

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 16, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: David Laing, Dayle Laing, Wayne Noble, Sonia Maset, Barry Lavalee, Lisa Stokes, Yvon Rochefort, Blane Pebesma, Leo O’Brien, Tyron Nimalakumar, George Shepperdley, Pauline Thornham, Andrew Ellis, Cindy Evans, Alina Grzejszczak, Ewa Milewski, Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Peter Bolton, Heidi Burke, Tracy Zazon

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[October Minutes](#) - approved

Brampton City Update

1. New Bike lanes –

- a. Steve and Polly reported Eastbourne and Finchgate bike lanes are painted, no signs yet and needs some existing lines removed
- b. Painting on Dearborne just started
- c. Cindy suggested a message be added to the resident postcard to indicate parking in bike lanes is not allowed
- d. Lisa reported bike lanes on Peter Robertson Bramalea to Dixie are under construction and that the lane will continue to the Dixie intersection
- e. Polly indicated a need for better education to make the lanes effective
- f. Dayle indicated BikeBrampton has offered to help staff and Council with community outreach
- g. Alina suggested more education is required for both motorists and cyclists as she sees cyclists on wrong side of road or on sidewalk
- h. Steve suggested postcards should be delivered to people on the street for safety and that Henrik suggested a party day when the bike lanes open, (that’s what we’ve been suggesting too but we need to be notified of construction progress)
- i. David indicated TRCA has Bramalea SNAP funding through United Way to hold a resident event and we could piggyback on that. Do an official ribbon cutting of new infrastructure.
- j. Cindy said TRCA has \$15,000 for Bramalea SNAP and wants to

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

showcase bike lanes.

- k. Concern expressed about new Council priority for AT
- l. Blane indicated protected bike lanes would make people feel more comfortable
- m. Resident complaints about bike lanes but also complaints about traffic speed and noise. No one in Toronto would assume it's a right to park on the street directly in front of your house. Why is Brampton different? Need fewer cars and more transit.
- n. Yvon mentioned he prefers MUPs but wants a line painted down the middle as in Mississauga. This is good for cyclists that want to ride more slowly.
- o. Lisa indicated MUPs are more expensive to build than on-street bike lanes. Protected bike lanes are better but paint is better than nothing as it reserves the space.
- p. Educate Council? Speaking Points? Staff has indicated that these have been provided for each Councillor for their Wards.
- q. Concern raised about the width of existing MUPs. Alina asked about creating a second path on heavier used sections. Problems with cost, adding non-permeable surfaces, particularly in ravines beside water.
- r. Tyron indicated he is installing counters to justify maintenance budget. Portable counter at 410 and Bovaird. Also Vodden protected bike lane will be a pilot. Concern from Traffic about lack of maintenance equipment.
- s. Polly suggested we create a loop with ECT and OBRY
- t. Action: Connect with Councillor Santos for her advice re Council delegation or meeting with individual Councillors.

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.

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Regional Update

1. Regional Infrastructure Discussion – Lisa

Lisa provided a background of her correspondence with the Region regarding AT infrastructure, particularly intersection treatments for porkchop removal, and installation of “smart channels” and cross-rides. Cars can drive over the “smart channel” paint so it is ineffective. Suggest adding rumble-strips as drivers less inclined to drive on them. Cheap installation. Europe uses actual curbs. Director Terry Ricketts has been contacted and is now aware of the issue.

2. Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub –

Sonia reported there is a scheduled ride at Gage Park November 19 at 1:00pm with a visit to Segovia after.

Two workshops scheduled for the next two Monday’s.

Dayle has posted Different spokes hours: Monday, Thursday, Friday 3-8pm. Now posted on BikeBrampton website. Different Spokes will re-open Jan 13th

3. CCP continuation

David reported tender is expected in December.

4. OBRY report by Blane

Blane provided an update on the OBRY sale to ROP. Said he wants Transportation Action Canada to study if rail and trail can be supported in the corridor. For example, the Iron Horse Trail in Kitchener Waterloo has MUP running alongside rail corridor. Petit Train du Nord is another example from St. Jerome to Blainville. More examples in the U.S. and Europe.

Unfortunately, Metrolinx only looked at current bus traffic and determined volumes didn’t justify keeping the rail corridor. Orangeville has already taken rails out. David offered that building this as a transit corridor may eliminate any need to build highway 413.

Action: George, Blane and Wayne were asked if they want to create a sub-committee to create a vision for how the trail should be developed.

5. CCP Report

David indicated Erica published a retrospective report on [5 years of the CCP](#). See David’s [blog post](#).

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

BikeBrampton Projects

1. Bike Parking update –

- a. Steve reported he found an excellent document outlining bike parking standards “Essentials of Bike Parking”, on APBP.org (Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals). Dayle [posted](#) on BikeBrampton website.
- b. David indicated ROP has cancelled its school bike rack program for 2023. Yvon indicated all four of the schools in his board have bike racks. ROP specified all bike racks to be installed at the building front for security. All agreed it was a very good program and cancellation is unfortunate.
- c. Tyron indicated most new buildings in Brampton will have to install bike parking.

2. COVHITS

David reported Peel has already hit its 2040 cycling mode share target of 1.5%. Cycling rates in Peel up by more than 50% since the 2015 TTS.

Caledon Update

1. Question was raised about Caledon Council support for AT. Wayne indicated he doesn't know if AT task force will be resurrected.
 2. Wayne wants to see ECT extended from Southfields to OBRY
 3. Wayne asked if Heart Lake Road in Caledon should be a signed bike route south of Old School. All agreed that it would be a good addition.
 4. **Action: David to speak to Wayne regarding getting support from Caledon Council**
-

EVENTS:

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

Check the [website](#). Save the date!

Adjourn

Last three agenda items deferred to next meeting.
Next meeting December 14, 2022 – 6:30-8:30pm (Discussion about virtual or in-person, decided virtual is better for now)
