

# **Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee**

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

### **Minutes**

November 17, 2020, 7 PM

Present: Kevin Montgomery, Dayle Laing, Steve Laidlaw, Lisa Stokes, Polly Thornham, Rani Gill, Alina Grejszczak, Laura Bowman, Eric Lister, Nelson Cadete, Henrik Zbogar, Councillor Rowena Santos

Regrets: Leslie Benfield, Patrick McLeavey, Barry Lavallee

#### **1. Approval of Agenda**

The agenda was approved as written.

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

None.

#### **3. Previous Minutes**

#### **4. Delegations / Presentations**

**Steve Laidlaw:** Snow removal:

Steve reported that he had made several attempts to have bike racks cleared of snow during winter months, at the City of Brampton recreation centres. He contacted 311, and did manage to have the rack at Earnscliffe Rec Centre cleared. He continues to work on the issue, after the COVID-19 shutdowns interrupted his communications with City staff.

Nelson's suggestion: ask City staff to create a policy of snow removal around municipal building bike racks, at the official meeting next month. Ask for a presentation at our meeting, if possible.

Lisa: question re sweeping of multi-use paths, standard of maintenance?

Nelson: at present, it is semi-annual, likely, though recommended by ATMP to increase, to bring it in line with street sweeping. Recommended: 2x/month, March-May, October-Nov, 1x/month other months – hasn't started yet, due to cost of equipment, etc.

During the discussion, it was mentioned also that construction workers should be held responsible to clean up after work.

Kevin mentioned that accessibility for mobility is an issue on multi-use paths, particularly around curb cuts, and should be addressed.

Nelson Cadete asked Steve to make a presentation during the December official meeting. Lisa Stokes offered to make contributions to the topic of clearing as well. Steve and Lisa will work on this for next month.

**Polly Thornham:** Committee of Council meeting Wednesday, November 18, 2020 Letter from BCAC on Williams Parkway Review, regarding the staff report.

Polly wrote a letter to the Committee of Council on behalf of BCAC, recommending option 3. She recorded a reading of the letter, as she was unable to attend in person, and submitted it as a delegation. Steve, Lisa and Dayle submitted delegations as well.

There was discussion regarding the likelihood of option 4 being chosen by the Committee of Council at the meeting. Henrik confirmed that the Region of Peel will be replacing water mains along Williams Parkway, and that if the sidewalks are removed, it will be possible to replace them with multi-use paths, perhaps using some funds unused in the cancelled larger project. The water mains will not cover the full 5 km.

**Polly Thornham:** BCAC's Ontario Bike Summit attendees discussion, and responses to Nelson Cadete's email.

Nelson confirmed that Polly was the only respondent to his email, so she and Leslie Benfield will attend on behalf of BCAC. Thanks to the City of Brampton!

## **5. Committee Member and Sub-Committee Updates**

**Dayle Laing:** CCP interim report. Dayle gave a brief oral recap of the interim report of the Community Cycling Project. In spite of COVID-19 restrictions, much interest was shown in the last six months in cycling, borrowing bikes and learning to maintain them.

Point-form notes:

March – bike hubs closed, due to COVID-19

- received 20 bike donations, and lent out 35 (16% > last yr.)
- on average, each bike takes 90 minutes to repair
- 40 irreparable bikes dismantled for parts and scrap metal
- 18 sessions, with 133 participants, at the bike cage
- 10 Bikwrx pop-up cafes, 6 in Brampton, 4 in Caledon, with 300 participants

- focused on minor repairs and trail etiquette, as well as installation of 200 bells and lights
- City of Brampton lent a tent and new trail etiquette sign
- created cycling skills videos in English and Punjabi
- 58 new proteges, total increased, to 146 (68% > last yr.)
- held 8 1-hr. Zoom training sessions (2 series of 4), with 15-25 participants each
- younger demographic than last yr., with 62% < 35 yrs. old
- 50% in Canada < 5 yrs.
- working with TRCA on Ontario Active School Travel Program
- delivering way-finding program to 6 Peel Eco Schools
- presented to Camp Climate program and Catholic Cross-Cultural Services
- held a pilot outdoor training and assessment session
- participated in SmART Ride Contest with The Rose in November
- held a cycling challenge for proteges in October

Dayle's full report is available at this link. Well done, Dayle and David, and all those who pitched in!

[https://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-10-24-CCP-Year-Two-interim-report\\_FINAL.pdf](https://bikebrampton.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/12/2020-10-24-CCP-Year-Two-interim-report_FINAL.pdf)

**6. Community Ride Updates 7. Reports / Updates From Staff 8. Other / New Business / Information Items 9. Correspondence 10. Question Period**

**11. Public Question Period**

None.

**12. Adjournment**

Next Meeting:	Official	December 15, 2020
	Sub-committee	January 19, 2021