

BikeBrampton minutes

April 20, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:30pm

ZOOM Video Conference call

Attendees: Gerald Pyjor, Lina Yee, Yvon Rochefort, Barry Lavallee, Cindy Evans, Sonia Maset, Polly Thornham, Steve Laidlaw, Ashutosh Gaur, Nelson Cadete, Tyron Nimalakumar, Bruce Marshall, Kevin Montgomery, Dayle Laing, David Laing

Meeting Started: 6:30pm – Indigenous Land acknowledgement.
BikeBrampton is celebrating our 9th anniversary this month!

Review & approve minutes [March minutes](#) – moved by Sonia, minutes approved

Brampton City Update:

1. **National Pedal Poll** – Nelson Cadete, Active Transportation Project Manager, presented [Velo Canada Bikes National Pedal Poll](#). Brampton has been selected to participate as a focus community this year. Bike count data will give a national snapshot of who is riding and who is not. More than 1,000 volunteers participated last year (Brampton was amalgamated with other data). The results will allow comparison of Brampton to Canada, and provide information year-over-year. The weekday count is **Tuesday June 7th** and the weekend count is **Saturday June 11th**. Sign up for a 2-hour timeslot so we can schedule volunteers for each of our 10 locations: volunteersignup.org/WXQRT If you participated last year, you may have received an email from Velo Canada Bikes. After you have signed up, please [register](#) with Velo Canada Bikes so you receive training information and your ID number. **Download the app** from Apple or Google Store: counterpointapp.org on your smart phone. Alternatively, you can print off paper copies from their website. You will be fully trained and supported the day(s) of the count. The date will be altered if weather is poor. Nationally, women and racialized people are disproportionately underrepresented. In Brampton, 59% of greenhouse gases come from transportation, so cycling is an important part of tackling climate change. Brampton will receive a cool infographic of our results afterward. This data will support our quest for more cycling infrastructure in Brampton! It will also give us more information about the 5th “E”, Equity and help answer questions about whether we are giving AT access fairly to all members of our community.

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2. **Brampton Community Ride Program** – Lisa – [Volunteer position availability](#), contact [Lisa](#) – 5km routes need volunteers! [Registration Link](#) For those of you who want more training first, Lisa is making this available during her weekly NE Pedalwise social rides on Sunday mornings.
3. **Earth Day Environmental Festival Bike Tour** – Apr 23rd – David – register for attendance & lunch. 10:00am-2:00pm. We have more than 35 volunteers signed up through Brampton Environmental Alliance which is partnering with City to host the event. More than 200 have registered. Meet at 9:15 (depending on location distance) to ride to event at Norton Place Park. Email: info@bikebrampton.ca to tell us which ride you will be joining:
 - a. Shoppers World Plaza near the Tim Hortons, led by George
 - b. Carabram Park, Eagleridge Dr. just s of Cliff Swallow Crt, led by Lisa
 - c. Earncliffe Recreation Centre, Eastbourne Dr., led by Steve, Cindy, Polly
 - d. Loafer's Lake Recreation Centre, Loafer's Lake Lane, led by David & Dayle

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 April 27th. – **Actions:** Need volunteers:
 - a. **Group assistance to touch up route stencils** – Here's a volunteer [doodle poll](#) to see which dates work for volunteers.
 - b. **Group assistance to sort & install directional signage** - June 15th 9:00am-12:00pm to sort signs at 33 Stafford Dr. Jun 17th 8:30am – 4:30pm at Jim Archdekin for a day of installation. Contact nelson.cadete@brampton.ca to let him know you are coming.
 - c. Lead dignitary rides (shorter & longer one) – Lisa, Steve volunteered – David sent route maps via email. Coordinate dignitary participants with Sabrina.minnella@trca.ca
 - d. Day of Event volunteers – BikeBrampton/BCAC display booth at Jim Archdekin
 - e. Bike Rodeo volunteers (9:00am – 12:00pm)
 - f. Identify sponsors [sponsorship package](#)
 - g. Social media postings – early and often, as soon as registration opens!

[Jakroo Canada virtual store is open for your Bike the Creek Jersey order!](#) Our gorgeous custom jerseys are on sale now until May 12th 2:59am. Estimated delivery May 30th to your address, via FedEx. Signature required. Anyone can purchase an event jersey from Jakroo Canada Inc. at a cost of \$61.00, available in youth, women and men sizes. Technical t-shirt available at \$46.00. Great for

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a gift or for yourself! To see a **3-D sample of the Bike the Creek jersey**, click [here](#). Sizing chart available in virtual store. Consider buying with a friend or 2 or 3 to lower your shipping cost!

- 2. Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported that proposed downtown location at **8 Nelson** was approved at Council on Mar 9th. She is awaiting City Realty to sign the lease, which will be for 1 year and 8 months due to a future transportation hub in this location. City will need to make construction repairs to the space first before Sonia can outfit it for a bike hub. This space is well-deserved and Sonia has put many hours into making this happen!
- 3. Brampton & Caledon Bike Hubs** The schedule for the BikeWrx pop-ups are now available: [Brampton](#) has 23, [Caledon](#) has 7. Additionally, returning to in-person is being assessed as per COVID restrictions. The schedule there could potentially be bi-weekly. **Action:** contact sonia@bikebrampton.ca if you can volunteer to help construct work benches.
- 4. Green Communities Canada** – has been running the ASST program (Active and Sustainable School Transportation), administered on behalf of Ontario. The current government just cancelled this program. GCC hired Toronto and Region Conservation Authority to deliver program in Peel. This is such an important issue and BikeBrampton has been involved on this file since 2014. For more information refer to [Brampton Kids on Bikes](#). PSARTS sent a letter to the Minister of Transportation. BCAC asked Brampton Council to also send letter. Tyron is taking over David's position on PSARTS (Peel Safe and Active Routes to School) committee.

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. Bike Parking** – Steve is waiting for response from Foodland. He went to Sobeys for their store-wide policy. Targeting Lakeridge Mall. The store manager has yet to respond. Bruce suggested that Steve encourage Sobeys 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 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.

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3. **May & June BikeBrampton meetings** – Sonia has offered to chair these meetings in the absence of David and Dayle. We do not normally meet in July and August and resume in September.
4. **Ontario Bike Summit** - OBS22 was held Apr 5,6th Alina and Dayle attended virtually on behalf of BCAC. The most interesting presentation was on **intersections**, our main source of conflict with motor vehicles. Guidelines have been updated in OTM Book 18 (Ontario Traffic Manual). Nelson was on the technical advisory committee for this update. The consulting firm WSP recently presented new OTM Book 18 updates to Brampton staff. Ottawa has developed their own guidelines which are more extensive. While Brampton is behind some communities, it is far ahead of many across Canada! Steve noted that the new signalized PXO (pedestrian crossing) at Balmoral and the Chinguacousy Trail is being well used by teens on their way to and from school. The signal works almost immediately, making it safe and convenient. Drivers have quickly learned to stop for the students. Kevin added that it is hard to see the need for a bridge by counting the people swimming across the river! Gerald added that by-law officers can only enforce City laws, not provincial ones. A no parking sign is sometimes added to the bike lane sign. Cindy looked up fine for parking in bike lane. It is only \$35. Gerald said that a public education campaign would help. Steve said the benefit of doubt in Toronto never goes to the motorist and we need a media blitz on illegal parking! Gerald said for us to keep filing 311 complaints about illegally parked cars in bike lanes.
Action: ask BCAC to review the fines amounts and make recommendations to Staff.

Caledon Update

1. 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.

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

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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.
- 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. 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.
 - 3. [Bike the Creek](#)**
June 18th 2022. Check the [website](#). Registration is open. See above for BtC jersey sale information!
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- Next meeting Wed May 18th 6:30pm** Meeting adjourned 8:22p.m.