

# BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday September 11, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

**Attendees:** Dayle Laing, David Laing, Steve Laidlaw, Wayne Noble, Barry Lavallee, Cindy Evans, Shati Chagani, Lisa Stokes, Mike, Ewa Milewska, Sonia Maset, Polly Thornham, Jonathan Wells, Leonard D’Sousa, Jasdeep Bhattel

**Meeting started: 6:32pm**

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**Review & approve minutes from last meeting**

**Indigenous Land Acknowledgment**

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

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**Brampton City Update**

**1. Community Rides update – Lisa**

- a. 13 of 14 completed. Last ride is Sep 22<sup>nd</sup> starting at Jim Archdekin
- b. Slow roll 15km ride has been a helpful addition to faster ride.
- c. 10 volunteers needed for each of 14 rides!
- d. Having snack coordinator position, who counts the numbers in each group, then brings sufficient snacks in cooler so there is no line up or difficulties with payment – very successful. Recommended next year.
- e. More time for riders to socialize after the ride as enjoying snacks
- f. Using City’s Ride with GPS tourism account allowed ride volunteers a better opportunity to test rides ahead. Live prompts during ride.
- g. Steve congratulated Lisa on excellent organization of the ride series.

**2. Brampton Libraries -Sonia**

- a. Bus tours for new residents revived. (disbanded during pandemic.)
- b. **Repair Café** – Oct 19<sup>th</sup> 1-4pm at Four Corners Library.

**3. St. Rita’s Catholic Elementary School** – David and Violet Skirten (head crossing guard ) will be presenting at 2 school assemblies on Oct 2<sup>nd</sup> – a younger and old group. ABC Quick check, signaling, be aware, be seen, be heard, be predictable... These events are always popular with kids.

**4. [Riverwalk](#)** – Jonathan asked if AT lanes/trails are planned for Riverwalk. It is our understanding that AT is part of the plan. It was when David and Dayle participated in the Downtown Brampton Flood Protection Environmental Assessment with City and TRCA in 2019. Report was submitted in June 2020.

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- a. Ontario announced a \$29.8 million investment in Riverwalk on Sept 2<sup>nd</sup>. In 2020, the federal government committed over \$38 million.
  - b. Conceived to protect the downtown from flooding of Etobicoke Creek during extreme floods, this project will allow lifting of protected area where downtown development has been prevented. AECON has been retained to work on detailed design. The master plan has won 2 awards of excellence by Cdn. Association of Landscape Architects.
5. **Bovaird Trail between Brampton & Georgetown**
- a. Barry uses multiuse trail regularly. On MUT & sidewalk, e-scooters at full throttle, are terrorizing cyclists and pedestrians.  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZPKzqeq6BuE>

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## Regional Update

1. **Different Spokes** – Sonia
  - a. Sonia just returned from cycling in the Netherlands – excellent experience.
  - b. Different Spokes – register for Thursdays DIY, from 6:30pm
  - c. Caledon Bike Hub pop-ups in Southfields, every Friday evening in July and Aug. – very successful, many repeat attendees.
  - d. Southfields workshop series in October.
  - e. Received 21 bikes from Community Recycling Centre – need work before fit for lending.
  - f. More than 150 memberships sold. A membership pays for itself typically in one visit, given the mechanic expertise for DIY.
  - g. Library usage is down due to Algoma international students declining from 9,000 to 2,000!
  - h. New mechanic – Misha
  - i. Sonia got an adapter for kids' bikes
  - j. Using What's App Bike Group to organize rides.
  - k. Sonia noted many e-bike riders are using heavy bikes to commute to earn a living.
  - l. PCHS still has bike cage space at Sunny Meadow – for now.

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- m. Downtown Reimagined will have bike lanes with brick pavers, along Main and Queen. Bike parking spots 30-40! Steve spoke with Director Andria regarding bike lanes adjacent to curb.
- n. Steve reported a friend of George's donated 4 good bikes

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## **BikeBrampton Projects**

### **1. AT Political Advocacy**

- a. A minority of vocal residents have been disrespectful of Councillors and Staff, with regard to AT lanes on Royal West, Inspire, Vodden, Charolais, Remembrance. The bullying was so severe that Inspire was removed.
- b. Several advocates had a meeting with Commissioner Ganesh to discuss process for maintaining the implementation of ATMP.
- c. Discussion about teaming up with Accessibility Advisory Committee members. (Several years ago, we delegated to their committee regarding the accessibility of curb cuts into parks. They were not proactive in acknowledging our shared interest in equity. There is alignment with other micromobility users.
- d. Lisa heard at OBS that Vancouver has implemented floating bus stops, which are safer for those visually impaired because bus can come right to curb.
- e. Leonard has offered to delegate where appropriate. He volunteers regularly at the hub.

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## **BEA Projects**

N/A

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## **Caledon Update**

1. Rural equivalent of bike lanes, are paved shoulders.
2. Planned bike routes for 2024 have all been marked now.
3. Coleraine is very busy with truck traffic and should be avoided by cyclists.
4. Duffy's Mill bridge has been built.
5. Caledon Trailway now has crossrides at Gore Rd, Mississauga Rd. These are 10-yr old projects that were budgeted when Airport Rd crossride was done.

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6. New bike repair stands: Alton, Inglewood, Terra Cotta, Valleywood, Mount Wolfe.
7. Exhibiting at e-auto event was quiet, while Midnight Madness event was well attended.
8. Suggestion that Caledon OPP should not provide paid duty officers unless the scheduled rides have permits. This makes sure the route is deemed safe and town staff are aware of the event.
9. Elora to Cataract Trail closed east of Erin for construction.

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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:

1. [Bike the Creek](#) – save the date June 7, 2025

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## [Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

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

Adjourned 8:07pm.

Next meeting October 16, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm