

# BikeBrampton minutes

**April 22, 2020 – 8:15pm – 8:45pm**

ZOOM Video Conference call

**Attendees:** Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillor Rowena Santos, Nelson Cadete, Steve Laidlaw, Kevin Montgomery, Jason Clifford, Peter Bolton, Gerald Pyjor, George Sheppardley, Lisa Stokes, Polly Thornham, Rob Muller, Sonia Aujla, Ewa Milewska, Heidi Berki, Cindy Evans, Wayne Noble, Leonard De Sario, Alex Srdoc, Stuart Duncan, Rani Gill, David Cooper, Carly Goodfellow, Sherry-Ann Ram, Leslie Benfield, Bruce Marshall, Tracy Zason, Eyad Klalifeh, Yvon Rockefort, Dayle Laing, David Laing - 31

**cc:** Vince D'Elia (TRCA)

**Meeting Started:** 8:15pm following City of Brampton COVID-19 Town Hall

**Review & approve minutes** [January minutes](#) – Steve, (Feb cancelled due to snow storm, Mar cancelled due to COVID-19)

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## **Brampton City Update:**

- 1. and then there was COVID-19...** COVID-19 interim bike lanes were installed on Vodden and Howden, effective Apr 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 2. Greetings from Mayor Patrick Brown and Regional Councillor Rowena Santos.** Mayor Brown remarked on importance of Active Transportation for healthy lifestyle and reducing obesity. We can't just practice AT when it is convenient. He challenged us to ask how we can get bike lanes in other parts of the City; every street construction project. He challenged us to come back with what's next for the City. Councillor Santos remarked how her experience on the pathway with her son sparked the idea to expedite our Council-endorsed ATMP and Big Ask plans to open up the east-west Vodden corridor to relieve physical distancing pressure on the paths. Both the Mayor and Councillor thanked the BikeBrampton for their advocacy and commitment. David noted there has been more progress this term of Council than in the whole 7 years since BikeBrampton was started in April 2013. Mayor Brown and Councillor Santos were thanked for their participation in our meeting and for their ongoing AT support.
- 3. Big Ask** – see [BikeBrampton Update](#) for background on Big Ask and COVID-19 interim bike lanes timeline effective Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> . City's press release provided basis for [COVID19 Interim Bike Lanes Blog](#) Post. Previous posts: [C.O.V.I.D.1.9 Blog](#) and [Cycling in Covid Times Blog](#)

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4. **COVID-19 Bike Network Map** – press conference this morning at City Hall, where Mayor Brown, Councillor Dhillon, Councillor Santos unveiled the bike network map. David was invited to speak on behalf of BikeBrampton. See [Bike Network Blog post](#) for the interactive map link and David’s remarks. Press conference captured by [CP24 TV Video](#). The map has layers for selecting the loop.
5. **Share the Road & TCAT’s Apr 22<sup>nd</sup> Webinar: Making space for physical distancing in Ontario** – participation by Councillor Santos, Brampton Transportation Planning, and BikeBrampton. The message to the 300+ ZOOM participants was the coordination amongst City Staff, Council and cycling community, to efficiently and effectively transform the Vodden corridor into a safe cycling route within 2 weeks. Link to [webinar video recording](#). Share the Road has created a new webpage that is full of helpful resources on [Rebalancing Streets](#).
6. **Brampton 2040 Speaker Series** - Members voted to close the Brampton Bike Hub for a field trip to hear the Feb 12<sup>th</sup> evening at the Rose Theatre. Not all these excellent evenings appear to be posted online (COVID-19 interruption?). These speakers provided great insight into encouraging next steps for enacting Brampton’s 2040 Vision. [January 22 Video](#) included speakers Ken Greenberg, David Crombie. [January 29 Stephen Lewis Video](#) Stephen’s excellent speech mentions the importance of listening to people on the ground, who are the experts! He said that “Brampton should attempt to become the model for dealing for climate change... No other city in Canada is claiming that advantage.” [January 29 Zahra Ebrahim Video](#). [February 5 Pamela Blais Video](#), February 5 – Brad King, Gil Penalosa. February 12 – Ian Lockwood, Dan Burden, Joe Minicozzi.
7. **BCAC Update** – Steve reported on Feb 18<sup>th</sup> meeting. [Agenda](#). David delegated on the Community Cycling Program, requesting promotion support from BCAC. Winter maintenance subcommittee was formed, where specific issues identified are intersections at other streets, sidewalks and at pathways. Minutes will likely be posted once meetings resume. The Cycling Advisory Committee has voted to continue with virtual un-official meetings. The next one is May 19<sup>th</sup>.

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## Regional Update:

1. **PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School)** – David reported meetings will continue online.
2. **(CCP) Community Cycling Program** – David reported that program has been renewed for another year by Region of Peel. [Final Report](#) , [Year two implementation plan](#) Many of the implications of COVID-19 were already considered in the plan. There will be a focus on use of videos for online instruction. There continue to be requests for Pedalwise protégé bike loans, which are handled by appointment. Region of Peel has provided sanitation protocol. Councillor Santos has requested a

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COVID-19 bike lane tip video. She would like to see a bike repair café set up in Garden Square, once emergency lock-down rules are lifted. It would have to be very carefully set up with appointments, well-spaced bike stands and sanitation.

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## BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **Etobicoke Creek Trail** – trail still closed in Mississauga under the #401 due to construction.
  2. **Trail signage** – trails have been audited for signage. – Esker, Chinguacousy, Don Doan.
  3. **ATMP** – ongoing implementation – part one is the [East-West Cycling Corridor Project](#) (Vodden, Howden, Hanover – from Isabella in the west to Chinguacousy Park in the east)
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## Referred Matters List

1. **Mentor training – Action:** Lisa and Barry 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. – carry forward to 2021.
  3. **BikeBrampton Introduction Video** – it was suggested at the January meeting, that David’s introduction to the BikeBrampton background be captured on a short video clip that can be posted on our website.
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## Events

1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month      Check [BikeBrampton webpage](#) for information to this casual ride. Group rides all cancelled now. Cyclists who wish to ride solo may do so. Vodden Street bike lane is the focus that has been discussed.
  2. [Bike the Creek](#) Jun 12, 2021      SAVE the DATE. Check the [website](#) for 2020 details, still posted.
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**Next meeting May 27<sup>th</sup>, 7-8:00 pm**      Meeting adjourned 9:15 p.m.

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