

# BikeBrampton minutes

**December 15, 2021 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

ZOOM Video Conference call

**Attendees:** Steve Laidlaw, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Lisa Stokes, Wayne Noble, Sonia Maset, Barry Lavallée, Alina Grzejszczak, George Sheppardley, Heidi Berki, Raymond Murray, Peter Bolton, Gary Banhan, Preetha James (Vélo Canada Bikes)

**cc:** Nelson Cadete

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

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## **Review & approve minutes**

Indigenous Land Acknowledgements

[November Meeting Minutes](#) – Minutes approved

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## **Brampton City Update:**

### **1. Streets for People** – update on 2021 implementation.

- 13 km of bike lanes implemented (bike lanes, urban shoulders and multi-use paths)
- Dearbourne not done. Avondale is painted but no signs installed, as yet.
- Discussion re lack of signs along many of the bike lanes. Signs needed for enforcing parking violations.
- Discussion re resident complaints about bike lanes. Alina indicated no letters sent to residents to inform them about bike lane installation. City posted links on Streets for People signs, however some Councillors would like to see letters in addition. No general education to drivers about how to drive on a road with bike lanes.
- Steve indicated the Roads Staff spoke to each Councillor and gave them speaking notes to address resident concerns.
- More discussion about the **bike lanes on Charolais Blvd.** George indicated there had been a crash at Mikalda and Charolais due to driver confusion about bike lanes.
- Discussion about new MUP being installed by ROP along Dixie Rd from Steeles to Advance. Dayle indicated this is possibly the result of Polly's delegation to ROP Council. Lisa indicated it is an important connection. A better connection needed to the GO south pkg lot where there is covered bike parking. Cindy indicated there is also covered bike parking on the north side. George indicated GO would be an important AT connection point for cycle tourists. Brampton Tourism is keen to promote cycling.

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## 2. Share the Road - [Bicycle Friendly Community status](#) update

- Dayle reported Brampton's Bronze status was renewed. According to the notes received from STR, the City's BFC application did not provide a clear differentiation as to why Silver status was deserved and the increased expectations to maintain Bronze makes it still an accomplishment.

## 3. Orangeville-Brampton Rail Trail – The train has recently stopped running and it appears that progress is being made on next steps, but we do not have any information. (See [January 2021 minutes](#) for background.) Orangeville, Caledon, and Brampton are all interested in MUP for pedestrians and cycling. The Mayor of Orangeville is pro turning it into a rail trail. 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. The trail areas needing infrastructure are bridges at the Forks of the Credit and at #401. This rail trail could potentially extend north to Owen Sound. Wayne said the Caledon Trailway is perfect example of collective action for public benefit. Lisa cited the excellent example for emulating what Quebec has done with the Petit Train du Nord. **Action:** members to contact their Councillors to request the rail trail.

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## Regional Update:

1. **Dixie Rd. MUP**- see above.
2. **CCP Update** – Sonia reported she will be recruiting mentors in January. She will also need volunteers to support the Girl Guide programming in both Brampton and Caledon for bike repair and led rides. She will also need help with the Massey St. Fixathon in April 2022. Fifty plus bikes are currently at the school. Will need to assess the bikes and flag. She is working at the bike cage Wednesday afternoons and Sunday mornings with volunteers. Fifty-eight people completed the Pedalwise survey for Regional CCP reporting. David congratulated Sonia on the quality of the interim report sent to the Region and for the Community Benefits justification for the Main St. space. **Well done, Sonia!**
3. **Downtown Bike Hub Location** – Sonia reported she is awaiting the signed lease agreement for the 36 Main St. storefront. The space will officially be called “Different Spokes”. She is developing a logo and sign design. She is currently doing detailed measurements and designing interior layout of the space. Hopefully get the keys in January.

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4. **Bike the Creek** – At the last BCAC meeting Polly was officially designated BCAC member on BTC organizing committee. Dayle is the official BikeBrampton representative. Wayne asked that Sabrina Davidson be added to the list as she is responsible for AT in Caledon. David reported he will be coordinating a route planning meeting. Dayle indicated TRCA's Sabrina Minnella is coordinating a meeting on sponsorship.

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## BikeBrampton Projects:

1. **NE Sunday morning rides**, leaving from McDonald's (Bramalea and Sandalwood Pkwy) at 9:30am. Lisa plans on running the rides throughout the winter, COVID allowing.
2. **Nomination for Share the Road Wheels of Change award** – Dayle indicated the live application form is still not available on the STR website. She will follow up with STR.
3. **Vélo Canada Bikes** – Preetha from VCB indicated they are putting together a contact list of all advocacy groups from across Canada. This includes not for profit organizations who advocate for AT but not specifically cycling. VCB members will be provided the list. David indicated it is interesting to participate in VCB meetings. Some provinces don't even have a 1 metre passing rule.
4. **Bike Parking** – Steve indicated there is no bike parking facilities at Lakeridge Mall. Discussion about need for better bike parking in the City. Wayne, Steve, Lisa and Cindy all made comments about needing to complain to get bike parking installed. Needs to be visible, safe, lighted, properly signed and at the front of the building not near the garbage containers. **Action:** members to submit names of places needing bike parking. Steve will draft a letter to be sent to major property management companies, RioCan, Morguard, SmartCentres. Dayle reported COB is doing an inventory of bike parking.
5. **Brampton Orangeville Rail** – Wayne reported good news is coming.

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## Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported that the **PXO installed on Olde Base Rd on the Caledon Trailway**, west of McLaughlin has now received more signs for no passing and that OPP patrols the area regularly.
2. **Humber Station Rd** is now open with painted wide shoulders with asphalt curb at Caledon Trailway crossing #3.
3. **McLaughlin Rd.** is now open north of Old Base. South of Old Base the road has received a base coat of asphalt.

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4. **Inglewood** at the east side of McLaughlin at the Caledon Trail the steps are being improved for pedestrians
5. Another **bike repair stand** has been budgeted for Bolton. Installation possibly next spring. (discussion about lack of bike repair stations in Brampton ensued). **Lisa agreed to put bike repair stands on the BCAC agenda.** Peter indicated there will be a bike repair stand at Decathlon at Bramalea City Centre.

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## 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. [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.
3. **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
4. **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.
5. **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

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## Events

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1. [Critical Mass Rides](#), last Fri of every month  
Some members plan to do a Toby's ride for the December CM and include Toby's Way. **Action:** Lisa to reach out to Kevin to reconfirm. Check [BikeBrampton webpage](#) for information to this casual unstructured ride. Group rides limited to current COVID-19 standards. Cyclists who wish to ride solo may do so.
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2. [Bike the Creek](#)  
June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. Check the [website](#).
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**Next meeting Wednesday January 19<sup>th</sup> 6:30-7:30pm** Meeting adjourned 8:15p.m.