

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 13, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:30 pm, Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Lisa Stokes, Barry Lavallee, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Steve Laidlaw, Wayne Noble, Polly Thornham, Shan, Leslie

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[June Meeting Minutes](#) Steve moved, approved

David welcomed Shan to the meeting. Shan has been cycling for 2 years, having taken it up when he was aged 76. He has been attending Different Spokes BikeWrx and a Community Ride in August.

Brampton City Update

1. Bike lanes

- a. Steve reported more green paint on bike lanes. Eg. Cloverdale has green super sharrows.
- b. Shan expressed concern about Central Park bike lane between buses and Bramalea City Centre. Steve noted the reconstruction of Bramalea bus terminal has meant more buses than usual parked on road. This is an area where a compromise was necessary, and we were fortunate to get AT infrastructure here. Suggestion of a Pedalwise ride to give Shan more experience navigating here. Barry suggested buses could park on Kensington or in the Region parking lot. Steve said bus parking is provided at 200 Clark Blvd. Dayle suggested green paint in this potential conflict area. David affirmed that bikes and buses belong where BBC shopping and the library conversion to medical university all congregate.
- c. Steve has submitted a list of bike lanes with worn off paint to Staff. Some lanes were painted late in the season and paint has not lasted.
- d. Steve congratulated AT Staff, who sent an excellent letter to St Anne's Parrish. They asked that bike lanes be removed on Vodden at their Church. Peter explained that separated bike lanes as proposed will solve their congestion problem.

2. Curb Cuts

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- a. Recent refurbishments have shown depressed curb locations are not necessarily automatic. Steve reported the recent TRCA re-naturalization of creek has no Don Doan Trail curb cuts at Eastbourne Dr. The path from Dumont Court into Eastbourne Park was paved, but without a curb cut. This, despite street being a dead end with only 6 houses. Steve reported to Staff.
3. **Multi-use Paths**
- a. David recently rode Bovaird Trail to an event at Gore Meadows Rec Centre. Quality of trail is poor, even the new pavement. An audit ride was held in 2015, where issues were raised. Inconsistencies in trail quality exist from Richvale to Castlemore. The new section west of 410 is an improvement. Each intersection has different types of path treatments. **Action:** David to request ROP engineers invited for ride.
 - b. Sandalwood MUP consists of desire lines, narrow / wider sections. There are various signs and other obstacles built in the pathway.
4. **Intersections**
- a. Green paint is being used in some of the bike lanes across intersections. The previous inconsistent treatment is being standardized to a solid line, as opposed to some intersections having dashed lines. As previously discussed, inconsistency creates danger for cyclists and motorists. Consistency creates predictable behaviour.
5. **Community Rides** – Lisa reported that several rides had more than 40 participants. Ride #13 had 63! Although separating rides into 2 groups might be preferable, we do not have enough volunteers to do so. Having 2 marshalls per ride definitely helps. Claireville was not quite open, so we would like to include the new trail next year. Tour the Trees was our best response. Participants were enthusiastic and Brampton Parks and Forestry indicated they would like to partner again.
6. **ATAC (formerly BCAC)** – now the **Active Transportation Advisory Committee** includes all active transportation. Lisa and Steve are the co-chairs. There are 9 members, 4 of whom are new this term. Committee meets bimonthly, with interim meetings by Zoom. An ambitious term of Council workplan has already been completed.

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7. **eScooters** – Steve reported he saw 30 scooters at Chinguacousy Park, taking up all the bike parking spots. The contracts state they cannot take more than 50%. Steve contacted 311 and situation was resolved. He emailed Staff re this ongoing issue. He suggested they lock up to other fixtures, like old newspaper boxes, to leave bike parking free. Lisa stated she hoped City completes eScooter pilot and approves only 1 company to have better control over this. Scooter rentals are expensive, which encourages people to buy their own. City has no control over personal scooters. It is better to have well-controlled, cost-effective rentals. This could avoid situations like Paris, that allowed eScooters for 3 years, then banned them. There is a significant niche for eScooter use and we have to provide feedback to the City to get this pilot right. Companies are providing rich data on usage.

Regional Update

1. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub**
 - a. Lisa took the lead on Mentorship rides. Huge appetite for social rides. Everyone has learned something no matter their level of riding. Lisa has been leading beginners on Wednesdays. She started with 20 minutes of skills in the parking lot first. Art organized an intermediate ride. Cindy is leading a more advanced ride on Saturdays. Gord and Lina also mentored riders. Harsh has become a leader too. Leslie will coordinate with Lisa to find a time that works. Steve asked why Brampton Recreation has discontinued cycling courses. They were very successful in the past.
2. **Regional Road Crossride** – Region removed crossride on Caledon Trailway at Olde Baseline Rd. There was to be a flashing light. Wayne commented that a bridge would be the safest option. He has personally seen 4 people taken by ambulance after crashing there.
3. **Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO)** –Brampton asked for \$280,000 for path to Bramalea GO. \$12 million was requested for OBRY.
4. **Regional Council: Motion Regarding Delivery and Funding of Active Transportation Programs in the Region of Peel (as requested by Councillor Santos and Councillor Reid)** Sept 14th 9:30am, item 20.2 - David

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BikeBrampton Projects

1. [Bike the Creek](#) – save the date for June 8, 2024!
 2. **Bike Parking update** – Steve reported that Lakeridge Plaza, Morgard at Decathlon, CAA Centre. have promised bike racks and not delivered.
 3. [Brampton Environmental Alliance](#) (BEA) –David updated on the federal New Horizons for Seniors grant (GATCWN), called [Graceful Aging through Connecting with Nature](#). The provincial program, Rooted in Hope, is being administered with the help of ACER. 38 seniors and youth have been trained in tree-planting. 6 participants plus David arrived by bicycle.
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Caledon Update

1. **Caledon**
 - a. Wayne reported that Caledon Trailway is closed between Chinguacousy and Olde Base for bridge reconstruction.
 - b. Grange from Horseshoe to St. Andrews is completed with wide paved shoulders.
 - c. Boston Mills has paved shoulders at Caledon Trailway and has been redone from Chinguacousy to Creditview.
 - d. Castleberg from Innis Lake to Airport has wide paved shoulders.
 - e. Caledon's ATMP had its 2nd open house. David, Dayle and Wayne attended. The Task Force will endorse.
 - f. Caledon Trailway to get a gaiter for repairs, culvert defects noted, new gates that are wide enough, but will not allow 4-wheelers. Budgeting for 5-10 new gates per year.
 - g. New kiosk at Caledon East to be made of steel – donation from book committee.
 - h. Bike repair station on Trailway at Mt. Wolfe
 - i. Caledon Rail Trail (CRT) will be at least 10 years before built.
 - j. Inglewood to Cataract will be funded by TransCanada Trail.
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EVENTS:

Different Spokes

[Registration to attend free events](#)

Adjourned 9:05

Next ZOOM meeting Oct 18, 2023 – 6:30-8:30pm
