

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday March 22, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dayle Laing, Polly Thornham, George Shepperdley, Sonia Maset, Cathy, Peter Bolton, Leo Peressotti, Mamneet, Tyron Nimalakumar, Wayne Noble, Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Heidi Berki, Nelson Cadete, Sandra Roppa, Alina Grzejszczak, Patrick McLeavey, Bruce Marshall, Cindy Evans

Regrets: David Laing

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Dayle Laing chaired meeting, delivered Indigenous Land Acknowledgment [February minutes](#) Steve moved, approved.

Brampton City Update

1. Etobicoke Creek Trail bridges - Dayle asked Nelson if he had heard about the proposed removal/repair of six bridges along the Etobicoke Creek Trail, and if they will interfere with Bike the Creek routes. Nelson will check.
2. **AT Annual Report to Council** – Mar 8th - Dayle – [BikeBrampton delegation slides](#), [Agenda item 11.1.1 2022-2023 ATMP Annual Report delegation slides](#) [Staff AT Annual Report](#) - Dayle's delegation and Nelson's AT annual report were received, and the links can be found above. The annual report was well-received by Council, with discussion of protected bike lanes, bike lane snow removal, projects in Wards 2/6, and green paint. Councillors reported some pushback against bike lane installations. Clr. Santos had some pertinent questions, and in general, there was a healthy discussion about the report. Dayle appreciated that the report included BCAC's recommendations. Another comment was made about the need for the proposed short bike lane on Conestoga at Elmvale, in the vicinity of Sandalwood Parkway, as it is the location of the [car crash deaths of three siblings on Aug 20, 2022](#), and so the community would likely appreciate traffic calming.
3. **ATAC new Committee** – first scheduled meeting of Active Transportation Advisory Committee to be held Apr 18th 7pm at City Hall. Nelson will share Annual Report at that time. As of yet, no interviews have been held to select the committee members, although the selection committee members have been chosen.
4. **Bike lanes** –
 - a. **Right turn arrows** on pavement assessment - Lisa will report on this

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- next month.
 - b. Leo asked about the **level of VOCs in the green paint**, as he had noticed the strong odour near freshly painted road. Nelson responded that the formerly used oil-based paint is no longer used, and the current paint is likely much better, as the safety regulations have improved.
 - c. **Celebrations for new bike lanes:** Nelson said that there are different contractors for different painted lines, etc, so they would need to be coordinated, so that the bike lanes are mostly completed, all at once. He will investigate, and inform the ATAC, to arrange opening ceremonies.
5. **Community Rides** – Lisa –see the [City website](#) for themed rides. ([BikeBrampton website](#)) Lisa welcomes any suggestions/offers to design new routes on Ride with GPS. She can also provide tutoring on how to use the app. She will miss the first ride. All route planning must be done before the first ride. Volunteers will be needed for leading, marshalling and sweeping. Sandra Rocca suggested that the Community Rides be set up through Eventbrite, like BTC, but Dayle said that they are already online with the City's registration, and there are advantages to that. For example, if a rider signs up for a number of rides, they can get automatic reminders before each ride.
6. **Earth Day** – Apr 22nd, Norton Place Park. Dayle reported Sonia will host a tent for BikeBrampton. BB is part of BEA.
- a. [Getting to Earth Day by Bike registration](#)
 - b. Members who have volunteered to lead bike ride-ins from various areas are: George Sheppardley from Shoppers World, Lisa Stokes from 55 Sunny Meadow, Steve Laidlaw from Earnscliffe Rec Centre, Dayle Laing from Loafers Lake Rec Centre, and Alina Grzejszczak from St. Anne's School.
 - c. [Earth Day Lunch registration](#) - Lunch will be earlier this year, and people must register to receive a lunch. Look online.
7. **Toronto Outdoor Adventure and Travel Show** – Feb 24,25,26th International Centre – Dayle's [Report](#) has been sent to Gage Board, at Brampton Tourism. He organized Brampton's tourism/cycling booth. BikeBrampton staffed 14 of

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the time slots. We promoted Bike the Creek, Community Rides and Different Spokes Brampton & Caledon Bike Hub. The mornings and afternoons were very busy, the evenings, not so much. The table attendee count was 791, coming from as far as Windsor in the west to Pembroke in the east! Folks from as far as 2 hours expressed interest in attending Bike the Creek. The consensus was that more of our target audience was reached at the Outdoor show than at the previous Bike shows. Most were very keen. Wayne Noble commented that the Caledon booth had four times the number of attendees as in 2020, all cyclists, and that there will be a Caledon map on their table next year. He noted that many used “The Badlands” as a reference point for finding Caledon cycling infrastructure.

8. **Strategic Communications & By-law Meetings re: Mayor Brown’s direction** – deferred until after David and Dayle’s next meeting with Staff from AT, Strat Comm and By-Law. This was in response to our meeting with Mayor Brown on Dec 27th [Meeting Summary](#). Alina requested that Dayle ask By-Law re status of her 311 request for ‘no parking’ signs on bike lanes.

Regional Update

1. [CCP Year Four Final Report](#) – Sonia completed her Year Four Final Report. She is happy to announce that they won the tender for Year Five, and so they will continue to have core funding for the CCP. She will be hiring for a Pedalwise Coordinator position.
2. [Different Spokes](#) – **Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported hours at the hub will be Mon/Wed/Fri, 3-8 PM. Upcoming activities 6-8pm will be: Wed Mar 29th - gears and shifters; Wed Apr 5th - brakes. Spring Ride: Sat Apr 8th 1pm Vivian Lane. [Registration to attend free events](#)
3. **Regional Infrastructure Discussion** – Lisa will update next meeting.
4. **ROP Delegation** – David & Rahul from Sustainable Mississauga delegated on Jan 26th [Building a Transportation System that is Sustainable](#). David is following up with Staff to determine why the mode share discrepancies.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. [Bike the Creek](#) – Dayle – registration link is active. BTC jerseys online ordering open April 17th. It is recommended to go up 2 sizes from your regular fit, after using their guaranteed sizing on the website, as the jerseys and shirts fit very

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tightly. Barry would like to sell his small jersey. The City will be promoting the rides as well. David Laing will likely be MC. Sonia suggested asking David Lezowski, though Dayle commented that an intimate knowledge of the whole setup, including ride routes, is necessary, for emergency purposes. It is best to select someone on the organizing committee. They will be pleased to take his contact info anyway. Discussion next centred around dignitaries (municipal/provincial elected officials and senior staff) on the ride, and the importance of having them base AT decisions on personal experience of the infrastructure on a bike. Dayle said that personal invitations for dignitaries have been beneficial in the past. They will be offered loaner bikes if they do not have one. Use of media advertising was also recommended. We do promote with an ad in Ontario by Bike. Photos sent to the dignitaries after the event would give them material to share with constituents. Tyron will check to make sure that press releases are sent out ahead of the event.

2. **Bike Parking update** – Steve will update next month.
3. **[Barry's drone video](#)** – Here is a link to Barry's impressive drone video of cyclists using the Franceschini Bridge, hopefully the first of many! Barry will entertain ideas for use of the drone, e.g., at the opening of a new bike lane?
4. **[Brampton Environmental Alliance](#)** (BEA) – Dayle: [BEA Youth Council](#) (application deadline Mar 31st), (call out for mentors deadline Mar 31st) The federal New Horizons for Seniors grant was received, called [Graceful Aging through Connecting with Nature](#). This is a call out for youth and mentors, with a deadline of Mar 31st. Some activities linking youth and seniors (55+) include library activities, tree-planting, Bike Hub events, turtle tracking, etc. Other grants being sought are from the provincial government, TRCA/United Way, and ParticipAction.
5. **David Suzuki Foundation's Future Ground Network** – Sonia, Dayle and David attended a meeting with the David Suzuki Foundation.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported that the AT Task Force has been formed in Caledon, and background activities have begun. He said that a section of the Caledon Trailway (Olde Base to Chinguacousy) will be temporarily closed as of Oct. 1, to replace a bridge.

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2. Caledon Day plans are well under way, for the day-long event on June 17. The Velocity bike ride will happen in the morning. Vendors and other events in the afternoon, and music provided by the Sheepdogs in the evening. There is a [call out for Caledon cycling mentors](#) Contact Wayne Noble.

EVENTS:

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops

BikeWrx Workshops 6-8pm, Different Spokes:

Wed Mar 22nd 4-6pm – Intro to Repair

Wed Mar 29th 6-8pm – Gears & Shifters

Wed Apr 5th – 6-8pm – Brakes

Spring Ride meet at Vivian Lane, **Sat Apr 8th at 1:00pm**

[Registration to attend free events](#)

Earth Day – Apr 22nd

Norton Place Park – volunteers will lead ride-ins and work at BB booth (George, Lisa, Dayle, Cindy, Alina) – [Getting to Earth Day by Bike registration](#)
[Earth Day Lunch registration](#) (register to get free lunch)

Community Rides

Rides posted now on Brampton [website](#).

[Bike the Creek](#) - Jun 10th

Check the [website](#). Registration open!

Caledon Day / Velocity ride – Jun 17th

CCS Velocity by Caledon Community Services, in support for Caledon Seniors. 10, 25, 50, 100km routes. Headline Shopdogs band, starts from Town Hall. [Early bird registration](#) open.

Adjourn

Next meeting April 19, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm – **celebrating 10th anniversary of BikeBrampton** at Different Spokes - refreshments