

# BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday January 24, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Polly T, Jackie Ward, Cindy Evans, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Jasdeep, Wayne, Lisa, Steve, Michael, Danny, George, Tyron, Ewa, Peter B. Sonia, Leslie, Heidi.

Meeting started: 6:33pm

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Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[December Meeting Minutes](#) - Sonia moved to approve. (Noted that Steve was not at December meeting.)

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Brampton City ATAC Update

1. Discussed that Barry created a [video of the illegal parking activity along bike lanes highlighting the North Park bike lane](#). The video to be delegated at the February 7<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Members are encouraged to attend if they are available. Barry thanked Steve, Lisa and Cindy for their assistance in producing the video.
2. Discussed that **ATAC is short of members** and BikeBrampton members are encouraged to put their name forward. Next ATAC meeting is Feb 15, 7pm.
3. Discussed parking in bike lanes to be **reported through 311**. Discussed how driving school instructors park in the bike lane and that a 311 report that Jackie sent bounced. Michael found that 311 reset itself.
4. Discussed issues regarding **snow clearing** should be reported through 311. Steve is preparing delegation on winter snow clearing for Feb ATAC meeting.
5. Discussed **Community Ride** schedule for 2024 has been created. Reverting to ward rides on Tuesday evening and Sunday morning. COB has purchased a "Ride with GPS" tourism account which will be used for the community rides as well as Bike the Creek. Anyone with a cell phone can access route voice prompts via a free Ride with GPS account. Riders and volunteers need to register and acknowledge waiver on City website.
6. Lisa indicated volunteers can sign up for Community Ride volunteer positions in March.
7. Dayle described the **Bike the Creek** event for 2024:

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- a. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BtC; 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of region & 3 municipalities
  - b. Target 1,500 riders
  - c. Ride lengths from 5-70kms along new routes
  - d. [See Bike the Creek events page for more details](#)
  - e. Discussion about incorporating more of the Fletcher's Creek trail in a future BTC ride, once broken sections have been addressed.
8. **Outdoor Adventure Show** is February 23-25. Volunteer to Dayle for show booth slots.
9. Lisa explained parts of East-West Cycling Corridor (Vodden, Howden, Hanover) has been resurfaced. Bike lanes narrowed as per plan, but curbs still to be installed as per north side of Hanover. Protection will be an improvement. Middle turning lane was added as per the plan. Whole lane with wide hash lines was a temporary measure during COVID to quickly install the bike lanes.
10. Discussed the new **OBRY trail**:
- a. Needs funding
  - b. David suggested potential to run part of Credit Valley trail along OBRY to maximize trail building with existing funding
  - c. Wayne mentioned connection of Inglewood to Cataract via OBRY
  - d. Dayle reported Brampton OBRY planning will have Bike the Creek booth at Jim Archdekin.
11. David spoke about start of [Share the Road's Bicycle Friendly Business Program](#) in 2015. His remarks at Bike to Work Day 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.
12. **City by-law regarding bicycles on sidewalks** has not been changed to reflect ATAC recommendations to change from wheel diameter to age. **Action: Lisa to send Tammi ATAC minutes that include recommended changes to the by-law.**

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## Regional Update

1. **Different Spokes – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub –**
  - a. The Region has confirmed 2024 funding for the Community Cycling Program!
  - b. Sonia reported that attendance at Different Spokes workshops and winter rides has been good,
  - c. Sonia is formalizing the bike valet program for 2024, purchasing cargo bikes and parking racks to accommodate 200 bikes,
  - d. Announcing mechanic apprentice position is available, apply to Sonia,
  - e. 50 Sunny Medow location will be open this summer for bike repair activities, led by Jasdeep with the help of a summer student.
  - f. Winter workshops will continue on Thursdays,
  - g. Sonia will be delegating at January 31<sup>st</sup> Committee of Council meeting on the community benefits resulting from Different Spokes.
  - h. Different Spokes Policy is being updated effective April 2024.

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## BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Bike Parking Update –**
  - a. Steve reported that the bike rack at the Brampton Mall has been put back in place.
2. **Velo Canada Bikes**
  - a. David reported BikeBrampton has renewed its membership,
  - b. David provided an overview presentation from the last X-country check-in meeting that highlighted a winter cycling program put on by “Community Cruisers” in Bow Valley AB, (Canmore to Banff)
    - i. Program targets people who don’t normally cycle,
    - ii. Program provides winter bike accessories and a winter bike mentor. It is in its 4<sup>th</sup> year.
    - iii. Pay what you can from 0-100% of the equipment costs,
    - iv. 40% of costs covered by participant payments, 60% from a town grant plus sales in the co-op
    - v. Program has 100 participants in 2023-24
    - vi. Participants commit to ride 2X per week,

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- vii. Story telling and professional photos are key in fundraising,
  - viii. They ride on hard-packed snow
  - ix. Lisa commented that she was impressed with AT infrastructure in Banff, Calgary, and Canmore when she visited recently. Outdoor culture in the area is strong and base-level of cycling is higher than here. Banff has closed Main St. to car traffic, walk or bike only. Also a younger demographic than in Brampton.
3. E-bikes allowed on recreational trail. BikeBrampton is recommending that pedal assist bikes can use trails but “bikes” with no pedals would be restricted to road infrastructure. Province has classified 5 types.

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## BEA Projects

1. David reported the **BEA Rooted in Hope** project training will be on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> at Gore Meadows Recreation Centre. Targeting participation from at least 3 secondary schools, 16 students and 5 seniors. Encouraging students and seniors to cycle to the training. Sonia trained group of seniors to ride to events last year. Collected data from training sessions will feed into the City of Brampton’s Urban Forest Management Plan.
2. **BEA Annual General Meeting**. [Register](#) to attend Mar 14<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm

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## Caledon Update

1. **Wayne**
  - a. Reported vandalism on Caledon Trail, signs removed, bench damaged.
  - b. Planned improvements where the trail crosses Gore Rd..
  - c. Caledon will participate in Outdoor Adventure Show. They will survey the Bike Show and see if it makes sense to attend both shows in 2025.

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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 are every Thursday. Winter hours: M,T,Th 3-7:45pm

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[Ontario Bike Summit](#)

Apr 3-5, 2024, Waterloo, 15<sup>th</sup> anniversary – Share the Road

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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 Feb 21, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm