

# BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday December 20, 2023 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Alina G, Lisa Stokes, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Jonathan Wells, Makhan Dhesi, Bala Subramanian, Ewa Milewska, Wayne Noble, Jasdeep, Sonia Maset, Barry Lavallee, Mike, Shan, Steve Laidlaw

**Meeting started: 6:35pm**

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<b>Review &amp; approve minutes from last meeting</b>	<b>Indigenous Land Acknowledgment</b> <a href="#">November Meeting Minutes</a> - Steve moved to approve.
<b>BikeBrampton Year End</b>	David presented BikeBrampton’s highlight of accomplishments for 2023: <a href="#">BikeBrampton Year End Review</a> David noted that he and Rahul delegated to the Region in February. The rate of <i>cycling doubled between 2020 and 2021</i> (latest year for data).
<b>Brampton City Update</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>Priorities for 2024</b><ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>Communication &amp; education is key to advocacy and success of City’s infrastructure. <b>Action:</b> Dayle to follow up with Strategic Communications to offer our assistance on 2024 promotions of events &amp; infrastructure. This worked well in 2023.</li><li>Lisa’s follow up email (Oct 19<sup>th</sup>) to Councillors after Wards 3&amp;4 Town Hall mentioned there were 4-5 basic complaints/questions/concerns that are regularly asked by those who oppose bike lanes. <b>Actions:</b> Lisa to prepare list, with suggested answers supported by data. Dayle to post list.</li></ol></li><li><b>OBRY</b> (Orangeville Brampton Railway Trail) COB Manager Mitchell Wiskel presented to ATAC about preliminary plans for OBRY. They are at early stages and plan to hire a consultant. ATAC members expressed interest in participating in OBRY committee. Jonathan also wishes to help with OBRY advocacy. His commute to work would be simpler and safer on OBRY trail. George might also be interested. Question about FCM funding possibility?</li></ol>

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Orangeville, Caledon, Brampton begun speaking about plans. Right of way is 66' wide.

3. **Bicycle Friendly Businesses** – Jonathan asked if employers receive incentives for those cycling to work (ie. showers). David was very involved in starting the [Bicycle Friendly Business program in 2015](#), which he announced at [Bike to Work Day](#) that year. His remarks are [here](#). The first round of [Bicycle Friendly Business awards](#) were made in Oct 2015. The City has recently revived a version of this with [Bicycle Friendly Brampton](#). It includes 1 bike repair kit, 1 bike rack and promo materials. It links to Ontario by Bike tourism.
4. **Bike Month – Bike to Work Day** – Cindy and Barry reported they want to be involved on the planning committee.
5. **Bike the Creek Planning Meeting**
  - a. Partners: Brampton, Caledon, BikeBrampton, TRCA, Mississauga
  - b. Date: June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - c. Theme: Tenth anniversary of Bike the Creek plus the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of the three municipalities. How has cycling changed over the past 50 years? **Cycling Through History 10 / 50**
  - d. Ideas for making the event special
    - i. Big cake in shape of bike
  - e. Subcommittee working groups established and meetings started.
6. **Bike Lane update** –
  - a. Concrete barriers & green metal posts were installed on the east side of Hanover. West side will come later due to supply shortage of barriers.
7. **Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC)** – contact Lisa if you know someone who want to join the committee. There is a shortage of members.

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## Regional Update

1. **[Different Spokes](#) – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** –
  - a. [Community Benefits](#) report completed for City.
  - b. Different Spokes will be closed for month of Dec. reopening Jan 8<sup>th</sup>.
  - c. See below for winter hours and BikeWrX workshops
  - d. Sonia reported she is exploring the idea of field trips or bringing in experts. Goal is to expand with Saturday openings.

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- e. Sonia also reported lots of bike theft in the downtown, especially at GO station. Exercise caution. Lisa commented Union Station has secure bike parking for a monthly fee. Use a fob for access. **Action:** contact your MPPs to request better security at GO stations. Surveillance cameras are now inexpensive.
- f. Consider Brampton Transit to the GO to avoid leaving your bike until security issue resolved.
- g. Sonia mentioned the bike registration program called 529. Steve investigated this previously. He approached Peel Regional Police who showed no interest in this program.
- h. Different Spokes is considering how to work with City for bike valet at Farmers Market.
- i. Algoma bike racks are overflowing.

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## BikeBrampton Projects

- 1. **Bike Parking Update –**
  - a. City is implementing sustainable AT requirements in their planning. It was noted that new hotel on Rutherford has 22 bike parking spaces!

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## BEA Projects

- 1. David reported the BEA Rooted in Hope project has received substantial praise from the provincial grant manager.

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## Caledon Update

- 1. **Wayne**
  - a. 58km of planned new signed bike routes for 2024
  - b. 5 additional bike repair stands for spring installation.
  - c. New bridge finished on Caledon Trailway, just west of Olde Base Line Rd. Attractive and apparently well-built.
  - d. **OBRY** Caledon section projected to open by 2030. Environmental assessment needs ASAP. Caledon is using tree plantings for approximately \$600 as a fund raiser.

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- e. **Eleanor McMahon** has left CEO at TransCanada Trails. She begins new position as Vice-President, University Relations, for University of Waterloo in March.
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## EVENTS:

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[Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

**BikeWrx Workshops**, Different Spokes: [Registration to attend free events](#)

Winter workshop series begin Jan 11<sup>th</sup>.

Winter hours: M,W,Th 3-7:45pm

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[Bike the Creek](#)

Save the date for 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary: June 8, 2024 [2023 blog post](#)

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Adjourn

Next meeting Jan 24, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm

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