

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday June 12, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Wayne Noble, Heidi Berki, Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Sonia Maset, Alina Grzejszczak, Shah Alam

Meeting started: 6:34pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[May Meeting Minutes](#) - Steve moved to approve with adjustments. Passed

Brampton City ATAC Update

1. **ATAC Update – [See ATAC meeting minutes from the City](#)**
 - a. **Pedestrian Intervals “head start” program** – Steve spoke about advantages for safety
 - b. **OBS 2024 update – Cindy/Lisa**
 - c. **Royal West Drive resident meeting** – discussion about a methodical approach for introducing AT infrastructure.
 - d. **eScooter project update** – scooter trips add to AT heat map, especially around transit hubs.
 - e. **BikeFest in Chinguacousy Park**. Heavy rain limited attendance. Booths from City AT, e-scooter companies, Region of Peel. Sonia’s team provided bike parking. Replaces CeleBrampton BikeFest and B2WD. Next Bikefest -last Saturday in May 2025.
 - f. **Bike to Work Day** for Brampton City staff only
 - g. **Vodden AT Lanes update** – barriers have been installed except at the 410 bridge where special permission is required from MTO before installation approved.
2. **Shah raised the issue that AT lanes on Central Park south of Queen create conflict zones with buses on one side and fast-moving traffic on the other.** Shah sent a letter to his Councillor with no response. David suggested Shah send another letter as follow up. Shah is suggesting the sidewalk be turned into a MUP to mitigate this conflict zone with the buses.

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- 3. Bike Basics Courses** – Dayle reported adequate attendance despite problems with registration information on the City’s website. Recreation has committed to running the courses again in 2025.
- 4. Delegation to Planning Committee, ([see link](#))**
 - a. [Lisa](#), [David](#), [Dayle](#) and Barry all presented to Planning Committee, positioning City plans, aspects of governance and how Council and staff can deal with resident objections to bike infrastructure installation. Moaz Ahmad, from Scooty also delegated in support of AT infrastructure. The 3 delegation links are part of Lisa’s initiative to clearly explain city’s plans, governance and how to deal with objections. The focus is on equity, since many people do not have access to cars.
- 5. AT Lane issues – BikeBrampton members to meet with AT Planning and Traffic Ops staff**
 - a. Purpose of the meeting - to raise the issue that infrastructure planned for in the ATMP is being removed by individual Councillors without proper process. Examples include: Conestoga, Inspire. Bike lanes on Royal West and Remembrance Drive are threatened due to resident complaints.
 - b. Staff indicated significant objections raised by businesses and residents on Inspire causing disruptions to traffic and emergency response vehicles. Police had to be called on one occasion. Decision was to remove the bike lanes on Inspire and replace with angle parking.
 - c. It is evident that a process is needed to address complaints without sacrificing the integrity of the AT network. David to arrange a meeting with AT and Traffic Ops staff for June 28th. If necessary a follow-up meeting to be arranged with Commissioner Ganesh.
- 6. Community Rides update – Lisa**
 - a. Slow roll 15km ride added this year to reduce frustration of the faster group, make it easier to get through intersections and provide an opportunity for inexperienced riders to try riding longer distances.
 - b. Additional 3 volunteers required to staff this extra group.

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7. Bill 40 – Alina

- a. TCAT and The Biking Lawyer are advocating for this bill which includes stringent penalties for motorists involved in collisions with vulnerable road users, particularly hit & run collisions.
 - i. **Asking for 12-month licence suspension in the case of a motorist causing serious injury or death,**
 - ii. **Plus remedial training and community service,**
 - iii. **Plus mandatory appearance in traffic court to acknowledge seriousness of their actions**
- b. A group of 8 people, (including Alina), and “Friends and Families for Safe Streets”, met with MPP Rick Brease, Parliamentary Assistant to the Minister of Transportation. Mr. Brease appeared to miss the point, stating that the injured party could always sue in civil court. Our contention is that Driving Under Influence penalties are more severe than Failing to Remain (hit and run).
- c. Next step is to meet with Minister Sakaria. Not likely to happen until the government returns in mid October.

8. Bike the Creek Update – Dayle – [blog post](#)

- a. 10th Anniversary
- b. 1,600 Registrations, 1000+ participants,
- c. Positive feedback on routes, food and venue
- d. Debrief meeting scheduled for June 30th .

9. AT Staff Ride – Dayle

- a. BikeBrampton participated in a ride with AT, Councillor Santos and other city staff from different departments,
- b. Nelson and Fernanda narrated about different infrastructure along a 10km route starting from Chinguacousy Park.
- c. Ride was appreciated by those who attended. Nelson committed to doing more rides with different departments or organizations to help increase participation.

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Regional Update

1. [Different Spokes](#) –
 - a. Pop up at Bramalea SS scheduled for next week.
 - b. Today fixing donated bikes. Donations are up.
 - c. Summer hours will be open Monday, Tuesday and Thursday 2-8pm. Saturdays 11-2 & 3-6. Thursday's will be drop-in repair.
 - d. Starting "intro rides" every Wednesday evening at 6:15 from St. Mary's church on Main St. Using What's App Bike Group to organize rides.
 - e. Region of Peel funding has increased by 27%.
 - f. Will be running Pop-up bike repair on Friday evenings in July from Southfields Recreation Centre.
 - g. Parked 250 bikes at Bike the Creek valet which is up 100 from last year's number.

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1. Shah pointed out inconsistencies in bike lane implementation. Discussion about Book 18 standards and that a small sum of about \$8,000 would be required to make the bike lanes consistent throughout the city. City is working to fill gaps such as Central Parkway south of Queen
2. [Brampton Environmental Alliance](#) (BEA) – **Healthy and Connected Bramalea Project** - Cindy

BEA Projects

Caledon Update

1. Mountainview Road is still closed.
 2. Sabrina Davidson has been promoted to focus on ATMP implementation. Staff will be added to replace Sabrina.
 3. Velocity is this Saturday.
 4. bike lanes approved on Centreville Creek Rd. from Mayfield to Castlederg Side Rd.
 5. Murals on Caledon Trailway at Cardwell Junction will be formally unveiled June 21st with representatives from the book committee, Town and Province.
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Deferred Items

1. [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.
 2. **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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EVENTS:

[Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

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

[Velocity](#)

June 15th. Registration open. Sam Roberts band.

Cardwell Junction Mural official unveiling

June 21st.

Adjourned 8:28pm.

Next meeting September 11, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm
