

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday October 16, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Dayle Laing, David Laing, Barry Lavallee, Tracy Zazon, Polly Thornham, Heidi Berke, Cindy Evans, (Mike) Micaan, Jasdeep Bhattel, Kevin Montgomery, Alina Grzejszczak, Wayne Noble, Kelly Anderson, Vijay Appadurai, Vicki Tran, Bala Krishnan, Ewa Milewska, Donna Levans-VanWest, George Shepperdley, Ali Khan, Steve Laidlaw, Sonia Maset, Gerald Pyjor

Meeting started: 6:32pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

[September Meeting Minutes](#) - Polly moved to approve minutes. Passed

Brampton City Update

1. Active Transportation Advisory Meeting update:

- a. Brampton Staff and Council have received some complaints about the implementation of the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) that was unanimously endorsed by Council in 2019.
- b. Staff are recommending the plan needs a refresh in 2025. In the interim, they are recommending a pause in building new on-street bike lanes. Instead, urban shoulders will be considered the default.
- c. Bike lanes on Royal West will be converted to urban shoulders. Urban shoulders do not add to road safety and will not lead to increased mode share according to research. See our 2020 [blog post](#), featuring Lisa's delegation of videos to Council.
- d. The Ontario government has introduced Bill 212 which will require all bike lanes to go through Provincial review with data justification.
 - i. Concerned that bike lanes cause congestion although there is no evidence to support, and plenty of evidence to justify why bike lanes lower congestion and pollution and improve health. See [blog post](#) on the Queen's Park Rally.
- e. Going forward, the City plans to focus on building MUPs in the boulevard rather than on-street. This infrastructure will be 8X more expensive than an on-street bike lane and take longer to build.
- f. Planned actions:

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- i. Participate in Rally & Ride event Wednesday October 23th. Ride in from south-east Brampton to Queen's Park to arrive by 5:00pm. Then take the GO train back home.
 - ii. AT Staff report coming to Committee of Council at the November 13th. We could delegate at that meeting.
 - iii. Write letters to MPP and Council members.
 - iv. Sign Cycle TO petition.
2. **Brampton Mobility Plan**
 - a. Plan based in 7 principles
 - b. Includes bike lanes
 - c. PICs are done, positive feedback received
 - d. Bill 212 may affect implementation
 - e. Nelson Mendez demonstrated latest intersection data collection technology which can measure all types of traffic including: pedestrians, cyclists, and cars. This is real-time video data.
3. **Orangeville Brampton Rail Trail**
 - a. There is a survey on the COB website. [Please fill out.](#)

Regional Update

1. [Different Spokes](#) – Sonia
 - a. Finished Community Benefits Report
 - b. Lease at 8 Nelson expires in October 2025. Lease extension proposal will come to Council by the end of November.
 - c. Diwali Glow-Ride Wednesday October 30th. Leaves at 6:30 from the Save Max Centre. Looking for marshalls.
 - d. Spooktacular event Saturday October 26th, 1:15-3:00pm
 - e. No workshops currently scheduled. Volunteers welcome on Tuesday.
 - f. Has a donated Dutch bike in mint condition, a must see!
 - g. Region has extra bike racks available for schools

BEA Projects

N/A

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Caledon Update

1. Repair Café scheduled for Oct 19th 10-2:00pm in Bolton sponsored by Eco Caledon. Vicki mentioned Sheridan is hosting a repair café at Four Corners library October 19th.
2. Mississauga Rd. trail crossing with lights and green paint is almost complete. Crossing is also being installed at Old Church but there is no power available
3. 3 crashes reported on Castleberg & Coleraine
4. 12 bike racks installed at the Caledon East intersection
5. Orangeville is paving their OBRY section which means there will be a pretty good trail from there all the way to Owen Sound, once Avalon Nursing Home section is repaired.
6. Sabrina Davidson has completed the Bicycle Friendly Communities application.

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.**

EVENTS:

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

[Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

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

Adjourned 8:09pm.

Next meeting November 13, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm