

BikeBrampton minutes

November 13, 2019 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Steve Farstad, Dayle Laing, Barry Lavallee, Gerald Pyjor, Pauline Thornham, Cindy Evans, Lisa Stokes, Heidi Berki, Gagandeep Singh

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

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

Review & approve minutes [October minutes](#) Steve – revised attendee list, as per attached

Brampton City Update:

1. **Williams Parkway road widening update** ([Committee of Council, Oct 16, 2019](#)) - 9.3.2 Discussion about online poll by Brampton Guardian that splits the vote amongst 1 question favouring car traffic lanes and other 3 questions favouring various levels of sentiment towards active transportation. David sent out an [Williams Parkway widening letter](#) to BikeBrampton members. Apparently, one can [vote](#) unlimited times in this unscientific poll. We are sure that the City will see through the easily manipulated results. Currently results are 79% for widening and 20% for AT. Discussion about the concept of **Induced Demand**, which was presented in the 2011 paper about the [Fundamental Law of Road Congestion by Duranton and Turner](#), both formerly of U of T. [Brilliant Satirical Australian short Video that demonstrates Induced Demand](#). This concept was brought up in the Nov 3rd [article by Oliver Moore in the Globe and Mail](#), specifically in reference to the revival of Highway 413. There is a one-to-one relationship between increased road capacity and increased road kilometres driven. It's called induced demand and it means that building more traffic lanes won't alleviate congestion. Unfortunately, it's not widely understood. According to the article, current planning guidelines rarely include induced demand modelling. The current Ontario Transportation Minister told the reporter she had not been briefed on the concept. There is a famous Lewis Mumford quote that expanding roads to beat congestion is like loosening your belt to fight obesity! **Action:** David to follow up on ROP motion regarding regional road widening. **Action:** BikeBrampton members to contact your Councillors to make your opinions on widening Williams

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Parkway known.

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. Staff requested comments on the draft Charter. As directed at the October meeting after discussion, we 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! Discussion about recent suggested edits and BikeBrampton’s position on linking active transportation to the environment as well as economy. **Motion:** Dayle to compile second set of BikeBrampton’s AT Charter comments and emailed explanation to Tamara. Gerald – carried. [AT Charter emailed Comments, Draft AT Charter BikeBrampton suggested edits 2](#). – Done
Brampton’s [2040 Vision document](#) pp.59-60, explicitly declares “pedestrians first” to prevail in planning, design, regulation and management of the public realm of Brampton. It prioritizes the civic transportation agenda as: first walking, then cycling, transit, goods movement, and then shared vehicles and private vehicles. ‘Vision Zero’ fatalities are emphasized.

Regional Update:

1. **Ontario Active School Travel Workshop** – Brandon and David attended this provincial workshop put on by Green Communities Canada. Attendees came from as far away as Thunder Bay and Temiskaming Shores. Some communities are having their school bus contractors lead walking school buses instead of bussing for the shorter distances. Peel has been awarded a grant for hiring an ASST coordinator for school travel planning throughout both Peel school boards.
2. **CCP & PSARTS** – David, Peter & Dayle joined Brandon for an **EcoSchools Professional Development Day** as part of the encouragement for Active Transportation and development of parent engagement strategy, Bolton Oct 29th. They hosted a BikeWrx bike repair workshop for teachers.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **BikeBrampton advisor on Share the Road’s Greg’s Ride planning committee** – Jamie Stuckless invited BikeBrampton’s participation due to her positive experience cycling in Bike the Creek for the past 2 years. Discussion about who would like to volunteer for this position. Experience with the event planning led members to conclude that either David or Dayle should volunteer. **Action:** Dayle to respond to Jamie.
2. **905 Talks Climate with David Suzuki, Nov 4th** – several members from BikeBrampton attended event at City Hall. Discussion about the excellent public turn out. Good opportunity for

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- environmental awareness and equity discussion. Preference for more focus on Brampton-based solutions than other GTA area problems. People want to know what they can positively do!
3. **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. Early snow might delay until spring. The paved trail is expected to be included in a Bike the Creek route.
 4. **Peel Community Cycling Program (CCP) – Focus Groups and Survey** – Mentors and Proteges have been invited to attend a Focus Group Session on either Nov 25th or 27th. See [David's invitation](#) and link to the Survey. Your responses are critical to justify continuing our program beyond next spring.
 5. **CCP Ardglen** – Decision taken to temporarily halt Ardglen Bike Hub until Feb 2020. Local Ardglen residents, including our mechanic Joe, have been displaced from their homes while the landlord renovates to Fire Code standards. Much of our target market has been temporarily scattered throughout Brampton and into Toronto. Our plan is to organize a 'welcome back' rodeo and grand event at The Journey or local school once the townhomes are ready for residents to return, to promote the hub and help the community heal. The [Brampton Bike Hub webpage schedule](#) has been updated.
 6. **Institute for Sustainable Brampton** – The ISB was proposed in Brampton's 2040 Vision and BikeBrampton wrote a [letter of support](#) on Jan 25, 2019. David announced that the City is proceeding with a [ISB Workshop](#) on Nov 15th. For more information, including the ISB white paper and executive summary, check out our [blog post](#). BikeBrampton was one of the partner organizations that put the white paper together.
 7. **Heritage Heights Vision sessions** – see in Events below, for important opportunity for BikeBrampton input! We can make our opinions known!
 8. **Pot luck festive dinner** – Dec 11th, at our meeting next month! Bring whatever you wish, we won't be assigning dishes or worrying about potential overlap! Time for fun and celebrating another wonderful year of cycling in Brampton!
 9. **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 - TBA
 10. **Bike-a-thon** – Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us re PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year - TBA

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- 1. Heritage Heights Development** This is our opportunity to make sure that the last undeveloped area of Brampton has the sustainable features, such as bike lanes, paths, transit connections and net zero energy buildings. City staff will be on hand to listen to our comments and make sure they are integrated into what is built.
- There are a few periods of particular interest, to be held at Cassie Campbell Community Centre:
- A special kick-off presentation will take place on November 26 from 6 to 8 pm
 - Progress update presentations will occur on November 28 and 29 from 6 to 8 pm
 - Public design sessions will take place on November 26, 28 and 29 from 2 to 4 pm
- Find more information about Heritage Heights and a full schedule for the visioning session at www.brampton.ca/nwbrampton. [Media Release](#)
- A design session on **November 26**, from 3pm-4pm and Public Open House from 6pm-7pm;
 - Drop-in sessions on **November 27**, from 10am-4pm
 - A design session on **November 28**, from 1pm-4pm, and Public Open House from 6pm-7pm;
 - A design session on **November 29**, from 1pm-4pm, and Public Open House from 6pm-7pm.
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2. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month Nov 29th 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. [BikeBrampton webpage](#).
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- 3. Downtown Brampton Flood Protection EA PIC#3** Dec 5th Brampton City Hall Atrium 5-9pm, presentation at 6:30pm – This environmental assessment is a joint effort of City of Brampton and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, and includes the area currently around Roselea Park. There is an opportunity for cycling infrastructure to be included in the plan for protecting the downtown around the Etobicoke Creek. [Information Notice](#)
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4. [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. Planning committee meeting since September and routes have been drafted.
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- Next meeting Wed Dec 11th, 6:30 pm – 7:30pm – potluck festive party** 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108
Meeting adjourned 7:30p.m. – moved by Polly, Cindy

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The BikeBrampton Poetry Gauntlet

Sent: November 13, 2019 9:55 AM

Subject: BikeBrampton meeting this evening

Hi all,

Despite the record lows and the and the recent snows,

The cycling wheels still turn.

The BikeBrampton meeting's tonight and the agenda's quite light,

So, come out to see what you learn!

6:30-7:30, 50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Unit 108. Agenda and minutes from previous meetings [here](#).

Be part of the conversation!

David Laing - Chair, BikeBrampton

On Nov 13, 2019, at 11:51 AM, PAULINE THORNHAM wrote:

You're raising your game, David Laing,

With poems to talk to your gang,

To gather a quorum

For a cycling forum!

I must say, well-played, Mr. Laing!

And now, the gauntlet is tossed

For others to take, at no cost,

And spend a short time

In penning a rhyme

Before this brief moment is lost.

pollygram