

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday May 17, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Barry Lavallee, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Sonia Maset, Wayne Noble, Peter Maloney, Ewa Milewska, Alina Grzejszczak, Steve Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Cindy Evans, Finn, George Shepperdley, Mohamed Elsheikha

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[March minutes](#) (April was our 10th anniversary celebration at Different Spokes.)
Steve moved, approved.

Brampton City Update

1. Bike lanes –

- a. Cindy reported sharrows on Jayfield. They are nicely out from curb, which is safer than inviting vehicles to pass bikes too closely. Sharrows are used when the road is too narrow for bike lanes.
- b. Cindy reported still experiencing right hooks on Centre St. bike lanes. (Streets for People education insert will be coming with our property tax bills.) Lisa presented last August BCAC meeting, that we need physical separation at intersections. The City has reported 90-98% non-compliance of drivers at intersections. City is re-studying. Lisa suggests knock-down sticks to separate. Howden & Dixie is another major intersection where most of us experience drivers crossing the solid line to enter the bike lane for right turns. Some do so out of ignorance. Others do it even after it is explained to them. Education is important and the best solution will be physical separation.
- c. **Celebrations for new bike lanes:** Nelson reported at a previous meeting 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. **Action:** follow up

2. **Community Rides** – Lisa –see the [City website](#) for themed rides. ([BikeBrampton website](#)) Sign up for one or several rides with one registration. Riders can get automatic reminders before each ride. 5 and 15 km routes. Let Lisa know if you can volunteer. Action: Dayle to add QR Code, update the

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rider briefing and laminate. Done. Lisa to borrow radios – done.

3. **Bike Month Proclamation at Council** – May 31st. David will be delegating at request of Staff, in support of Bike Month being proclaimed at City Hall. Dayle and Steve will be present. All are welcome to attend. Wednesday morning.
4. **Pedal Poll** – Peter Maloney from COB AT, presented this year’s Velo Canada Bikes’ national Pedal Poll. Data is gathered to promote safe cycling/AT across Canada. This can influence policy, make Canada greener and more equitable for all road users. The Executive Director said: *“Brampton’s participation is an example for other communities across Canada”*. **June 13th & 17th**, 50 x 2-hour time slots. [Brampton volunteer sign-up registration](#). High, medium and low volume areas selected from different equity areas. This year-over-year data collection supports our local AT projects. 59.6% of Brampton’s greenhouse gas emissions come from the transportation sector. 80% of those are from single occupancy vehicles.

Regional Update

1. [Different Spokes](#) – **Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** – Sonia reported hours at the hub will be Mon/Wed/Fri, 3-8 PM. Upcoming activities, see list in events below. [Registration to attend free events](#)
2. Sonia reported that Parveen has been hired to assist program management, 4 days / week for 6 hours. We welcome Parveen and will see him at Different Spokes and at some of the BikeWrx pop-ups. Sonia also has a great team of volunteers from Algoma University. See below for some of the upcoming pop-ups. She will be leading a Girl Guide Workshop on June 5th. [Caledon pop-ups](#)

BikeBrampton Projects

1. [Bike the Creek](#) – Dayle – Registration is heating up. We have over 1,200 registered, from Windsor to Montreal! Steve, Lisa, Alina will be assisting Dayle for Team Brampton dignitary ride. We have several confirmed so far. David will be emceeing the event. Sonia will host a BikeWrx pop up repair and lead the bike valet. Route stencilling occurred May 9, 10, 12th. Please advise Dayle if you are available to check any of the 6 routes, so we can touch up any stencils. Sign installation: June 9th.
2. **Bike Parking update** – Steve was given a notice of violation for parking his bike at Centennial Mall (Kennedy and Vodden), where there is no bike rack.

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3. **Parking in a Bike Lane** – Alina said the problem on Vodden and Centre Streets has improved somewhat. Steve reported a serial offender (commercial truck) on Centre Street, to the company that owns the truck.
4. **Future Ground Network Building Power Session** – May 27th Humber Lakeshore Campus – David attending. David Suzuki, Tara Cullis, Severn Suzuki.
5. **[Brampton Environmental Alliance](#)** (BEA) –The federal New Horizons for Seniors grant was received, called [Graceful Aging through Connecting with Nature](#). 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.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported that the ATMP open house was held. 6 Councillors were in attendance. Caledon Task Force has begun for this term of Council. He is a member. There is interest in the new rail trail. A black bear was sighted on Caledon Trailway. A By-law for no right on red during opposite advanced green, was added for safety. The Caledon Inglewood pop-up had more than 50 riders stop. Sonia, David, Dayle and Algoma students volunteered. Caledon OPP will attend Bike the Creek, emergencies permitting.
2. Caledon Day June 17th. The Velocity bike ride in support of Caledon Community Services will happen in the morning. Vendors and other events in the afternoon, including a BikeWrx pop-up. Sonia, Jonathon, David, Steve, Dayle will be there. Music provided by the Sheepdogs in the evening.

EVENTS:

Different Spokes Rides & Workshops

- Wed May 26th 6-7:30pm – Get your Bearings
- Wed May 31st 6-7:30pm – Intro to Repair
- Wed Jun 7th 6-7:30pm – Gears & Shifters
- Fri Jun 9th 6-7:30pm – Wheel Truing
- Wed Jun 14th 6-7:30 – Route Planning
- Wed Jun 28th 6-8pm – Brakes

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	Spring Ride meet at Vivian Lane, Sat Jun 3rd at 1:00pm Registration to attend free events Sonia is looking for mentors. Contact her if you are available to volunteer!
Community Rides	Rides posted on Brampton website - 14 Free rides of 5 and 15km with themes.
Rib n Roll, Kiwanis	May 27th Gage Park – BikeWrX pop-up – Steve, Brenda, Dayle, Alina, Heidi volunteering
Bike to Work Day	Thurs June 1st 8-10am, Garden Square. Hosted by City of Brampton. BikeBrampton tent. AT team will host bike valet. David will be speaking.
Bramalea Secondary School	June 6th 2:45-4:30pm BikeWrX pop-up – this ever-popular bike repair event. Volunteering convenient, since it is just before the Library Appreciation Community Ride. Cindy, Steve, David, Alina, Leo and Dayle volunteering to assist Sonia and Parveen.
Pedal Poll	June 13 th & 17 th – see description above Brampton volunteer sign-up registration
Clark Boulevard Public School	June 15th 5:30-7pm BikeWrX repair & education pop-up – David, Steve, Dayle volunteering
St. Leonard's Church	June 9th 5:30pm – David volunteering at bike swap.
Bike the Creek - Jun 10 th	Register on the website . Please advise Dayle if you are available to check any of the 6 routes, so we can touch up any stencils. Sign installation: June 9th
Go with God Bike Ride	July 15th 8am-1pm, Loafers Lake Park
Caledon Day / Velocity ride – Jun 17 th	CCS Velocity by Caledon Community Services, in support for Caledon Seniors. 10, 25, 50, 100km routes. Headline Shopdogs band, starts from Town Hall. registration .
The Journey Ride for Refuge	Sept 23rd
Adjourn	Next meeting June 21, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm