

# BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday Oct 19, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** David Laing, Dayle Laing, George Shepperdley, Pauline Thornham, Michael Thorndyke, Cindy Evans, Alina Grzejszczak, Ewa Milewski, Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Gerald Pyjor

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**Review & approve minutes from last meeting**

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgment**

[September minutes](#) - approved

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**Brampton City Update**

**1. New Bike lanes –**

- a. Steve and Lisa reported new lanes on Hanover from Howden to Central Park and on Peter Robertson from Bramalea to Dixie are almost complete.
- b. Black Forest, no progress, (Lisa to ask Nelson)
- c. David and Dayle reported Gillingham has “Streets for People” sign installed.
- d. Polly reported Finchgate has been roughed in, no progress on Glenvale.
- e. Discussion re setting up rides on the new infrastructure. Lisa indicated she would be starting up Northeast social rides after she and Cindy return from Quebec.
- f. Alina noticed sharrows centred in lane on McMurchy north of Queen but not painted in a green square which would be considered best in class. The old style sharrows are still on the right side of the road south of Queen.
- g. Lisa reported Brampton Focus interviewed Michael Palleschi who indicated he has been receiving lots of complaints about how to turn at intersections with bike lanes.
- h. Steve indicated Highway Traffic Act is clear about how to navigate bike lanes with either solid or dashed lines. That cars won't honk at him if he is in the bike lane, indicates most drivers know the rules.
- i. Barry indicated the #1 complaint he has heard from his campaigning door-to-door is noisy, speeding cars.

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## **Actions:**

**We need to arrange meetings with new Council members to discuss bike lane education. We need to lobby the City and Police for data on bike lane use and traffic statistics.**

### **2. BEA Municipal Election Survey -**

David and Dayle reported the Brampton Environmental Alliance is reporting results from a candidate survey on environmental issues including active transportation. Survey sent to 102 candidates, 30 responses received.

**Action: Please ask your local Councillors to complete the survey before election day if they haven't already.**

### **3. Region of Peel COVHITS Survey Results -**

David reported on the survey results

- a. 60,000 households in Peel surveyed by U of T students in summer 2020.
- b. Smaller sample but still comparable to TTS 2016 results
- c. Rate of walking and cycling almost doubled compared to 2016.
- d. Cycling increased from 0.3% in 2010, to 0.9% in 2016, to 1.5% in 2020.
- e. Steve, George, Alina and Gerald all received TTS survey and are working to complete.

### **4. Velo-Canada Bikes -Pedal Poll survey update**

David reported he spoke with Anders Swanson

- a. VCB has long-term funding so are still active
- b. Pedal Poll data available through the Counterpoint app

**Action: David to review and present at next meeting**

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## **Regional Update**

### **1. Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub –**

David reported the facility is busy and that he and Steve advised several people on fixing their bikes. Some people have come back several times with different bikes. [Register](#) for a membership which is free until January. Check the schedule for an appointment. **Action:** contact [sonia@bikebrampton.ca](mailto:sonia@bikebrampton.ca) for volunteering.

### **2. Future of CCP –**

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David reported meeting with 2 Regional Commissioners and Councillors went well. Commissioner Dedman committed to extending the CCP funding to the end of 2023 and that a tender for a new contract would be available in December 2022 with the tender process to be completed before April 2023.

### 3. Regional Infrastructure Discussion – Lisa

Lisa reported that she is getting no response to her emails on removal of islands and installation of cross-rides along Bovaird.

- a. Many intersections are not being treated to remove pork-chop islands.
- b. New corners are not forcing trucks to make more of a right-angled turn as the turning radius is done with paint and not a curb.
- c. Only crosswalks are being installed, meaning cyclists will still be required to dismount

#### **Actions:**

**Invite ROP representation to next BCAC meeting**

**Delegate at Regional Council after the election.**

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## **BikeBrampton Projects**

### 1. Bike Parking update –

- a. Steve reported he has Lakeridge Plaza property manager's card and will follow up.
- b. Otherwise, he asked members to report any property where they would like to see proper bike parking installed.

### 2. Illegal Parking in Bike Lanes –

- a. Steve indicated there are many habitual offenders.
- b. Brampton has the lowest illegal parking fine rate in Canada. In Toronto this is a source of revenue. \$10,000 more in fines this year in Toronto than last.
- c. Alina reported fewer violations along Vodden than before, however, many cars parked on Central Park bike lanes due to construction on adjacent streets.

**Action: Steve will ask condo management if COB gave them permission to park on the street in the bike lane.**

**Lisa suggested creating a BCAC illegal parking sub-committee.**

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3. **Velo Canada Bikes** – membership renewed. Thanks for the donations!
4. **BikeBrampton invited to participate in two school events-**  
David indicated BikeBrampton has been invited to participate in two events in the coming weeks.
  - a. Presentation and table at Balmoral SPS November 2, 3-7pm
  - b. Table at Sandalwood Heights SS, November 3, 5-8pm
  - c. David asked for volunteers. Thanks to Polly, Ewa, Steve, Sonia, and Rajbalinder Ghatoura from BEA for helping out.

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## Caledon Update

1. Wayne – deferred until next month

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## EVENTS:

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

Oct 28<sup>th</sup> ride [BikeBrampton webpage](#).

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

Check the [website](#).

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Adjourn

Next meeting November 16, 2022 – 6:30-8:30pm (Discussion about virtual or in-person, decided virtual is better for now)