

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 25, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Alina Grzejszczak, Wayne Noble, Kevin Montgomery (babies Asher & Enid), Lisa Stokes, Cindy Evans, Steve Laidlaw, David Laing, Dayle Laing, George Shepperdley, Giselle Vaziri, Sonia Maset, Ewa Milewska, Lina Yee, Bruce Marshall, Polly Thornham, Heidi Berki, Barry Lavalee

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

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

Brampton City Update

1. **Bike lanes** – City will try signage and painted arrows on pavement to indicate correct right turn lane for cars, so they avoid entering the bike lane. eg. Howden eastbound @Dixie, and Peter Robertson eastbound @Sunny Meadow. Discussion about whether cars can see these arrows if there is traffic covering them. Lisa reported her estimation that 80-95% of motorists are currently making illegal right turns at these bike lane intersections. If paint and signage do not correct this, bollards will be considered. Steve indicated the current right turn from the correct middle lane and the illegal bike lane is a hazard for both drivers and cyclists, as cars do not realize they both cannot turn right into the same lane. **Action:** members to see if painted arrows changes behaviour.
Alina reminded us that in 2002, there was only 1 bike lane – Rutherford Rd.
2. **Bramwest Meeting** – Cindy reported on the preliminary online meeting. People that she did not recognize as BikeBrampton members were asking for bike lanes! There was discussion by them about ‘vulnerable road users’.
3. **Meeting with Mayor Brown** – Sonia, David and Dayle had a half hour meeting with the Mayor on Dec 27th to determine how we can assist him, Council, Staff and residents with AT priorities. [Meeting Summary](#) This was a very positive meeting which touched on several of the points we have been discussing in BikeBrampton meetings. The City will be scheduling a meeting with Strategic Communications & By-Law. **Action:** David to report at next meeting.
4. **Bike Tour the Trees** – Jessica Skup from Parks approached us to organize an event to tie in cycling with Tree education. City will promote and host a BBQ

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after. Lisa reported we can schedule Sept 10th Community Ride.

5. **Earth Day** – Apr 22nd, Norton Place Park. We are looking for volunteers to once again, lead cyclists in from different locations and work at BB booth. **Action:** mark your calendar. More to follow.
6. **[Toronto Outdoor Adventure and Travel Show](#)** – Feb 24,25,26th International Centre – We are looking for volunteers for 3 hour shifts at Brampton tourism/cycling booth. We will be next door to Caledon’s booth. [volunteer signup form](#)

Regional Update

1. **Regional Infrastructure Discussion** – Lisa reported she and David have a meeting with ROP Director Terry Ricketts on Feb 3rd. Lisa has contacted her and is now aware of the issue at regional intersection smart channels. **Action:** Lisa to report on meeting next month.
2. **CCP** – Sonia reported she is working on CCP interim report, due Jan 27th. A new RFP (tender) for 2023 was just released for possibly the final year to be supported by Region of Peel. RFP is due Feb 14th. David has reached out to Town of Caledon and City of Brampton for letters of support.
3. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported DIY hours at M W F 3:00-8:00pm. [Register to attend DIY, Workshops and Rides time slots](#). Wheel Truing will be this Friday 6-8pm.
4. **Know Your Rights Workshop** – The Biking Lawyer, Dave Shellnut approached BikeBrampton to offer a legal workshop on Feb 8th 6-7pm. We are 50% booked. Use registration link above to sign up for this valuable opportunity!
5. **ROP Delegation** – David & Rahul from Sustainable Mississauga are delegating tomorrow [Building a Transportation System that is Sustainable](#). The budget is being presented by Staff. **Action:** David to report next month.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Kevin Montgomery is moving** - BikeBrampton members gave a big thanks to Kevin for all his contributions and support over the last 10 years! We will miss Kevin and wish him well as he builds a new home in Mattawa. Kevin has graciously agreed to continue hosting the BikeBrampton website.
2. **Bike Parking update** – Steve reported he spoke with Stan Sherwin manager of **Lakeridge Plaza**, (which is adjacent to the bike lanes on Vodden, east of

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#410). Stan is a cyclist! He did not notice lack of bike parking at his plaza. Steve concluded that we have to ask or it will not likely happen!

3. **Rumble Strips** – Steve asked Wayne where he has seen these used. MTO uses them on Trans Canada. Caledon will not use on their paved shoulders since not enough space for bikes. Lisa noted she saw rumble strips on Hwy #9.
4. **Illegal parking in bike lanes – Action:** David to report on upcoming meeting, next month.
5. **Burlington** – Dayle reported Craig Kummer, formerly of COB Traffic, moved to Burlington. Craig reported Burlington’s advance with first protected bike lanes on Plains Road. Their integrated Mobility Plan will be going to Council Q2, for endorsement of their Rural Active Transportation Strategy which was released in December. They are receiving \$3.8M to fund one of the spine cycling roads, Prospect Street. We are invited to go for a tour with him.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported AT Task Force report went to Council last week. Up to 2 people who are non-residents with local AT interest/experience may apply.
2. **Caledon Day** – Jun 17th. Headline band, starts from Town Hall. **CCS Velocity** by Caledon Community Services, in support for Caledon Seniors. 10, 25, 50, 100km routes. [Early bird registration](#) open now.
3. **Community Centre** – grand opening
4. **ECT North** – extension is an issue due to culvert at Hwy @10.
5. **Heavy traffic** – Kennedy & Dougall intersection has double the vehicles of Caledon East – Airport & Old School Rd. Caledon is discussing extending Dougall through to #10. Caledon OPP has zero-tolerance enforcement. A driver blew stop sign at 80kph.
6. **Budget** – not approved yet. Plan for 20 km of new routes.
7. **Rail Trail** – Caledon will rip out old rails. Good \$ from valuable steel recycling. Orangeville has already benefited from recycling. Gauge and existing bed would not work for current trains, even if considered for future. Placeholder name of “Caledon Rail Trail”, not to be confused with existing “Caledon Trailway”. Some parts of trail will be open for mountain bikes. Town will build as budget allows. It would be difficult to get an environmental assessment on trestle at Forks of the Credit if train travel were to be reinstated. This is not

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an issue for pedestrian/cyclist traffic. George noted trail north of Dundalk has pretty good surface.

EVENTS:

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops	Wed Feb 1st – Bearings, hubs & headsets Winter Ride meet at Vivian Lane, Sat Feb 11th at 1:00pm Know Your Rights – The Biking Lawyer Wed Feb 8 th 6pm BikeWrX Workshops 6-8pm, Different Spokes: Registration to attend free events
Bike Fest, Outdoor Adventure Show – Feb 24-26 th	International Centre 10am-6pm daily. Closes 5pm Sunday.
Coldest Night of the Year – Feb 25 th	George reported this 5km walk will raise money for Regeneration Outreach Community
Earth Day – Apr 22 nd	Norton Place Park – volunteers needed to lead ride-ins and work at BB booth
Bike the Creek - Jun 10, 2023	Check the website . Registration open soon!
Caledon Day / Velocity ride – Jun 17 th	by Caledon Community Services, in support for Caledon Seniors. 10, 25, 50, 100km routes. Early bird registration open now.
Adjourn	Next meeting February 22, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm