

# BikeBrampton minutes

**March 16, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm**

ZOOM Video Conference call

**Attendees:** Julie Carmichael, Steve Laidlaw, Wayne Noble, Sonia Maset, Yvon Rochefort, Tracy Zason, Ewa Milewska, Jasdeep Singh, Aneep Dhade, George Shepperdley, Tyron Nimalakumar, Rajan Arora, Bruce Marshall, Dayle Laing, David Laing  
**cc:** Nelson Cadete

**Meeting Started:** 6:34pm – Indigenous Land acknowledgement.

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**Review & approve minutes**    [February minutes](#) – moved by Sonia, seconded by Yvon, minutes approved

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## **Brampton City Update:**

- 1. ATMP Annual Report** - Mar 9<sup>th</sup> Council meeting update –[Staff Report](#), [Committee of Council Slides](#), [Livestream Video](#) 2:26. Committee of Council passed unanimously after debate. Staff handled questions well. Budget of \$8 million includes pandemic ‘catch up’ from last year, as well as implementation as part of regular road resurfacing schedule, and Claireville Conservation Area multi-use trail. [David’s Delegation](#), Cindy’s delegation letter was read out loud. These encouraged Council to continue to support the ATMP and the 2040 Vision as per the Climate Emergency. Tyron’s [Bike Lanes in Brampton Video](#) was not played at Council, but we reviewed it during the meeting. Tyron was praised and the use of this video for subsequent delegation opportunity will be very positive. Yvon suggested that members advocate to incumbent and candidates during the next election.
- 2. Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported that proposed downtown location at **8 Nelson** was approved at Council on Mar 9<sup>th</sup>. She is awaiting the City to sign the lease, which will be for 2 years with an option for a third year. City will need to make construction repairs to the space first before Sonia can outfit it for a bike hub. The space will be shared with PCHS for use in their one-on-one counselling. Yvon commented that 8 Nelson is the perfect downtown location. The schedule for the BikeWrx pop-ups is being prepared. Returning to in-person is being assessed as per COVID restrictions. The schedule there could potentially be bi-weekly. **Action:** contact [sonia@bikebrampton.ca](mailto:sonia@bikebrampton.ca) if you can volunteer to construct work benches. Sonia will be hiring for a coordinator position: <https://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2022/04/2022-03->

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**Action:** pass along job posting to those who you think would be interested and qualified.

3. **Brampton Community Ride Program Update** – [Registration](#) for Cycling Advisory Committee’s (BCAC) 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 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. **Action:** Check out Lisa’s [spreadsheet](#) of rides & positions needed filling, especially needed are 5km leaders. Be in touch with [Lisa](#) to volunteer. Select sweep, then marshall and finally lead positions as you gain experience.
4. **Williams Pkwy noise wall** – [Brampton Guardian](#), Mar 13<sup>th</sup> by Graeme Frisue. No decision yet.
5. **Canada National Pedal Poll** – David gave overview on this national data collection program. Brampton has been selected as one of the communities this year. **Action:** Details on Pedal Poll at next meeting.

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## Regional Update:

1. [Bike the Creek](#) – David – MOU (Memorandum of Understanding) commitment for event partner BikeBrampton. David and Dayle have been asked to delegate to Council in April. – **Actions:** Need volunteers:
  - a. Group assistance to touch up route stencils, install signage in April, May
  - b. Lead dignitary rides (shorter & longer one) – Lisa, Steve
  - c. Day of Event volunteers – BikeBrampton/BCAC display booth at Jim Archdekin
  - d. Bike Rodeo volunteers (9:00am – 12:00pm)
  - e. Identify sponsors [sponsorship package](#)
  - f. Social media postings – early and often, as soon as registration opens!
2. [CCP \(Community Cycling Program\) Year 3 Final Report](#)
3. **Sustainable Caledon Taskforce** – David reported he has been invited to sit on new taskforce. Meeting 4x / year, this is part of Caledon’s Climate Change adaptation implementation. Wayne volunteered to sit on taskforce when David is unavailable.

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## **BikeBrampton Projects:**

1. **NE Sunday morning rides**, leaving from McDonald's (Bramalea and Sandalwood Pkwy) at 9:30am. Lisa will send out notices to those interested. It's a pleasant ride and opportunity to learn more about the area and enjoy outdoor visits. Pedalwise protégés and mentors are welcome!
2. **Earth Day Environmental Festival Bike Tour** – Apr 23<sup>rd</sup> – David reported that Brampton Environmental Alliance (BEA) is working with the City on this event. [Guardian article](#). 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. **Action:** David is looking for 3 bike tour leaders, and volunteers to work 1hr shifts at the booth. Let him know your availability. More details on [BEA website](#). Register on Eventbrite for event to guarantee free lunch.
3. **Nomination for Share the Road Wheels of Change award** – Dayle reported our submission was deemed very impressive. They will create a category for politician next year, however, Professional category was intended to be a municipal staff person.
4. **Bike Parking** – Steve is targeting Lakeridge Mall. He contacted Foodland, owned by Sobey's. The store manager has yet to respond. Bruce suggested that Steve encourage Sobey's to make bike parking a corporate policy and then roll out Foodland as a pilot. Issue may have more to do with landlord than tenant cooperation. However, there is cart storage in the parking lot, so this is a precedent. Encouragement of cargo bike grocery pick up is a possibility! Brampton has a bike friendly business program that potentially has bike racks. Decathlon offers customized bike racks. **Action:** Steve to continue to update us. Please send Steve an email if you want better bike parking at a retail location.
5. **May & June BikeBrampton meetings** – Sonia has offered to chair these meetings in the absence of David and Dayle.

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## **Caledon Update**

1. Wayne reported that Caledon is reprinting their bike route maps, which will be available at the Bike the Creek Caledon booth and at Jim Archdekin pavilion.
2. Velocity will be held on July 1st, run by Caledon Community Services. It will start at Town Hall and feature a family ride on Caledon Trailway, and 50 & 100km loops.

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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

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 5,6<sup>th</sup> conference at Courtyard Marriott, Toronto. Online delegates via Pheedloop. Alina and Dayle will be attending virtually on behalf of BCAC.
  3. **Fletchers Creek SNAP** April 9<sup>th</sup> 9:30-noon. Community clean up at Fred Kline Park, 9445 McLaughlin Rd N. [Register with CVC](#).
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4. **Earth Day Environmental Festival Bike Tour – Apr 23<sup>rd</sup>** April 23<sup>rd</sup> – meet at 9-9:30 (depending on location distance) to ride to event at Norton Place Park.

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5. **[Bike the Creek](#)** June 18<sup>th</sup> 2022. Check the [website](#). Registration will be open in early April.

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**Next meeting Wed Apr 21<sup>st</sup> 6:30pm** Meeting adjourned 8:22p.m.