

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 14, 2022 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Kevin Montgomery, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Lisa Stokes, Peter Bolton, Tyron Nimalakumar, Heidi Berki, Barry Lavalee, Steve Laidlaw, Michael Thorndyke, George Shepperdley, Sonia Maset, Alina Grzejszczak, Cindy Evans

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[November minutes](#) – Steve moved, approved

Brampton City Update

1. Infrastructure

- a. **New bike lane on Father Tobin** from Mountain Ash to Torbram
- b. Discussion about **Richvale centre medians and bump-outs**. Agreement that these are expensive and dangerous methods to slow traffic. Cars try to race bikes to get past when there is no room to safely pass because the lane has been narrowed.
- c. **Scott St AT bridge** is now open! It looks great! Both Steve and Alina cycled it today.
- d. **Centre St** from Linkdale south to Queen has **speed bumps** now in addition to bike lanes. Steve referred to them as ‘pillows’. We are pleased that they do not extend into the bike lane. We expect that emergency vehicles can straddle them without bumping.
- e. [Clark Blvd & Eastern Ave Environmental Assessment](#) (EA) completed. Recommended are widening from 2 to 4 lanes on Eastern from Hansen to Kennedy. Clark Blvd extended from Rutherford (where it currently dead-ends) to Hansen for 4 lanes. In-boulevard cycle tracks, sidewalks and streetscaping.

2. **Council Delegations** – [Steve, Dayle and David delegated](#) to the new Council this morning regarding Committee of Council Recommendation CW433-2022 Item 12.5. Steve and Dayle delegated on behalf of BikeBrampton, covering the parking issue in the context of AT Physical & Mental Health benefits. [Powerpoint slides](#). David delegated on behalf of Brampton Environmental Alliance (BEA) on Active Transportation in the context of Brampton’s Climate Emissions Strategy. [Powerpoint slides](#). This was a good AT introduction for

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new Councillors. There were some good questions from Councillors. The report by [8 80 Cities on their Ontario School Streets Project](#) showed some valuable information on the pilot for closing streets temporarily in the morning and afternoon. Dayle was able to include some of this in the delegation.

3. **Meeting with Mayor Brown** – Sonia, David and Dayle have a 20-minute meeting scheduled with the Mayor on Dec 27th to determine how we can assist him, Council, Staff and residents with AT priorities. **Action:** report at next meeting.

Regional Update

1. **Regional Infrastructure Discussion**
Action: Lisa to follow up with ROP Director Terry Ricketts, who Lisa has contacted and is now aware of the issue at regional intersections.
2. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** –
Sonia reported there are scheduled rides and workshops upcoming (see below in Events). [Register to attend](#). Sonia reported the bike library will take back any bikes that people are not using. Algoma U wants workshops in 2023. Sonia started a very good relationship with Algoma in 2022. PCHS will be running programming for international students at Different Spokes.
Different Spokes hours on BikeBrampton website: Monday & Friday 3-8pm, Wednesday 3-6pm. Different Spokes will re-open Jan 9th [Register to attend DIY time slots](#).
3. **CCP** – Sonia reported she is working on CCP interim report. A new RFP (tender) for 2023 is expected in January, for the final year to be supported by Region of Peel.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Bike Parking update** – Steve reported he has no additional updates on his project to get **bike parking at Lakeridge Plaza**, (which is adjacent to the bike lanes on Vodden, east of #410). He said he will have to go door-to-door to the retailers. This has been a challenging project!
2. **Illegal parking in bike lanes** – David suggested a fun info ticket to get people educated so they do not have to call their Councillor to complain. Both drivers and cyclists need education. This will be one of the points to be

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discussed with the Mayor. Alina noted that most of the cars parked illegally, actually have plenty of empty space in their driveways. Lisa added it is better to educate in a fun positive manner than to try to fight negative emotions with reason. Despite protected bike lanes being the ideal, having painted lanes does stake out space on the road. Barry added his experience on election canvassing in Wards 1,5,3,4. He received zero complaints about bike lanes along Vodden in Ward 1. Councillor Santos had met with residents in one-on-one Zoom meetings to explain the rationale. They were then satisfied and did not complain to Barry when he went door to door. It was felt that the negative feedback that Councillors received in Wards 3&4 was due to a lack of engaging residents. Kevin added that parking enforcement is a broader and older issue than merely bike lanes. George reported he cycles Charolais frequently. At the busiest time, there is only a 2-minute backup that quickly clears. Michael reported that he has noticed the positive reduction in speed on Vodden east of Kennedy. There does seem to be confusion about how to use the turning lane. Steve reported that a man who lives on Vodden is pleased with calmed traffic. He previously had speeding cars ending up on his front lawn! **Action:** Tyron suggests we send compliments to 311, not only complaints!!!

3. **Pedal Poll** - David reported this is like a bird count for bikes! Two years ago, our data was rolled into the National total. Due to our successful participation, we were giving status as a study city. We had 10 locations, where we made 1,116 observations of cyclists, travelling in both directions. 73% were male, 19% were female, 8% were unknown. 58% were adults, 24% were kids, 13% were seniors. 39% were white, 8% were East Asian, 30% were South Asian. Tyron added that cycling is an equity issue. That's why our programming for diverse groups is so important. David added that Velo Canada Bikes Executive Director Brian Pincott remarked that Brampton was the best organized of any of the participating cities across Canada! **Action:** David to share Pedal Poll data with Tyron.
4. **Bike Show – Feb 24-26th** – International Centre. Steve mentioned. **Action:** David to follow up with Gage from Brampton Tourism.

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Caledon Update

1. **AT in the Climate Change context** - David and Sonia were invited to meet virtually with Caledon Staff Aly Service (climate) and Sabrina Davidson (AT). Caledon is working on their ATMP in 2023. They are pushing for gentle density that is walkable/bikeable/transit-oriented. There is an opportunity to set the stage with AT infrastructure in the new communities that will be built. Discussion about running Caledon pop-ups in 2023, and possibly applying for a climate change grant.
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EVENTS:

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops

Winter Market Ride at Vivian Lane on **Sat Dec 17th at 1:00pm**. Santa photos, a ride, followed by coffee at Segovia's.

Winter Ride meet at Vivian Lane, **Sat Jan 7th at 1:00pm**

BikeWrX Workshops 6-8pm, Different Spokes:

Wed Jan 11th – Drive Train

Wed Jan 18th – Winter Riding & Flat tires

Fri Jan 20th – Wheel Truing

Wed Feb 1st – Bearings, hubs & headsets

[Registration to attend free events](#)

Bike Show – Feb 24-26th

International Centre – details to follow

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

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

Adjourn

Next meeting January 25, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm (Decision that Zoom virtual is better for now)
