

BikeBrampton minutes

January 22, 2020 - 6:30pm – 7:30pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd. Suite 108

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Jason Clifford, Peter Bolton, Barry Lavallee, Brandon Quigley, George Sheppardley, Rob Muller, Sonia Aujla, Ewa Milewska, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing

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

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

Introduction

David provided an introduction and explanation of BikeBrampton quick history and the Community Cycling Program’s Brampton Bike Hub background, as a result of several new protégés in attendance. Suggestion made that this should be video recorded and posted on the BikeBrampton website.

Action: Dayle to organize videoing an introduction clip

Review & approve minutes [November minutes](#) – moved by Steve

Brampton City Update:

1. Brampton declared a **Healthcare Emergency** today at City Hall. Preventative medicine that encourages Active Transportation (AT) is a logical step that also helps alleviate congestion and the Climate Emergency, as well as enhancing the cardiopulmonary health of residents. Share the Road’s **#BikesCanDoThat** continues to be appropriate messaging! Bob Geldof contributed an article to the Globe and Mail on Jan 20th [“How to fight hunger in the face of climate change”](#). He said that if Sustainable Development Goals are to become more than bureaucratic niceties, Canada’s leadership and common sense is required. Our part in cycling more often is part of the bigger picture. Every small decision we make counts. Discussion about sharing stories such as these on Twitter.
 2. **Brampton 2040 Speaker Series** - Four nights | 10 Speakers | Hundreds of Ideas, Location: The Rose, 1 Theatre Ln. Event Date(s): January 22, January 29, February 5, & February 12
Doors Open: 6:00 PM, Start Time: 7:00 PM, End Time: 9:00 PM, Fees: Free. [Registration information](#). Members voted for a Field trip for February 12th in lieu of the Sunny Meadow hub.
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Some of our members are missing this meeting in order to be at the Rose this evening!

3. **BCAC Update** – Steve and Kevin delegated on the BCAC 2019 update and 2020 plans to Planning and Development Committee on Jan 13th. [Link to Youtube video](#). Focus was on Farmers Market Bike Valet, new ATMP and Community Rides. Councillor Palleschi remarked on the success of Bike the Creek and encouraged requests for support for the 2020 event. The issue was raised at Bike the Creek planning meeting on Jan 21st. Tamara will be requesting BCAC support for Bike the Creek at the February meeting. Steve did a presentation on [Public Bicycle Repair Stands in Brampton](#) at the BCAC December meeting (item 4.1, p.15) He mentioned the importance of safe convenient municipal repair stands adjacent to a cycling destination, infrastructure or near a transit hub. He cited the common configuration and listed several communities that have had stands for many years, including Mississauga, Caledon, Oakville, Burlington, Toronto and Ottawa. BCAC passed a motion to request staff to investigate the possibility of installing public bicycle repair stands across the city and report back on the finding. Brandon reported that Region of Peel has funding for 5 repair stands per year, across the region. There is already one at Sheridan College Brampton campus. Members suggested that Region of Peel and City of Brampton work together to maximize impact of stand distribution across the city, and bulk purchasing.
4. **CEERP** – David updated the members on the [Community Energy & Emissions Reduction Plan](#), which is a joint partnership of City of Brampton and Sheridan College. It aims to integrate efforts of the municipality, local utilities and community stakeholders and create a roadmap that will improve energy efficiency, reduce greenhouse gas emissions, ensure energy security, create economic advantage and increase resilience to climate change. The goal is to reduce Brampton’s carbon emissions 30% by 2030, 50% by 2040 and 80% by 2050. Two of the specific goals are to shift active transportation mode share to 10% by 2040 and retrofit 80% of Brampton residential buildings. [CEERP Infographic](#) Many of us did participate in [Brampton’s 2040 Vision](#) workshops, where more than 11,000 residents contributed to the plan that was endorsed by Council in April 2018. One of the ideas presented in the 2040 Vision was the creation of an Institute for Sustainable Brampton. Subsequently, BikeBrampton was a participating partner in the preparation of the December 2018 White Paper that detailed the formation of the ISB ([Institute for Sustainable Brampton](#)). The ISB will take the CEERP targets and translate them into actions. In the City’s [ISB workshop presentation](#) of Nov 15, 2019, “Complete Streets”, “Active Transportation Master Plan”, and “Bicycle Friendly Community Bronze Status” were featured amongst the various Climate Change Initiatives. **Action:**

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members to let their Councillors know that they support the CEERP and the ISB.

Regional Update:

1. **PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School)** – David is finishing his tenure as Co-Chair of PSARTS. Both David and Polly sit on this committee, which consists of 17 stakeholders that support and encourage children to cycle and walk to school. Parental attitude has been shown to be the primary barrier. BikeBrampton has been involved with this concept since 2014, when we started the [Brampton Kids on Bikes](#) Project with a Heart and Stroke grant.
2. **(OAST) Ontario Active School Travel** – Brandon updated us on the grant from Green Communities Canada. It funds some staff from TRCA to provide 3 teacher/parent workshops at the end of April, which is intended to encourage school travel planning throughout both Peel school boards. They are also discussing a scooter library. Discussion followed. NPU Officers from Peel Regional Police give a guideline for self-travel of about age 11. Of course, this depends on the maturity of the individual child, which will vary. The recent legal case in BC, where a man won his lawsuit, after arguing that he taught his children to navigate to school by practicing taking the route with them. Discussion about the feasibility of Brampton's appetite for closing a street to traffic during school entering and exiting hours, as has been done in some jurisdictions. For example, City of Guelph has at least one school where there is no stopping or parking on the 2 streets adjacent to the school. This ByLaw passed and motorists appear to comply.
3. **(CCP) Community Cycling Program** – David reported that he submitted the interim report and has begun preparing the final report on the analysis and success of our Brampton (and Caledon) Bike Hubs (that include Pedalwise and BikeWrx). The program officially runs until the end of May 2020. However, the final report is due early to complete funding requirements. Participants have filled out the Interim Survey, expressed their comments at 3 of our Focus Groups. Total kilometres have been gathered aggregately from Strava. The report will measure the change in attitude, behaviour and be subjected to statistical analysis, as outlined by Region of Peel.
4. **CCP Delegation to BCAC** – David reported that he has been asked to delegate to Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee for support of the CCP.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **Etobicoke Creek Trail** – trail north from Mayfield into Valleywood and Southfields has been paved; both the Brampton and Caledon sections. It will be included in some of the Bike the Creek routes, increasing the paved vs. gravel proportions of the routes. People on road bikes appreciate this!

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Reports of icy conditions on the path lately. Be careful on the bridges, which ice first.

Referred Matters List

1. **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
 2. **Bike-a-thon –** Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us re PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year – **Action:** discuss possible date and time in May. David to contact Ms. Sharma to start the organization of the event.
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Events

1. **Toronto Bike Show**, Mar 6-8th International Centre, 6900 Airport Road. David sent requests to our usual partners who share the BikeBrampton booth to promote regional cycling events, programs and infrastructure: City of Brampton, Region of Peel, City of Mississauga and Town of Caledon. Caledon is mounting their own booth to promote cycle tourism. Brampton Tourism did commit resources, however, the other municipalities were not able to commit sufficient staff resources that would allow us to participate this year. After BikeBrampton displaying for the past 5 years, we will not be doing so in 2020. Here is the link to the [ticket purchase page](#), where you can get a \$3 per ticket discount until Sat Feb 29th.
 2. **Critical Mass Rides**, last Fri of every month Jan 31st 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](#).
 3. **UCI, Velodrome**, Jan 25,26th Milton. George announced this exciting event for the Union of World Cycling. Tickets can be purchased online.
 4. **Bike the Creek** Jun 13, 2020 Check the [website](#) for 2020 information. Stay tuned for 2020 registration. Planning committee meetings since September. This is a partnership amongst Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, City of
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Brampton, Town of Caledon, City of Mississauga, Region of Peel and BikeBrampton.

Next meeting March 25th, 6:30 pm

50 Sunny Meadow Blvd, Unit 108

Meeting adjourned 7:47p.m. – moved by George