2021 04 30 BikeBrampton re TRCA Claireville North MUP Project

Intro

- Dayle Laing, from BikeBrampton.
- We are a volunteer group that advocates for increased safe cycling.

Slide 2 – Trail Strategy

• Our members support the trail strategy that will connect the regional trails into a network.

Slide 3 – Province-wide Cycling Network

- This path is about much more than 3.9 kilometres. It's part of the bigger picture!
- In 2018, all of our municipalities, Leaders from the Waterfront and Greenbelt Trails and the provincial government compiled a province-wide cycling network.
- The purpose is for commuting, recreation & tourism.
- Cycling tourism is worth \$428 million annually in Ontario!

Slide 4 – Brampton's ATMP

- Here's a closer look at our region.
- Humber River Valley and Etobicoke Creek Trails are the 2 north-south spines of the network.
- Claireville North is one segment of the West Humber Trail extension.
- Eastern Caledon & Eastern Brampton residents have told us that this will be a primary link for cycling south to the Toronto Waterfront.
- Currently, the lack of a trail is a barrier to Active Transportation.

Slide 5 Etobicoke Creek

- I prepared this example of how a 'natural' area was abused and eroded by dirt bikes and litter.
- The Etobicoke Creek Trail now links Caledon, Brampton, Mississauga, and Toronto. We cycle happily and safely under Highways 410, 407 and 401 all within a few minutes!

Slide 6 – Cycling & Walking through Nature

- Trails like Claireville North are corridors for the whole family to enjoy nature.
- When more people use trails, they care about them and want to protect the trail and surrounding naturalized areas.

Slide 7 – Vista Block Laneway Access

- The 3 Vistas are signed and have paved connectors at the edge of the ravine.
- 'Desire' lines leading down into the Conservation Area indicate current use.
- Litter is evident. We found a pile of old tires at the bottom of one hill.

Slide 8 – Local Community Enhancement

- Pathways to the Trail contribute to Active Living; for both commuting & recreation.
- Communities without access to trails or bike lanes are considered to be 'car-dependent', by not only urban planners, but also as they appear in Real Estate listings.
- The walk score in this community ranges from 15 to 25 /100, according to recent listings.
- The bikeable score is 50 / 100.
- One could surmise that access to Claireville North Multi-use Trail would improve these scores.

Slide 9 – Surrounding Residential Access

• Residents from higher density areas will benefit from the equity of greater access to the Conservation Area via the trail.

Slide 10 – AT Accessible

• In summary, BikeBrampton supports Claireville North Multi-use Trail. It supports TRCA's trail strategy, supports accessible recreation, supports active transportation and cycle tourism. We request that it be paved for AODA accessibility and be maintained year-round without the use of harmful chemicals or chlorides.