

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday April 17, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dayle Laing, David Laing, Cindy Evans, Steve Laidlaw, Alina Grzejszczak, Wayne Noble, George Shepperdley, Barry Lavallee, Leslie, Polly Thornham, Makhan Dhesi, Lisa Stokes,

Meeting started: 6:33pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

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

This is the 11th anniversary of BikeBrampton!

Brampton City ATAC Update

Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC):

- 1. Bike Fest** – Cindy, Steve & Barry are working with Staff on planning Bike Fest, which will be **Sat May 25th 10am-2pm Chinguacousy Park**. East side parking lot, north of Curling Club. Entrance off Bramalea Rd at Goodwood Rd. Different Spokes, Bold Helmets, Brampton Transit, Brampton Parks, Brampton Libraries will have booths. George suggested Brampton Cycling Club should be invited. Alina volunteered to help. **Action:** Dayle to post on BikeBrampton events page.
- 2. Community Rides** – Lisa is looking for ride volunteers to fill out positions for 2024 rides. Popularity of rides mean we will split 15km into 2 groups. One group will be slower. Lisa is planning a training session for those new to group-leading.
- 3. Brampton Volunteer Training Session** – May 30th 5:30-7pm, Central Public School, 24 Alexander St. Training offered by Brampton Recreation. For anyone who is volunteering for Community Rides, Bike the Creek, other events, this is an opportunity to be trained, and receive **coverage under the City's liability insurance**. If you are a member of ATAC and working on an ATAC event, like Community Rides, you are already deemed to be covered. If

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you are volunteering at Different Spokes, there is coverage under PCHS insurance. This is definitely something to consider when one is volunteering.

4. **By-Law illegal bike lane parking** – Barry received email from By-law, informing him on follow up from his delegation. City has hired 2 additional By-law Officers who are dedicated to parking enforcement. They will be proactive as well as reactive in monitoring the bike lanes. Going forward, when new bike lanes are painted, the contractors will also be required to install the provincial regulatory bike lane signs. Additionally, staff will post new bike lane roads on Brampton By-law 93-93, which is the official bike lane designation the Officers consult to verify a bike lane.
5. **Park Maintenance Inspections** – ATAC requesting Parks Maintenance come and delegate to subcommittee meeting so we can discuss City's schedule for the safe upkeep of the trails.
6. **Bike Lane Safety at Howden/Dixie intersection** – Cindy delegated to ATAC with the help of Barry's drone footage. Motor vehicles making illegal right hand turns 91% of the time, from Howden inside the bike lane, whether cyclists are present or not. City has tried education with pavement markings, signage, and tax bill insert, to no avail. Vision Zero was adopted by City in 2019. Cindy, Steve and Bruce are delegating at Community Safety Advisory Committee on Apr 18th.
7. **Royal West Drive bike lanes** – At April 9th ATAC meeting, Councillor Santos brought up issue of resident complaints about ticketing for illegal bike lane parking. Groups of BikeBrampton members audited the road on Apr 11th & 15th. Photos taken and [analysis](#) provided to Staff & Councillor Santos. Virtual Townhall to be held on Monday May 27th 6-7:30pm. Barry to delegate. Lisa reported that Royal West Dr has ½ the usage of Charolais, based on Strava segment. This is underreported as only Strava app users would log their rides. Lisa found the [public works notice of construction for bike lanes](#) that was mailed out to local residents on Nov 2, 2023, prior to painting.
8. **[East-West Cycling Corridor Design Query](#)** – David delegated Apr 9th to ATAC. Staff will conduct an ATAC subcommittee meeting workshop on May 14th to answer this query with detailed drawings.

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9. **[Bike the Creek](#)** – June 8, 2024 -Wayne, David and Dayle are on the planning committee. A video is to be produced to promote the event. OBRY will have a double tent, staffed by Brampton, Caledon, Orangeville and Mississauga. They are supplying an OBRY video to supplement a rotation of images from the past 10 years. 10th anniversary jerseys are on sale from Apr 26th to May 9th. Free bulk delivery to City. David’s promo video: <https://youtu.be/zRQNsQGAXY>
10. **[Wayfinding Signage](#)** – Steve delegated to ATAC. Staff are assessing this for the next version of the ATMP. They want to include signage for tourist attractions, WCs, underpass signs, etc. Wayfinding has been part of ongoing advocacy since the start of BikeBrampton.
11. **ATMP Annual Report** – Staff update to Planning and Development Committee, April 22nd. [Annual Report Presentation](#)
12. **Etobicoke Creek Detour at Loafer’s Lake (Etobicoke Creek Wetland Enhancement Project)** – Dayle reported on detour around Loafer’s Lake. David has adjusted all 5 BtC routes to accommodate the detour. Signage inconsistencies have been reported to Staff. Be aware of heavy equipment to north of Conservation Drive. ECT which had reached end of life, will be replaced in this area.

Regional Update

1. George announced he has been elected as Regional Chair of **55+ Games**, to be held in Brampton.
2. **[Different Spokes](#) – Downtown Brampton Bike Hub** –
 - a. Social ride: Sat May 11th.
 - b. Open Saturdays, 10-1pm, 2-5pm
 - c. **Weekly workshops**, running Thursday evenings. Book appointments in advance for this busy day.
 - d. Saturday April 27th will be the first **Saturday** hub is open! – 8 hours!
 - e. Sonia has been engaged to run the **bike valet** at Earth Day (Apr 20th), Bike the Creek (Jun 8th) and Caledon Day (Jun 15th). She has ordered folding bike racks that support 200 bikes.

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3. **Regional Crossrides** – Lisa reported she is making progress working with regional staff on Bovaird crossride timing to synchronize with auto traffic during rush hour.
4. **Steeles / Churchville** – Lisa reported a signalized crossing on Steeles to come in about 4 months. This has been an awkward area, which we noted when created and testing the Regional Ride for Bike the Creek.

BikeBrampton Projects

1. **Earth Day Ride-ins** – 10am Sat Apr 20th to Gore Meadows Recreation Centre, 11am-3pm – Steve - Bramalea City Centre; Lisa – Chinguacousy Wellness Centre; Dayle – Loafer’s Lake (Paul Palleschi Recreation Centre) Register from BikeBrampton link. Register for free lunch on city website.
2. **“Bikes Belong...” series of Blog posts** on BikeBrampton website. [Bikes Belong on the Road](#), [Bikes Belong on Trails](#), [Bikes Belong in Intersections](#). Dayle created these for education for cyclists and drivers, and will be promoting on social media. **Action:** promote to your channels.

BEA Projects

1. **Brampton Environmental Alliance** (BEA) – David
 - a. **Rooted in Hope Tree Monitoring & Maintenance Training** – Apr 21st 10am – 3pm Register: 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.

Caledon Update

1. Wayne reported big emphasis on **OBRY (Caledon Rail Trail)**. Caledon is calling their 36km section CRT. They have consultants and are engaging the public on Apr 29th 5-7pm at Southfields Community Centre and May 1st 5-7pm at Caledon East Community Complex. [Take the survey until June 17th](#). Caledon acquired 36km of the rail line, which runs from Orangeville to Streetsville.
2. **Caledon Trailway** –
 - a. wayfinding signs are to be installed – 2 in each village.

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- b.** Public art to be installed on old concrete bridge abutments at **Cardwell Junction** on May 1st. Same artist as the Into the Woods painting on the Grange Road OBRY bridge, just west of McLaughlin.
- 3.** [Velocity](#) – June 15th. Dayle posted on BikeBrampton events. Registration open. Sam Roberts band booked.
- 4.** George reported the traffic lights at **Airport & Healey Roads** are to be replaced with a roundabout.

Deferred Items

- 1. Ontario Bike Summit Report** – Apr 3-5th – Lisa, Cindy to report their highlights
- 2. [Underreported Cyclist and Pedestrian injuries](#)** – Steve reported that Staff is working to acquire ER data in addition to police data and present back to ATAC committee, for a more complete picture of cycling injuries in Peel.
- 3. 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.**

EVENTS:

[Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

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

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[Bike the Creek](#)

Registration open for 10th anniversary signature cycling event: **June 8, 2024**

[Velocity](#)

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Adjourned 8:00pm.

Next meeting May 15, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm