

BikeBrampton Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, October 29, 2025 – 6:30pm – 8:00 pm Virtual Meeting

Attendees: Steve Laidlaw, David Laing, Dayle Laing, Barry Lavallée, Ewa Milewska, Wayne Noble, Polly Thornham, Sonia Masset, Alina Grzejszczak, Lisa Stokes, Cindy Evans, George Shepperdley

Meeting started: 6:32pm

Review & approve minutes from last meeting

Indigenous Land Acknowledgment

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

Brampton City Update

1. ATAC update
 - a. **Howden Report to Council** Oct 1st – [Video, Staff presentation report & attachments](#)
 - i. Referred to Mayor for consideration in 2026 budget
 - ii. Staff asked to create Option 5 removing bike lane & curbing, with the same guidelines applied as the other 4 options. It is referred to Mayor for his budget consideration.
 - b. **Howden Update re Council Mtg Oct 22nd** – David – Re: Option 5 & 6. Discussion about this 1.1km stretch of road in the middle of the east-west cycling corridor. Any changes potentially interferes with the network connectivity, a key point in the ATMP. Question: where will the scooters be allowed? Our scooter pilot has been very successful, especially for connections to transit use.
 - i. [BikeBrampton letter to Minister Charmaine Williams](#)
 - c. **Charolais** – Councillors Medeiros and Keenan sent out a survey which was prepared in a biased manner. 270 residents asked to have the bike lanes removed. Barry's video indicates very low traffic that would justify removal is necessary to accommodate traffic. See Barry's video in our [Oct 17, 2023 Charolais Bike Lanes blog](#). The data support the bike lanes for traffic calming (speeds down 9.5kmph), discouraging cut through traffic (down 10%) and yet actually reducing time to drive across the corridor (down 4%). There are not even any

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residential driveways on Charolais. Charolais, like McLaughlin and most roads in the downtown are busy around 5pm. Steve reported he had a meeting with Charmaine, who is his local MPP.

- i. [George's letter to Minister Charmaine Williams](#)
- d. [Ontario Bill 60 Fighting Delays, Building Faster Act](#) – David – new omnibus bill introduced banning new bike lanes if vehicle lane removed. This is expected to pass the legislature quickly without debate at committee. [Cycle Toronto's press release about Bill 60](#). It is possible that this will result in another Charter Challenge. If there are no bike lanes, how will we keep cyclists and micromobility riders safe? It is unclear if this prohibits putting transit on a dedicated lane. Question about new roads being “streets for people”, as previously reported by staff. Discussion about lack of complaints that staff are receiving now. Councillor Vicente said he doesn't get complaints anymore either. It is a matter of people getting used to the bike lanes and usually preserving the status quo over accepting change. When Birchbank (the first bike lane in the city) was installed, the result was that trucks stopped cutting through. The issue is also the excessively higher cost of “inboulevard” cycle tracks, compared to applying paint for a bike lane.
- e. [Brampton Mobility Plan](#) – review and comment **until Nov 14th** Plan endorsed by Council on September 24th. The plan outlines policies, infrastructure and programs to support movement of people and goods until 2051.
- f. [Community Rides](#) – **Diwali Glow ride** was a resounding success with 60 riders! See [blog post](#). Great turn out of volunteer leaders, marshals, sweepers to help the large group, which included some brand new riders from Sonia's group. City hired Herman Custodio to take photos at Ken Whillans Square before we set out. Different Spokes hosted a party afterward. Final community ride on Nov 2nd: [Bramptons do Brampton](#), where we will welcome the folding bike riders from Toronto. Volunteers to arrive by 10:30am. Optional self-paid lunch at Sunset Grill or Segovia following ride.

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- g. [Esker Lake Trail Audit](#) – complete by Nov 10th 5pm.
 - h. **Brampton Orangeville Rail Trail (BORT)** – George reported he was at a CVC meeting. They need \$10 million to build and have \$5M.
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Regional Update

- 1. Sonia reported a good year for Different Spokes sales revenue. Check [website](#) for hours and workshops. [Registration to attend events](#)
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BikeBrampton Projects

- 1. **ASE Provincial Decision** – ([David's letter to Council](#))
 - 2. **Bill 212 update:** [Cycle Toronto](#), - David
 - 3. **School Engagements** – Cindy
 - 4. [Bike the Creek June 13, 2026](#). BikeBrampton is again partnering with Brampton, Caledon, TRCA, Peel and Mississauga to plan the 12th annual event. David reported that BEA, CVC and Sierra Club are planning a fund-raising campaign for spring 2026. Wayne reported [Guelph to Goderich \(G2G\) Rail Trail](#) had a big fund raiser for a bridge. There is no opposition. The challenge with BORT is that some of the route passes through private land. This was also the initial issue for Caledon Trailway, and it was overcome.
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BEA Projects

- 1. [TMU School of Medicine Community Fair](#) – Nov 12th. The medical students are selecting a not-for-profit organization for creating an advocacy project, as part of their community-based primary care.
 - 2. **Brampton Environmental Alliance** –[Sign up for, or renew your membership](#). It's only \$15/yr. (\$10 for youth or seniors; \$20 for organizations)
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Caledon Update

- Wayne reported:
- 1. **Caledon Trailway** now open west of Kennedy, clear to Terra Cotta. Mill Street bridge completed, with erosion-controlling landscaping along trail.
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EVENTS:

- 1. **"Bromptons Do Brampton" Community Ride** – Nov 2nd –Brampton Innovation GO at 10:45am. (volunteers 10:30). [REGISTRATION](#).
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2. **Flowertown Senior Centre Repair Café** – Nov 18th – let Sonia know if you can volunteer.

[Different Spokes](#) Rides & Workshops

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Adjourned 8:06-pm.

Next meeting December 17, 2025 – 6:30-8:00pm.