

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday November 13, 2024 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Alina Grzejszczak, Dayle Laing, David Laing, George Shepperdley, Heidi Berki, Ewa Milewska, Lisa Stokes, Gerald Pyjor, Sonia Maset, Steve Laidlaw, Sam, Balasubramanian Krishnan, Bruce Marshall, Polly Thornham, Tracy Zason, Wayne Noble, Barry Lavallee, Vijay Appadurai

Meeting started: 6:30pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

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

BikeBrampton Projects

1. Update on Ontario Bill 212

- a. [Cycle TO “I love Bike Lanes” petition](#). Add your name to the 25,803 signatures if you haven’t already done so!
- b. Bill expected to pass in majority legislature. Going to Standing Committee on Monday 1-6pm. Stay tuned for more action against the bill purported to reduce gridlock, and is not supported by data.
- c. Read [blog post](#) about our participation in the Oct 23rd Rally & Ride for Road Safety. 16 cyclists rode & took transit to Queen’s Park. David spoke on behalf of BikeBrampton. Links to videos and media reports included in the blog. [Barry’s video link](#), also included in blog.
- d. Steve commented on Toronto Star’s data mode share info – links in blog post above.
- e. Gerald commented about focus on what we do to change public opinion, by listening to their complaints.
- f. Importance of keeping respectful, reaching beyond our circle, slowing traffic to make injuries less frequent and severe. Reach out to community social media groups to politely correct misinformation.
- g. Comment about Brampton only having congestion on Williams Parkway and Bovaird, which have no bike lanes. [Barry’s video](#) of Howden from his drone, with original music, shows a safe and orderly use of road, without congestion.

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2. George spoke about active transportation for university students. Well received, of course!
3. Barry noted his [Youtube video](#) about the red-light running drivers on Bovaird.

Brampton City Update

1. **Committee of Council Delegations re: Active Transportation Master Plan Implementation in the City and Bill 212 Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024**
 - a. [Blog post](#) summarizes the Nov 13th eleven public delegations, followed by Staff report and Council questions/comments.
 - b. The [city video](#) is well worth the view. **Delegations start at 55:58 and end at 1:57:40 minutes.**
 - i. David Laing, President, Brampton Environmental Alliance – [delegation](#)
 - ii. Dayle Laing, Secretary, BikeBrampton – [presentation](#) and video delegation <https://youtu.be/Ajjo4jrAlsA>
 - iii. Donna Laevens-Van West, Brampton Resident – [presentation](#)
 - iv. Jasdeep Singh Bhattal, Retired Superintendent Engineer – Punjab Water Supply and Sewerage Board – [delegation](#)
 - v. Sasi Kumar, International Student – Algoma University and Brampton Resident
 - vi. Lisa Stokes, Member, BikeBrampton – video delegation
 - vii. <https://youtu.be/zqJPrkOCU54>
 - viii. Gunjan Sharda, Brampton Resident
 - ix. Leonard D Souza, Brampton Resident
 - x. Jessica Spieker, Chair and Spokesperson, Friends and Families for Safe Streets
 - xi. Alina Grzejszczak, Brampton Resident
 - xii. Moaz Ahmad, Co-Founder and Chief Community Officer, Scooty – [presentation](#)

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- c. AT Staff delegation **starts at 2:16:32 and end at 2:31:59.**

[Staff Presentation on Bicycle Lane Implementation in the City and Bill 212](#)
[Staff Report on City's AT Recommendations regarding provincial Bill 212](#)
[Before & After Data comparison of AT projects through bike lane road diets](#)

- d. **Summary of AT Staff Facts:**

- i. Brampton traffic demand experts forecast **150,000** additional peak morning car trips by 2051 when population exceeds 1 million, if we continue transportation patterns as usual.
- ii. If we adopt proposed Brampton Mobility Plan mode share targets, we can REDUCE not increase, those peak AM trips by **70,000**.
- iii. Potential health cost savings of over **\$20 million per year** with these targets
- iv. Forecasted **50% reduction in fatality rates per year** with these targets
- v. **VEHICLE TRAVEL TIME WENT DOWN WHILE SPEED ALSO WENT DOWN!**

- e. [Councillor Santos comments on public delegations – video link](#) comments **start at 1:57:40 and end at 2:00:52**. Councillor Santos thanked the people who delegated and referred their comments to AT Staff for consideration in update, which is underway on the Brampton Mobility Plan.

- i. Councillors Palleschi and Fortini commented from **2:00:52 to 2:16:32**.
- ii. Councillor Power subsequently asked questions about winter maintenance.

- f. Steve commented that delegations covered a complete range of cycling perspectives. He was pleased to see Jasdeep compare HOV lanes to preferential treatment of bike lanes. This rewards behaviour we want to see --- car pooling and people choosing active transportation for trips.

- 2. **Orangeville Brampton Rail Trail**

- a. There is a survey on the COB website. [Please fill out.](#)

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Regional Update

1. [Different Spokes](#) – Sonia
 - a. Bike hub will be closed for December. Sonia will set January hours once schedules of her student volunteers become available.

BEA Projects

N/A

Caledon Update

1. The Canadian Open is scheduled for same date (Jun 7th) as Bike the Creek. May affect routes and staffing levels. Wayne is on the BtC planning committee along with Caledon Staff, as are David & Dayle for BikeBrampton.
2. Crossride lights functioning on Caledon Trailway at Mississauga Road. Old Church installation coming soon. Intersection in Caledon East gone to tender.
3. TRCA has completed the Caledon Trailway culvert. This was a difficult project.

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 8:45pm.

Next meeting December 18, 2024 – 6:30-8:00pm