

# BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday February 21, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Heidi Berki, Steve Laidlaw, Tracy Zason, Barry Lavallée, Alina Grzejszczak, Dayle Laing, David Laing, Polly Thornham, George Shepperdley, Cindy Evans, Sonia Maset, Makhan Dhesi, Lisa Stokes, Mike, Mandeep Prabh, Peter Bolton.

**Meeting started: 6:30pm**

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**Review & approve minutes from last meeting**

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgment**

January [Meeting Minutes](#) Steve moved to approve. Passed

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**Brampton City ATAC Update**

**Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC):**

1. Barry's [video of the illegal parking activity along bike lanes highlighting the North Park bike lane](#) was delegated to ATAC on Dec 12<sup>th</sup>. Councillor Santos requested Barry also delegate the video at the Feb 14<sup>th</sup> Council meeting. Several members supported from the gallery. Hafsa Ahmed of The Pointer reported the [story](#). Potential new audience of readers reached. A Staff member also congratulated Barry on the video.
2. **Illegal Parking in Bike Lanes** – Barry's video punctuated an on-going ATAC campaign by Steve, supported by Polly, that our By-law fines have been too low in Brampton compared to other communities. Staff was directed to "report back to Committee of Council, regarding suggested improvements, and not limited to improved By-law enforcement and increasing fines related to parking in bike lanes; and that the concerns raised in the presentation also be considered as part of the operational review of By-law Enforcement which is currently underway". On Feb 7<sup>th</sup>, Council passed motion to *increase fines from \$35 to \$150*. This was also reported in The Pointer's article. The video and increase in fines brought focus to the ATMP in general, and bike lanes needed for transportation. Busses are needlessly inconvenienced by illegally parked cars too. There is a push to improve cooperation. Toronto just announced bike lane parking fines increased from \$150 to \$200!
3. [Underreported Cyclist and Pedestrian injuries](#) - Steve delegated this presentation to ATAC on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. A new study by York and Metropolitan

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universities analyzed Toronto police and health administrative data. There were more than 30,000 ER visits and 2,362 minor, major and fatal cyclist injuries reported to police from 2016-21. This represents only 8%. Police are rarely involved unless collision includes a motor vehicle. Data needed to be analyzed considering hospital ER visits to get a true picture of vision zero safety issues that need infrastructure design to encourage larger mode share.

4. [Sidewalk and Intersection Snow Clearing Standards in Brampton](#)- Steve delegated this presentation to ATAC on Feb 15<sup>th</sup>. At 9 days following one of the only significant snowfalls of the winter, there was still a safety hazard due to insufficient snow clearing in the Bramalea area surveyed. The snow clearing contract is set to be renewed, so this analysis comes at an appropriate time for Staff's consideration.
5. [Kingscross & Knightsbridge Intersection Video](#). At the same ATAC meeting, Cindy delegated her video, including interviews of local residents on the lack of safety. Staff was requested to improve safety and slow traffic in this high-density neighbourhood. Councillor Santos was supportive and suggested innovative artistic paint design by Community Services to emphasize the area. Barry confirmed all roads in K section are 4 wide lanes, so pedestrians have large intersections to cross to get to local shopping at Bramalea City Centre. Staff have Streetlight data and are planning a road diet for 2025. Cindy is on the Bramalea SNAP (Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Program) committee, so she can continue her advocacy.
6. Dayle reported on the [Bike the Creek](#) event for 2024:
  - a. Registration open Feb 22nd
  - b. 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of BtC; 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of region & 3 municipalities
  - c. Target 1,500 riders
  - d. Ride lengths from 5-72kms along new routes. Regional route goes down to Meadowvale Village, Streetsville, then up into Caledon.
  - e. Discussion about the exceptional event value for the money and continuing positive comments over the years.
  - f. Dave Shellnutt, The Biking Lawyer, signed up to sponsor a booth again this year. We welcome him back.

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- g. Extensive volunteer contribution and support from Staff of different departments in the municipalities and TRCA.
  - h. Both Steve and Alina volunteered to stencil directional pavement markings. Mandeep expressed interest in volunteering in general. Lisa suggested he continue to come to meetings where these volunteer opportunities are discussed. Opportunities also posted on bike hub chat group.
7. **Outdoor Adventure Show** is February 23-25. Experience Brampton (tourism) has booked booth. Dayle is organizing and has 32 volunteer spots now covered. We will exhibit next door to Caledon. Promoting: Bike the Creek, Community Rides, and Different Spokes.
8. **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. Sonia delegated the [Community Benefits Report](#) of Different Spokes to Committee of Council on January 31<sup>st</sup>. No questions asked and report was received, as expected.
  - b. Sonia reported that Parveen has run out of adult bikes already! They have been flying out the door, even during winter, albeit a mild one. They are search for more!
  - c. Weekly workshops are running Thursday evenings.
  - d. Lilly, an experienced pro from B!ke in Peterborough will be coming for 4 weeks to help Sonia boost the program to the next level.
  - e. Sonia reported she loves the updated BikeBrampton website!
  - f. She has applied for a ParticipACTION grant to hopefully formalize the bike valet program for 2024, purchase cargo bikes and folding parking racks to accommodate 200 bikes.
  - g. [Different Spokes Policy](#) is being updated effective April 2024 with a new membership policy. Donations can be made using “square” retail

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payment technology. Members can renew prior to April and their membership will be good until 2025.

- h. Sonia speaking to Steve about Bike Valet at Rotary Rib n Roll. She has been asked for Bike the Creek and Earth Day. She is speaking to Gage about the Farmers Market.
- i. She has new brochures and a new poster, ready for Outdoor Adventure Show.

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## BikeBrampton Projects

1. [BikeBrampton Website](#) NEW LOOK!
2. **Bike Parking Update –**
  - a. Steve reported that winter clearance in protected Hanover bike lane has been excellent. They have a dedicated machine of the proper width.
  - b. Steve opened discussion about staggered height bike racks. Easier to get bikes in and out without locking handlebars. Can fit more into same space. Easier to use U-locks. Lisa likes the bike racks at Staples.
3. **Velo Canada Bikes**
  - a. David provided an overview presentation from the last X-country check-in meeting that highlighted a winter 2024 cycling program in Montreal. [Solon Collectif](#) is a Montreal-based not-for-profit that supports local grassroots initiatives. 100 new participants received up to \$200 (provincially funded) free winter equipment (studded tires, mudguards) for mentorship. It supports community bike shop for cultural shift. Results: 66% women, 32% men. 80% beginners. 20% marginalized. 78% found their fears were unconfirmed. 84% of beginners said they would not have cycled in winter otherwise. 55% said cycling replaced their car transits. 98% want to keep riding! Barry pointed out that unlike Brampton, Montreal has established winter maintenance infrastructure. They are farther ahead in the cultural shift.
  - b. Brampton Pedal Poll results announced for 2023

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4. **Probus 24hr Challenge** – George announced 24hr challenge in Caledon. Contact George for more information.
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## BEA Projects

1. **BEA Annual General Meeting.** [Register](#) to attend Mar 13<sup>th</sup> 7-9pm.
  2. David reported [Rooted in Hope Tree Monitoring & Maintenance Training](#) – Sat Mar 23<sup>rd</sup> 10am – 2pm Gore Meadows Recreation Centre. Register: [milandeep.bhutta@hotmail.com](mailto:milandeep.bhutta@hotmail.com) Targeting participation from at least 3 secondary schools, 16 students and 5 seniors. Encouraging students and seniors to cycle to the training. Collected data from training sessions will feed into the City of Brampton’s Urban Forest Management Plan.
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## Caledon Update

1. **Wayne**
    - a. Town passed AT budget for \$1 million. – Trails, Duffy’s Rd, Mill Lane, start replacing gates along Caledon Trailway. First time maintenance for trails put into budget.
    - b. Planned ROP lights where the trail crosses The Gore Rd.
    - c. OBRY planning has attention.
    - d. Caledon will participate in TO Outdoor Adventure Show. They will survey the Bike Show and see if it makes sense to attend both shows in 2025.
    - e. [Velocity](#) – June 15<sup>th</sup>. **Action:** Dayle to post on BikeBrampton events. -done
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## EVENTS:

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[Different Spokes Rides & Workshops](#)

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

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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](#)

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

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Adjourned 8:19pm.

Next meeting Mar 20, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm

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