

BikeBrampton minutes

October 28, 2021 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ZOOM Video Conference call

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, Peter Bolton, Heidi Berki, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Lisa Stokes, George Sheppardley, Sonia Maset, Lina Yee, Wayne Noble

cc: Nelson Cadete

Meeting Started: 6:35pm – Land acknowledgement (Day of Truth and Reconciliation)

Review & approve minutes [September Meeting Minutes](#) – Minutes approved

Brampton City Update:

1. Streets for People –

Cyclist Vehicle Collisions

Discussion regarding safety of cyclists where there is no cycling infrastructure and penalties for drivers who hit cyclists.

- Steve related the incident of Paul de Pledge who was mowed down by a stolen truck in August 2018. The driver was found guilty of criminal negligence and failure to stop. Kevin organized a ghost bike ride and Steve met with Mr. de Pledge's family.
- David mentioned about a friend of his who was struck as a pedestrian last December. His friend spent 3 months in hospital and is still recovering.
- Peel statistics of road deaths from last year, 11 motorcyclists, 15 pedestrians, 16 motorists, 1 cyclist.
- Concern expressed that Peel doesn't take Vision Zero seriously. It seems Peel prioritizes cars and goods movement when engineering road infrastructure. The Vision Zero task force has not met since the beginning of the pandemic. There is no apparent appetite to make the tough choices like reducing speed limits that would affect driver behaviour.
- Heidi mentioned an incident she had with a driver who came too close to her and was speeding. She got the license and made a report on the [PRP website](#). She said an officer would be assigned to her report and that the driver would receive a letter or even a visit if there is more than one complaint.
- Suggest asking the City for more signs about 1m passing law to help educate drivers. Could

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also add stickers to existing road signs.

- Steve has been reading OTM Book 18
- David indicated Craig Kummer has left Brampton for a job in Burlington. Craig extended invitation for BikeBrampton members to join him in a Burlington ride next spring.
- **Action:** Lisa to work with Steve to send letter to the City with these suggestions and ask for a follow-up ride with Craig Kummer's replacement.

Streets for People - Infrastructure

- Discussion about green paint seen at Centre St. and Vodden.
- Heidi reported she and Tracy have been enjoying riding new bike lanes all over the City
- Steve reported that it took 2-3 weeks to paint all of the bike lane infrastructure on Avondale. Signs are still to come.
- Lisa reported there seems to be an organized campaign against bike lanes on Reddit. Councillor Vicente has addressed these comments.
- Lisa indicated that 2000 streets are on road diets due to resident complaints. Historically residents had a choice of different road diet configurations, now bike lanes are the City's response. This is good except it tends to put the blame on bike lanes for those people not living in the neighbourhood, and who see the bike lanes as restricting traffic flow, which is the intended purpose.
- David also indicated these roads are all part of the ATMP that was three years in the making with lots of opportunity for public comment.
- **Action:** BikeBrampton members to respond respectfully to posts in social media to "correct the record".

2. **Open Letter** – to Mayor Brown and members of Council to encourage them to prioritize the City's Grow Green environmental agenda during the upcoming budget discussions.

- David indicated this topic came up at the recent BEA meeting. Councillor Santos expressed that there will be pressure on Council to keep tax increase to 0%, (equivalent of a 7% budget decreased based on additional expenses due to COVID). Environmental projects may be at risk as a result.
- David indicated we cannot delay implementation of the 2040 vision and the ATMP, like the City did in implementing the 2002 Pathways Master Plan.
- Steve indicated that Council unanimously passed the motion declaring a climate emergency

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- Lisa indicated that tax increases should be expected by the public this year to address inflationary pressures.
 - **Motion:** BikeBrampton supports being a signatory of the open letter to Council - passed
3. **BFC Application** – Steve reported the BFC application was submitted on time by the City.
 4. **City Staff Bike Tour** – Discussion about riding with Craig Kummer’s replacement. **Action:** Lisa to ask Nelson and organize a ride per the action noted above.
 5. **Clark Blvd EA** – Clark to Eastern Ave 6 options. **Action:** BikeBrampton members to read the PIC package and provide feedback to David. David will integrate into a submission letter.
 6. **Brampton Cycle Tourism** – David reported he is invited to participate in a Tourism Brampton meeting early in November.

Regional Update:

1. **Bike the Creek 2022**- first meeting scheduled for next week
2. **Discussion** regarding posting of Kennedy Valley Trail video that was shot this past summer. **Action:** check with Nelson re video status.
3. **CCP Update** – Sonia reported the CCP interacted with 2,294 people during the 42 delivered BikeWrx pop-up sessions against a target of 2,000. Two more pop-up sessions still to be delivered. Over 1,000 hours of volunteer staffing work. Energetic, young people volunteering at the bike cage to help with bike repairs. At least one student is now riding regularly who wasn’t before. Interim report is due next week and the ABF application for 2022 is due by the end of November. Hopes to recruit more mentors for 2022 post COVID. Will review current year’s attendance at the various BikeWrx sessions.
Wayne asked Sonia for a breakdown of the Caledon attendance for the pop-ups. Sonia indicated there were 111 participants at the four Caledon events run so far. Wayne indicated he would like to see Town participation at next year’s events using resources from AT and Tourism.
4. **Downtown Bike Hub Location** – Sonia reported she has received a draft lease agreement for the 32 Main St. storefront. Space is 900 square feet in total including main floor and basement. Occupancy scheduled for end of November. The group thanked Sonia for the detail of data included in the report sent to the City, which justifies why the space should be offered to the Brampton Bike Hub.

BikeBrampton Projects:

1. NE Sunday morning rides, leaving from McDonald’s (Bramalea and Sandalwood Pkwy) at 9:30am
2. Several BikeBrampton members visited the “off-grid” food container biome located at Fire Station

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212, (Mississauga Road north of Steeles). It is powered by solar panels, grows hydroponic vegetables, and raises fish. The container location can be accessed from the east using Creditview, the new path installed along Financial Drive, across the cross-ride, through the Canon parking lot.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported that Caledon Day will now be part of Canada Day. Velocity will run on Canada Day and routes will run out of Caledon East.
 2. Construction will temporarily close Caledon Trailway at Caledon East for the next few weeks.
 3. Town has hired a new AT person (Sabrina Davidson).
 4. A PXO has been installed on Olde Base Rd on the Caledon Trailway, west of McLaughlin. There are currently no lights and minimal signage. Wayne has mentioned this to the Region.
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Referred Matters List

5. [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).
 6. [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.
 7. **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 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.
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Action: members to contact their Councillors to request the rail trail.

8. **Bike-a-thon** – Anu Sharma, PCHS Chair and President approached us re PCHS bike-a-thon activity for next year – **Action:** Sonia to contact Ms. Sharma to see if there is still interest for an event in the spring of 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

1. [BikeWrx Pop-ups](#)

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2. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month
Plan to do a costume ride for October, and a Toby’s ride for the November CM and include Toby’s way. 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.

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3. [Bike the Creek](#)
June 18th 2022. Check the [website](#).

**Next meeting Wednesday
November 17th 6:30-7:30pm** Meeting adjourned 7:45p.m.