

Minutes

Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee

Committee of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Brampton

September 15, 2020, 40-minute limit on Zoom

Start: 7:00

Members Present:

- Kevin Montgomery (Co-Chair)
- Lisa Stokes
- Eric Lister
- Alina Grzejszczak
- Laura Bowman
- Pauline Thornham
- Regional Councillor Rowena Santos

Regrets:

- Steve Laidlaw (Co-Chair, technical difficulties)
- Patrick McLeavey
- Dayle Laing
- Barry Lavalley
- Leslie Benfield

Staff Present:

- Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning and Development Services

1. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered:

That the Agenda for the Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee of September 15, 2020 be approved.

2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None.

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes - Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee - August 18, 2020. The minutes were provided for the Subcommittee's information only.

4. Delegations / Presentations

None

5. Committee Member and Sub-Committee Updates

BikeBrampton

- Last BikeBrampton bike hub events of the summer.
- Discussion regarding occupancy of former Cyclepath space, and the possibility of a pop-up solution during the Farmer's Market. There might be some work required. Conversations are still very preliminary but progressing.

PSARTS

- Pauline Thornham, Member shared an update from the PSARTS committee meeting of June 2020.
- Only item: Discussion of plans for reopening schools in September with regards to student transportation to and from school.
- Committee considered 2-3 key messages to parents and the public presented by the COVID-19 pandemic. Main transportation issue: School buses are expected to carry 12 students max. instead of 70.
- An opportune time to walk & roll to school, rather than being driven.
- Draft key messages:
 - Letter to parents and caregivers: Stress walking or rolling to school to school should be the first choice. For longer journeys, students should walk to the bus stop.
 - Students should walk or ride on their own if possible.
 - Students and parents should plan and practice the route to school.

- Link to PSARTS meeting minutes:
https://docs.google.com/document/d/16zHiRPDarPLJ5B0yKUWVe_E0HYglQtbOvpKzmQxUFAQ/edit?usp=sharing
- Lisa Stokes, Member, noted that the key messaging was not given to parents or caregivers by the Peel school boards. Parents were only asked whether they need school busing.

6. Community Ride Updates (Cancelled for 2020)

Cancelled for 2020

7. Reports / Updates From Staff

None

8. Other / New Business / Information Items

8.1 Discussion item from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: Items to bring forward to (potential) official BCAC meeting in October.

The subcommittee considered adding these items in the next formal BCAC meeting.

- Williams Pky project status.
- Election of new Chairs/Co-Chairs
- Community Energy and Emissions Reduction Plan (CEERP) with respect to Transportation.
- Report on Vodden St. usage, including personal experiences, testimonies, etc.
- Clarification of intersection expectations on Vodden St. bike lanes.
- Riverwalk Design Master Plan: Rani has been invited.
- Seasonal summary: SoBCAC Minutes during pandemic period.
- Report to council RE: update to ATMP. Communication to council for newsletters.

9. Correspondence

None

10. Question Period

Regional Councillor Rowena Santos asked a question regarding Bike Month, whether it's regional or national.

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning and Development Services provided clarification that Bike Month is recognized in the GTHA only. Workshops and virtual events are being coordinated by Cycle Toronto.

Lisa Stokes, Member, asked whether an official October BCAC meeting be in person, or over Zoom/WebEx.

(Meeting ended before answer could be given)

11. Public Question Period

(If public participants present)

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:40pm

Next Virtual Meeting: October 20, 2020

1. Approval of Agenda

The following motion was considered:

That the Agenda for the Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee of August 18, 2020 be approved.

2. Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act

None.

3. Previous Minutes

Minutes - Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee - July 21, 2020. The minutes were provided for the Subcommittee's information only.

4. Delegations / Presentations

None

5. Committee Member and Sub-Committee Updates

BikeBrampton

- 2 Popup BikeWrx bicycle information and repair open-air meetings: Thursday, August 13, 2020, on the Escar Lake Trail, and Friday, August 14, 2020, at Chinguacousy Park.
- Given the increase in trail users, both walking and cycling, the emphasis has been on the installation of bells and knowing how to use it.
- On Monday, August 17, BikeBrampton attended a Brampton tourism workshop.
- Consultant hired: Bannikin Travel & Tourism.
- ~27+ diverse stakeholders present, including: CEO of Bramalea City Centre (Morgaard), president of hotel association of Brampton, The FOLD (Jael Richardson), Sporting organizations.
- Etobicoke Creek Trail is a tourism asset. Farmers Market: One of the best farmers market in the GTA!

PSARTS

- Updates to Brampton Cycling page
<https://www.brampton.ca/EN/residents/Roads/Cycling/Pages/Safety-Education.aspx>

Walking and Cycling to School

Active transportation means using people power to get where you're going! You can use your feet, bike, scooter, or any other form of non-motorized vehicle to get you to your destination. Did you know?! Active Transportation...

Helps to promote well-being and positive mental health, including reducing day to day stress

Increases physical fitness/activity, including helping to lower risks of chronic disease such as obesity and/or diabetes.

Increases the ability to learn, improves concentration, and helps your children do better in school.

Help to reduce traffic congestion in and around school zones which means safer streets for everyone.

Helps to reduce your climate impact and the harmful effects of air pollution.

Make Active Transportation Your #1 Choice

1. Make walking or rolling to school your first choice! If it were up to the kids, they would choose walking or rolling to school as their first choice. Why not make it your first choice too? Even if your school is far from home, students can walk to the bus stop! Consider different ways a pick-up or drop-off routine could include stepping out of your car and completing your journey to school by walking or rolling.

2. Plan and practice! As a household you can begin to practice your route to school together. You can also encourage children to walk or roll on their own, with siblings, or friends, depending on their age and maturity.

6. Community Ride Updates (Cancelled for 2020)

Cancelled for 2020

7. Reports / Updates From Staff

None

8. Other / New Business / Information Items

8.1 Email from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation RE: Sproule Drive - Bike Route

<https://drive.google.com/file/d/17swzzqlug8xS2IJ8sJBv0sJDVI50VCaZ/view?usp=sharing>

The sub-committee had a discussion on Sproule Drive. Sproule is identified in the ATMP network. Nelson reiterated the need for an annual report to Council to describe the ATMP network status, and what the budget asks are. Focus is on building the priority network first, with proper crossings, etc. There is no budgeted project for Sproule at the moment, as it's not an identified priority for 2021. Further research and guidance from BCAC could be considered to justify prioritizing Sproule.

The following motion was considered:

Given meeting time constraints, a reply to the resident RE: Sproule Drive be prepared and considered by a future subcommittee or committee meeting. Further, a strategy to communicate with businesses in the area of Vodden and Main be considered to support connectivity from the Etobicoke Creek Trail to their businesses.

Carried

In addition, the following motion was considered:

That the Email from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation RE: Sproule Drive - Bike Route be received.

Carried

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: The Pointer Podcast "#46 - Cycling in the suburbs is suddenly cool – will it last?"

<https://www.buzzsprout.com/460444/4787177-46-cycling-in-the-suburbs-is-suddenly-cool-will-it-last>

The following motion was considered:

That the correspondence from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: The Pointer Podcast "#46 - Cycling in the suburbs is suddenly cool – will it last?" be received.

Carried

9.2 Correspondence from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation RE: Update on the East-West Cycling Corridor.

“...the City is recommending that the East-West Cycling Corridor design be revised to reduce the number of general purpose lanes from 4 to 2 and that bike lanes be introduced along the entire length of Howden Boulevard (in addition to the proposed in-boulevard multi-use path). Bike lanes along Howden Boulevard between Williams Parkway and Dixie Road will also be painted later this month...”

https://drive.google.com/file/d/1tG_YZ_E2UdgSEbDJ1c1zn03jf-znMuIH/view?usp=sharing

The following motion was considered:

That the correspondence from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: Update on the East-West Cycling Corridor be received.

Carried

10. Question Period

The subcommittee agreed to contact Laura Bowman regarding deferred items.

11. Public Question Period

(If public participants present)

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:45pm

Next Virtual Meeting: September 15, 2020