

BikeBrampton minutes

April 21, 2021 – 6:30pm – 7:30pm

ZOOM Video Conference call

Attendees: George Sheppardley, Yvon Rochefort, Wayne Noble, Heidi Berki, Rob Muller, Steve Laidlaw, Cindy Evans, Lisa Stokes, Anand Balram, Polly Thornham, Barry Lavallee, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Gerald Pyjor, Ewa Milewska, Peter Bolton, Kuldip Kundhal

cc: Nelson Cadete

Meeting Started: 6:34pm

Review & approve minutes [March meeting minutes](#) - Steve moved, approved

Brampton City Update:

1. [Brampton Plan](#) – Anand Balram, Senior Policy Planner, Official Plan & Growth Management, City of Brampton provided a progress update on Brampton’s Official Plan. Anand worked with the team on the 2040 Vision (2018), where 13,000 residents provided input over 8 months. This plan is the opportunity to make that vision become a reality. The highest order of City documents, the Brampton Plan clarifies City objectives and provides policy framework. Plans are needed to allow for all budgeting. Since the 2040 Vision, we now have the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP, 2019), the Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP, 2020), and the 2020 Climate Emergency declaration. The previous 2006 Official Plan and 2013 update no longer represent best practices for the environment, climate change and arts & culture. The Region is also undergoing an [Official Plan update](#). 2051 is now the target for our future, and this plan must conform to provincial legislation. The lines between the built environment and the natural environment are being carefully blurred by adding trees and greening the corridors, with an objective of making City amenities within a 20-minute walk. Nurturing Neighbourhoods are auditing communities to ensure a diversified base for employers, employees, liveability, knowledge and innovation. Corridors with access to transit will maximize mixed use areas. Many roads are hostile for walking or cycling. They will be retrofitted to Complete Streets. There will be higher order LRT/BRT transit and medium order BRT/ZUM transit. Goal is to balance goods movement with hostility of roads and allow kids to walk to school. Objective is to stop residential sprawl. Anand said the team wants Brampton to set the standard for a sustainable municipality. The Plan must consider trucks, intermodal sites, and rail

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spur lines. Riocan is redeveloping Shoppers World, and Sheridan College is redeveloping and intensifying their site. **Action:** send your feedback to: opreview@brampton.ca

2. **Active Transportation Annual Report** – On March 31st, Dayle delegated in support of [ATMP Annual Report](#), [Annual Report Slides to Council](#), [BikeBrampton delegation slides to Council](#), [BikeBrampton comments to Council](#) Discussion about the great ATMP implementation progress made in Brampton in the past year and support for 2021 planned infrastructure.
3. **Riverwalk** – Polly attended the Riverwalk Public Information Session on Mar 17th and prepared this [report](#).
4. **Grow Green Network** – David reported that this offshoot of Environmental Advisory Committee (BEAC), is in the process of becoming a not-for-profit organization, called **Brampton Environmental Alliance** (BEA). The focus will be on key environmental issues for advocacy and community outreach.
5. **Heart Lake Road & Countryside intersection EA** - Environmental Assessment announced in October on City Website. This is a traffic calming opportunity to **install a roundabout** at intersection of Heart Lake Road and Countryside Drive. Slowing traffic will help protect the wildlife on this road, situated within a Provincially Significant Wetland, and which has been designated a Cultural Heritage Landscape. City has adopted the short-range action items of the [Design and Function Review of Heart Lake Road Corridor Report](#): installing 2 more wildlife culverts, and wildlife fencing. The roundabout was the longer-range action item. **Action:** members to familiarize themselves with this link to [HLR background](#) which has links to all the relevant documents since 2011. Please open City link and click on [Notice of Study Commencement](#) and make comments known to Dave Hallman and/or Soheil Nejatian. Timeline for comments not specified, but sooner is better.

Regional Update:

1. **Bike the Creek** – David reported that partners proceeding with virtual event planning for month of June. **Action:** members can volunteer to help paint pavement marking stencils for the routes. Let info@bikebrampton.ca know if you wish to be added to list for scheduling. BikeBrampton will be responsible for producing video safety messaging for trails and roads. Let David know if you are available for video shoots.
2. **Regional Council** – [Motion Regarding 2021 Year of Sustainable Active Mobility](#) – Dayle reported that Regional Councillors Santos and Fonseca made this motion that was unanimously endorsed by Council. The result will be better coordination between Regional and City Staff and alignment with

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Sustainable Transportation Strategy.

3. **PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School)** – David reported that committee is being encouraged to take decision on whether it is strategic or action oriented and to have partners commit resources and budget to effect change to get kids to walk/bike to school.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **smART Ride Contest** – Congratulations to winners of contest: **George Shepperdley, Cindy Evans, Aneep Dhade, Jason Singh!** Visit the link to view the YouTube video that unveiled at our virtual gala event on Apr 19th. Thanks to our partner, The Rose Brampton. Contest was part of our Community Cycling Program (funded by Region of Peel), with assistance from City of Brampton's Advance Brampton Fund. We are so proud of all who entered and especially proud of our winners. Thanks to The Rose Brampton, Advance Brampton Fund and our esteemed Panelists. Thanks to PAMA for contributing heritage cycling images that BikeBrampton used in social media promotion!
2. **(CCP) Community Cycling Program** – Pleased to report that we were approved for the Amplifier Advance Brampton Fund for the CCP. Sonia is working with mentors, protégés and bike mechanics to get the COVID-dependent BikeWrx schedule set up for this season. She has already had 2 **Virtual BikeWrx ZOOM** events on Mar 27th and Apr 3rd. Upcoming are two more: Apr 24th and May 2nd from 1:00-3:00pm. For [information and registration](#).
3. **Claireville Trail North** – Lisa reported on the trail and her [letter to project management staff](#) requesting that the AT path be paved and maintained year-round for accessible mobility issues. She had a good response back, suggesting that TRCA may be open to considering this. Dayle reported that TRCA is encouraging BikeBrampton to delegate to next Board of Directors meeting on Apr 30th. We can provide an AT balanced perspective compared to local residents who are concerned about potential parking and trail access issues. Wayne reported Caledon residents cycle south along McVean to Humber Valley Trail. Mid-Humber gap trail study has commenced. Section under Steeles & #407 will require bridges. Currently have to cycle across Finch, since #50 is a barrier. **Action:** Dayle to report next meeting on outcome of delegation.
4. **National Bike Count [Pedal Poll Website](#)** – **Action:** members to access the link from June 1-6 on a fair-weather day, to count all the cyclists they see out and about!
5. **Etobicoke Creek Trail under #401** – discussion about trail open then closed again for more work. Kennedy Valley Trail was installed primarily to solve dirt bike issues and now it is an important essential trail connection. **Action:** David to request update from City of Mississauga AT Staff who

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are working with MTO. This is on the Mississauga route for Bike the Creek!

6. **“Etobicoke Creek Trail Connector”** – Wayne reported that on-road section of connection between ECT and Caledon Trailway has been named. It includes Kennedy Rd, Olde Base Rd, Heart Lake Rd.
7. **Caledon Update & Bike Repair Stands** – Wayne reported that in addition to stand at Caledon Trailway & east side of Airport Rd, there are 3 new locations: Palgrave – South side of Brawton Drive and Wallace Avenue, Cheltenham – Caledon Trailway, West side of Creditview Road, and Southfields – Southfields Community Centre, pedestrian entrance facing Kennedy Road. Also, there is a kiosk at Mt. Wolfe and 5 stone benches along the Caledon Trailway. There will be 120km of [Caledon signed bike routes](#) this year.
8. **David Suzuki Foundation** – reached out to BikeBrampton to coordinate advocacy assistance for City of Brampton to achieve and exceed its Active Transportation targets for 2021. BB & DSF have started meeting with Councillors to inform them about bike lanes coming to their Wards this year.

Referred Matters List

1. [BCAC Delegation to Regional Council](#) –**Action:** David to invite Senior ROP Staff and Regional Councillors to cycle this infrastructure (in a safe, controlled manner that educates without scaring and displays positive changes as well as areas for improvement).
2. Ryerson University Sustainability – David
3. [Arts, Culture and Creative Industry Development Agency](#) - David
4. [Future Ground Network](#) – BikeBrampton has joined this grass roots not-for-profit organization that builds cooperatively on everyone’s strengths. “supporting local action for a sustainable future”. FGN is a “hub of groups taking action in their communities to secure healthier, more viable futures in the areas of climate justice, biodiversity, waste reduction and sustainable systems. Joining the network means connecting with organizers from other groups to share best practices, find inspiration and work together to achieve common goals. Network members will gain access to free training and digital tools to help mobilize their communities and amplify their voices.” They offered us a free welcome session to discuss our needs, since we have a quorum of 3. **Action:** Additional BikeBrampton members are encouraged to sign up for this valuable resource.
5. **Orangeville-Brampton Rail Trail Update** – (see [January minutes](#) for background.) Orangeville, Caledon, and Brampton are all interested in MUP for pedestrians and cycling. Another rail company has submitted a proposal to continue the line for trains, which would potentially be good for connecting goods and people movement inter-regionally. We need to advocate for 3 communities

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and Region of Peel to all contribute to make a rail trail happen. If it is sold to private enterprise, this opportunity will be lost. Caledon Trailway is perfect example of collective action for public benefit.

Action: members to contact their Councillors to request the rail trail.

6. **Mentor training – Action:** Lisa and Steve to finalize re-certification training for existing and new mentors. This will include advanced skills for the practicalities of cycling – on-going.
7. **Protégé training – Action:** Lisa with assistance from Steve and Kevin conducted two series of 4 ZOOM calls to educate protégés. Response was excellent. This series will be scheduled for 2021.
8. **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 2022
9. **BikeBrampton Introduction Video** – it was suggested that David’s introduction to the BikeBrampton background be captured on a short video clip that can be posted on our website.
10. **Trail signage** – trails have been audited for signage. – Esker, Chinguacousy, Don Doan – some sign installation along Esker Lake Trail – incomplete – **Action:** bring forward to future meeting

Events

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| 1. Critical Mass Rides , last Fri of every month | Check BikeBrampton webpage for information to this casual ride. Group rides limited to current COVID-19 standards. Cyclists who wish to ride solo may do so. |
| 2. Earth Day Apr 22, 2021 | 51 st Anniversary! David has been invited to speak on behalf of BikeBrampton at Climate Change Youth Forum 7:00-8:30pm – re: Active Transportation impact on the Environment |
| 3. Bike Month | May 31 – June 30 |
| 4. Bike the Creek | Virtual event being planned for month of June. Check the website . |

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5. [Brampton Plan](#) – June 21st 5:00-7:00pm Environment / Climate Change / Transportation Public Townhall

Next meeting May 26th 6:30-7:30pm Meeting adjourned 8:30 p.m.