

BikeBrampton minutes

February 16, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ZOOM Video Conference call

Attendees: Heidi Berki, Wayne Noble, Lisa Stokes, George Shepperdley, Tracy Zason, Kevin Montgomery, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Cindy Evans, Polly Thornham, Sonia Maset, Alina Grzeszczak, Ewa Milewska, Steve Laidlaw, Tyron Nimalakumar, Bruce Marshall, Peter Bolton, Mary & Guillermo, Gary Banham, Arash.

cc: Nelson Cadete

Meeting Started: 6:32pm – Indigenous Land acknowledgement. **Action:** Steve to check on appropriate protocol.

Review & approve minutes [January minutes](#) – moved by Wayne, minutes approved

Cautionary Tale

Lisa reported an incident that occurred today while riding with Steve, Cindy and Ewa to meet Tyron. An aggressive driver hit her pannier, got out of the car, pushed, and threatened Lisa. She was not hurt. Lisa photographed the driver, passenger and car with license plate. She reported the incident to Peel Regional Police non-emergency line when she returned home. An Officer visited the driver, who admitted the allegations. The Officer chose to ‘caution’ the driver, which apparently lodges a criminal record. Steve agreed this was intentional intimidation. What BikeBrampton members can learn from Lisa’s cautionary tale, is to be mindful on the road, practice all the safety tips that we discuss, take the lane when one feels unsafe due to a narrow lane, and keep calm in the event of driver aggression. Alina noted an increase in aggressive, distracted driving, and short patience. **Action:** Members invited to review our short [Cycling Safety Tips videos](#) and [Brampton Trail Etiquette](#) tips, posted on the BikeBrampton website. Confident members urged to share their mentoring skills, and can contact Sonia@bikebrampton.ca

Brampton City Update:

- 1. Brampton Community Ride Program Update** – [Registration](#) is now open! Lisa reported that the Cycling Advisory Committee (BCAC) is planning 14 rides for 2022. Both 5 and 15km options, from May to October, on Tuesday evenings and Sunday afternoons. [Link to descriptions](#). Each start location has a hyperlink to the google map exact starting point. Where possible, routes will link to Brampton Bike Hub BikeWrX pop-ups. Refreshments, complements of City of Brampton. We need

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leaders, marshalls and sweeps – a minimum of 6 volunteers for each event. The City will be providing walkie-talkies and T-shirts for communication and visibility of volunteers. Extra volunteers are needed for riders who might need to be escorted on a shortcut, although riders are encouraged to select their route according to their ability. Lisa has a meeting with Decathlon community representative for discussion. **Action:** Check out Lisa's [spreadsheet](#) of rides & positions needed filling. Then, be in touch with [Lisa](#) to volunteer for your availability. Please select sweep, then marshall and finally lead positions as you gain experience. Cindy commented that TRCA's Jennifer Miles is interested in Community Rides for her SNAP project.

2. **Brampton Williams Pkwy Wall Public Art** – Update on meeting discussion from last month and Lisa's [video delegation](#) Jan 26th - Lisa reported that Council expanded Williams wall public art discussion to include public art around the City, which was beyond the agenda item parameters. Vote was to refer Williams wall art back to Staff.
3. **Budget 2022 AT Plans** – discussion about what is committed for AT in 2022. Agreement on importance of keeping schedule on track for network roll out. Cindy searched City website. She noted that TRCA Bramalea SNAP is planning street art in conjunction with City's AT plans. Details of AT budget are forthcoming at BCAC meeting tomorrow evening. Staff ATMP Annual report going to Committee of Council on March 9th. **Action:** David to follow progress and arrange to delegate once details are made available. **Action:** Lisa to let Sonia know once Brampton AT map has been updated, since this is an important promo item for BikeWrx pop-ups.
4. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported that proposed downtown location is going before Council on Mar 9th. She is aiming at late April, early May for opening. City will need to make construction repairs to the space first before Sonia can outfit it for a bike hub. Sonia is working with Amanjit from PCHS on the business / insurance aspects of this hub. **Action:** Sonia to report next month.
5. **Brampton Bike Hub BikeWrx pop-ups** Sonia is planning approximately 23 BikeWrx pop-ups in Brampton and 6-10 in Caledon. She will be operating the **bike valet at the Farmers Market** every Saturday throughout the season, and has been working with Brampton Tourism on plans. Sonia is working on Repair-a-thons with Girl Guides in Caledon and Massey Street Public School. These will be promoted by late April. Sonia is looking for mentors to run subchapters in different areas of the city, modelled on what Lisa is doing in the northeast. She is also looking for a project coordinator. **Action:** Contact Sonia if you wish to be considered for any of these positions. Sonia is meeting with

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Wayne to determine suitable Caledon BikeWrx pop-up locations. Possibilities: Palgrave, Terra Cotta, Caledon East, Southfields, Inglewood, Cheltenham, Bolton (if Eco-Caledon assists). Always best to engage people right beside the trailway.

- 6. Earth Day Environmental Festival Bike Tour** – Apr 23rd – David reported that Brampton Environmental Alliance (BEA), is working with the City on this event. Meet at 9-9:30 (depending on location distance) to ride to Norton Place Park. BikeBrampton will have a booth tent from 10:00-2:00. There is a planned short ride in the neighbourhood area returning to the park. TRCA is planning tree planting, chalk painting and other kids' activities. They are expecting 100-150 people, as a season starter. **Action:** David is looking for bike tour leaders, and volunteers to work 1hr shifts at the booth. Let him know your availability. More details to follow on [BEA website](#) as plans evolve.
- 7. New Crossride** – Lisa reported a new crossride on the Don Doan Trail crossing on Williams Parkway at Graymar Rd. (between Torbram and Jordan). Tyron confirmed Graymar location.

Regional Update:

- 1. Bike the Creek** – David reported the routes are planned. They will be adjusted for construction, and to highlight new infrastructure. Discussion about the proposed cycling jersey by one of the companies that manufactures jerseys for cycling clubs. Quality deemed important as people want an item that lasts. Several would prefer a jersey. It was felt that BTC riders may prefer a lower price point with a technical t-shirt. Peter noted that Decathlon does tshirt printing. **Action:** members with potential sponsor contacts, here is the [sponsorship package](#). Looking for volunteers to work in groups to touch up pavement stencils in April/May.
- 2. Mississauga School Road Closure Pilot** – Lisa reported parents cannot drive their kids to school at 6 pilot schools. Road in front of school is closed around school opening and closing times. The school board is on side with this despite parents pushing back. Discussion about Mississauga blazing a trail! **Action:** Members to advocate for Brampton and Caledon to hold pilots.

BikeBrampton Projects:

- 1. Nomination for Share the Road Wheels of Change award** – Dayle has submitted our nomination.
- 2. NE Sunday morning rides**, leaving from McDonald's (Bramalea and Sandalwood Pkwy) at 9:30am. Lisa will start up rides the first Sunday in March.
- 3. Bike Parking** – Steve is still investigating. He is targeting Lakeridge Mall. He has support from one of the tenants. Steve attended the [Brampton Master Parking Plan](#) meeting on Feb 2nd. (Thanks Tyron, for the link.) Steve asked for APBP standards to be required for all bike parking installations.

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Discussion about illegal parking issues being complaint-driven for enforcement. Lisa suggests downloading Ping Street App on your phone. She submitted a request and received a call within an hour! Steve indicated that the City is considering on-street parking permits. Discussion about illegal driveway widening and huge growth in vehicles per household. Region of Peel neighbourhood information tool is good, but not up to date. It does not account for the quantity of illegal basement apartments. Kevin reported that window = a separate basement entrance. Kevin has Brampton By-law bookmarked on his phone! City population is estimated to be 30% greater than stated. Sewer capacity is an issue. Bruce noted that the City estimates there are 30,000 illegal apartments. **Action:** Steve to update us. Please send Steve an email if you want better bike parking at a retail location.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported that he had a meeting with Caledon OPP. They have had 2 cyclist/car crashes, with no fatalities. The bike patrol has not been trained due to COVID. There is a blitz this year again at stop signs. Innis Lake Rd & Old Church is known for cars running stop lights, although not as many complaints as last year.
 2. Caledon is adding 40km of signed bike routes and 3 more bike repair stands (bringing total to 7). There will be a new printed Town of Caledon bike map in time for Bike the Creek in June. The online version was updated last year.
 3. Region of Peel is looking to improve Gore Rd., Old Church, Olde Base Line at Trailway crossings.
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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
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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

Events

- 1. [Critical Mass Rides](#)**, last Fri of every month 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.
- 2. Ontario Bike Summit** OBS22 – Apr 5,6th conference at Courtyard Marriott, Toronto. Online delegates via Pheedloop.
- 3. Fletchers Creek SNAP** April 9th 9:30-noon. Community clean up at Fred Kline Park, 9445 McLaughlin Rd N. [Register with CVC](#).
- 4. Earth Day Environmental Festival Bike Tour – Apr 23rd** April 23rd – meet at 9-9:30 (depending on location distance) to ride to event at Norton Place Park.
- 5. [Bike the Creek](#)** June 18th 2022. Check the [website](#). Registration will be open soon.

Next meeting Wed Mar 16th 6:30pm Meeting adjourned 8:22p.m.