **report back to Council in Q2 2020**; 2. Staff review include a council workshop to solicit comments on options and opportunities for managing traffic congestion due to growth and for increasing and

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maximizing people-moving capacity in the Williams Parkway corridor, through travel demand management opportunities, **improvements to active transportation (walking, cycling)** and transit infrastructure and services, and operational interventions and improvements, in particular at intersections. The review should consider: • **Impacts on the use of Development Charge funding** • Consideration of current strategic documents (Growth Plan, Official Plan, Transportation Master Plan, impact on existing Environmental Assessments) • Impacts on surrounding local streets for traffic • Impact on the Regional road network and goods movement • Green House Gas considerations • Work that is done in partnership with the Region, utilities • A review of the current 6 lane road widening projects that are underway and ‘meantime’ strategies (current EA’s, land protection, utility relocation, design progression) • Strategy for a robust communication plan **Carried** Discussion about the progressive highly positive nature of this term of Council. This is the first time Council has talked about the need to reduce traffic lanes and the climate emergency with respect to AT. There is optimism about the Big Ask implementation. Members discussed the feasibility of a similar motion such as the Williams Pkwy one, being taken to Region of Peel. **Action:** David to follow up on ROP motion regarding road widening

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## Regional Update:

1. **PSARTS** – Brandon presented the [2019-2020 Peel School Bicycle Parking Program](#). He provided a link to a [fillable application form](#) for members to circulate to any schools or folks that they know who would champion these school bike racks. All the criteria are listed. This program has been enormously successful and it is an important part of encouraging children to bike to school. 60 racks are being installed this fall from the spring applications. Schools are urged to have these racks installed in a highly visible location to additionally provide security. Schools can reapply for more racks if their existing ones are full. ROP is working on a Community Bike Friendly bike rack pilot program for next year. Members are encouraged to suggest likely destinations.
2. **CCP** – David, Peter & Dayle are joining Brandon for an EcoSchools Professional Development Day as part of the encouragement for Active Transportation and development of parent engagement strategy. We are hosting a BikeWrx bike repair workshop in Bolton.
3. **CCP Interim Survey** – David reported that he has been working with Peel Public Health, Walk + Roll Peel and their statistical analysis department to finalize an interim survey for Proteges. Reporting and measurements are an important part of the Community Cycling Program contract requirements. Attitudes and behaviour of our proteges are tracked from their initial registration through to the program completion. David will be sending out the survey shortly. More than 30% of proteges have not yet signed up for Strava. They can log their kilometres in other manners. We do

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have GSP devices which can be borrowed, if the cell phone app is not convenient.

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## **BikeBrampton Projects:**

1. **Electrification of Cross-Rides.** Crossrides along Countryside Drive at the multiuse path have been installed. There are some issues with fire hydrants, sign posts and utility box placement. Pylons have been added around one of the hydrants for safety until it can be moved. Deficiencies can be reported to 311 by email. Supply your contact info, exact location, photos and as much detail to help the city resolve the issue. You can request notification from relevant staff. Discussion about timing of bike head signals. Agreement to wait for completion of installation to see if induction loops on low volume cross streets correct the delay for cyclists. Importance of preventing both left and right hooks to cyclists proceeding on MUP without proper shoulder checking at intersections. Just because you have a green light..... Expect city and region to coordinate the policy on cross-rides. **Action:** Lisa to follow up with Mike Chan when he returns
2. **Central Park bike lane** – we reported this last meeting. Steve reported anecdotally that he has noticed traffic calming with fewer aggressive drivers observed. Members are encouraged to report good news like this to Councillors. Councillor Charmaine Williams is the one for this Ward. Discussion about cars passing on the right of the bike lane on Central Park at Hanover, and on Rutherford south of Williams Pkwy. Suggestion for single file sign?
3. **Heart Lake Road** – bike lanes between Sandalwood and Bovaird to be installed this fall. Excellent candidate road with wide lanes and good access from the Conservation Area south to Lowes and further south to Franceschini bridge.
4. **Etobicoke Creek Trail** – trail north from Mayfield into Valleywood and Southfields to be paved. Caledon section happening now, Brampton next as per weather permitting and dry.
5. **Brampton Bike Hubs** operating Wednesday evening at 50 Sunny Meadow [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, Pedalwise registration, and track 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 and

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routes are being selected based on new infrastructure we want to showcase.

10. **Bike-a-thon** – Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us re PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year
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## Events

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1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month Oct 25<sup>th</sup> Gage Park starting 6:30pm (arrive by 6:15), or 6:30 (arrive by 6:25pm) outside Brampton Bike Hub, 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd Unit 108. Both rides to Franceschini Bridge for 7pm arrival.
  2. **EcoSchools PD Day** Oct 29<sup>th</sup>, 12-3pm Albion Hills Field Centre – David, Peter, Dayle
  3. **David Suzuki speaking at City Hall Atrium** Nov 4<sup>th</sup> – must [register](#) ahead for free ticket
  4. **Mount Pleasant EA** Nov 5<sup>th</sup> 6-8pm Lagerfeld Drive at Mount Pleasant GO, being extended to Mississauga Road. EA to be held at Mount Pleasant Village Public Library
  5. **BikeWrx Seminar** Calderstone Middle School (Cottrelle & McVean area) discuss 6 module seminar – time TBD
  6. [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 Nov 13<sup>th</sup>, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm** 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108  
Meeting adjourned 8:10p.m. – moved by Steve
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