

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Sept 14, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Hybrid meeting: in-person at Different Spokes, 8 Nelson St W. & Zoom option

Attendees: in person: Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Tyron Nimalakumar, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, George Shepperdley;
Zoom: Sonia Maset, Gary Banham, Bruce Marshall, Christina Hajjar, Polly Thornham, Lina Yee

Hilldale Crescent Bike Lane Meet up

Optional Meetup at 6:00pm to ride into Different Spokes along bike lanes – Hilldale Crescent at Central Park Drive EAST end [Map link](#). Steve, Lisa, Cindy, David, and Dayle met up, took photos of the ribbon cutting, and rode almost exclusively on bike lanes into downtown to our first meeting at Different Spokes!

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[June minutes](#) - approved

Brampton City Update

1. **New Bike lanes** – Steve, Lisa, Cindy, David and Dayle met at Hilldale Crescent and cut the ribbon on the new bike lane. Hanover Rd is scheduled next. Coming also this fall are: North Park east to Torbram, Peter Robertson, Central Park east to Torbram, and Red Clover.
2. **Community Rides** – Lisa encouraged us to register to get the snack at the end of the ride! [Registration Link](#) Sept 25th is the last community ride in 2022. She reported that attendance has ranged from 20-32. There have been new people on every ride. “I never knew THAT was here!” is a typical comment. People who came out were very happy, loved getting cycling tips and the social aspect of the rides. They were very pleased with snacks at the end. We need better attendance. Discussion about changing routes, changing the theme of rides, earlier promotion (none until 4th ride), better social media coverage, community posters need dates and QR codes. Postcards are still the most effective. We need to have all the promo material available for Bike the Creek to reach the huge audience. It could be handed out at registration, not just at a booth. Riders need to be reminded automatically to book for subsequent rides. Brampton Library can send reminders, so this would be a similar concept. Lisa added that the Community Ride subcommittee of BCAC

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will meet in October to discuss strategy for 2023. **Action:** Lisa to look up Surita Dey's replacement at Brampton Libraries.

3. **Letter to Brampton Guardian Editor:** David sent this [letter](#), refuting the incorrect information from a resident's letter. Discussion about how people need cycling data counts from the City/Region. This repeated anecdotal claim that because they don't see cyclists on bike lanes, therefore no one is using them, needs to be addressed with factual data.

Regional Update

1. **Bike the Creek**– 1,350 registrations! [Blog post](#). Save the date for Jun 10, 2023.
2. **CCP Brampton & Caledon Bike Hubs** – BikeWrX pop-ups are finishing for the season. 25 held in Brampton, 6 in Caledon.
3. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – successful grand opening held Aug 18th. Participation by Brampton Mayor Patrick Brown, Regional Councillors Rowena Santos, Paul Vicente, Martin Medeiros, Caledon Regional Councillors Johanna Downey, Jennifer Innis, Mississauga Regional Councillor Chris Fonseca, PCHS CEO Baldev Mutta. [Blog post](#)
Sonia reported on average, 6 repairs per day. 7 attended Gerald's drivetrain workshop last night. David attended last Thursday and found the place 'hopping'. We need to anticipate common bike problems and translate into multiple languages to reach Brampton population. Peter Sweeney teaches entry level repairs. Sonia anticipates a few pop-ups next year with an opportunity to funnel cyclists to Different Spokes. [Register](#) for a membership which is free until January. Check the schedule for an appointment. **Action:** contact sonia@bikebrampton.ca for volunteering.
4. **Future of CCP** – David and Dayle will be meeting with 2 Regional Commissioners and 3 Regional Councillors (representing Brampton, Caledon and Mississauga) to discuss the future of the CCP program. We need continued funding. We also need support commitment for Bike the Creek, Vision Zero, PSARTS, Sustainable Transportation Strategy, Bike Month, school bike racks, bells, lights, etc. Region will be updating their Transportation Master Plan, so is signaling that CCP may not be renewed.
5. **Vision Zero and Data** - discussion about AT mode share doubling in 2021 over 2020. Question about how many cyclists have been injured/killed on roads in

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Peel? [Intersection Collisions on Peel Regional Roads data link](#). It shows 16,421 collisions from 2017-2020. 2,299 were fatal/non-fatal. 33% were from 6pm-6am. [Peel Vision Zero](#) has a Road Safety Strategic Plan (2018-2022) which reflects Peel Region's adoption of the Vision Zero framework. Steve, Kevin and David participated on their Task Force. The short-term goal was a 10% reduction in fatal and injury collisions for all road users. The ultimate goal is that no one should be injured or killed in Peel Region because of a collision. [Cyclist Collisions on Peel Regional Roads](#) show collisions increased from 25 in 2020 to 40 in 2021 (per 100,000 people). There were 136 cyclist collisions 2017-2021. There were a total of 11,137 aggressive driving collisions 2017-2021. **Action:** expand on data discussion next meeting

- 6. Bovaird construction update** – Lisa reported the Region is installing multiuse paths on both sides of Bovaird from #410 to #10. Avoid where possible until Oct 2023, as closures will move – some places torn up, some will have fresh pavement. Some right-turn channels are being ripped out and replaced with crossrides. Steeles and McLaughlin has fresh new green paint at the intersection.

BikeBrampton Projects

- 1. Illegal Parking in Bike Lanes** – discussion about this issue. Cycling Advisory Committee (BCAC) is working to have new bike lanes added to the By-Law schedule, so officers can ticket illegally parked cars. BCAC voted to strike a subcommittee on bike lane parking. We need a quarterly audit to make sure schedule is updated. Individually, we can [call 311 or use the PingStreet app](#) on our cell phones. Note in your complaint how many times you have already complained about this same problem. We can call our Councillors. Expression of concern re being endangered in a lane of live traffic when a perfectly good bike lane is available, but blocked. Children are expected to go out around parked cars on their way to and from school. This defeats the purpose of having bike lanes. Pilot project for school road closures in Mississauga was very successful, even after the pilot ended. Success was best on quiet streets. We can also complain to principals and school trustees. Lisa suggested we pick one school in Brampton and run a pilot, eg. Fernforest. Request By-law to ticket illegally parked cars. Put a notice in that school's newsletter. Steve

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- added that the worst thing is that a student might have to walk 150 metres after being dropped off. This has already been done in New York City and in Guelph. Historically, children walked much further without bussing (3.2 kilometres (2 miles)). Now the limit is only 750 metres.
2. **Micro-mobility update** – Lisa met a woman who bought a folding e-bike at Costco. Steve reported Best Buy is selling 6 types of e-bikes. Christina just started cycling and bought an e-bike. She recently road 10 km and has a range of 30km on her bike. This expands our potential cyclist population. Cyclists will take time to trust this new technology, however it is good to have a choice. Consensus on members seeing an increase in micro-mobility devices on both road and trails.
 3. **Municipal Election** – BikeBrampton is a member of [Brampton Environmental Alliance](#). Check out candidate survey results of questions regarding their environmental and active transportation views. You can click on your Ward by Mayor, Regional Councillor, City Councillor and School Trustee. The survey was sent out to 102 candidates (of the total 122) who provided available contact information. 24 responded. Inform your vote! There will be an expert panel discussion at the BEA virtual meeting on Oct 12th.
 4. **Bike Parking Update** – Steve is working still on Lakeridge Plaza on Vodden. He has added Minto Cup, CAA Centre, where he found no bike parking. He spoke with Mike Hardcastle, the GM of CAA Centre to request installation. Morguard (Bramalea City Centre) plans to install bike parking outside Decathlon before the end of the year. The standard for bicycle parking guidelines has been created by [Association of Pedestrian & Bicycle Professionals \(APBP\)](#). Their guide is [APBP's Essentials of Bike Parking](#). Tyron is working on minimum standard bike parking required for new construction in Brampton. Brampton Tourism has launched green bike racks. (2 are outside of Different Spokes.) Businesses can apply for the [Bicycle Friendly Brampton](#) program. **Action:** please tell Steve if you see a business that needs parking.
 5. **Velo Canada Bikes** – David said the annual membership for BikeBrampton is \$150. We decided to keep our membership. David and Dayle will cover the cost. Donations appreciated. **Action:** David is still trying to get the results from the Pedal Poll. Once again, we need data!

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1. Wayne – deferred until next month
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EVENTS:

[Critical Mass Rides](#), last Friday of every month

Sept 30th ride [BikeBrampton webpage](#).

GTAA event – Sept 24th 11:00-1:00pm

[Danville Park](#), 6525 Danville Rd. Check out this neat park, especially if you haven't been there. You can watch flights in and out of Pearson airport.

[Bike the Creek](#) - Jun 10, 2023

Check the [website](#).

Adjourn

Next meeting Sept 14, 2022 – 6:30-8:30pm
