

City of Brampton Active Transportation Advisory Committee Sub committee Meeting Minutes May 13th, 2025

Attending; Dayle Laing, Cindy Evans, Barry Lavallée, Alina Grzejszczak, Fernanda Peixoto Soares, Tyron Nimalakumar, David Laing, and Steve Laidlaw

Agenda Item 1 -

Discussion on the need for new members on ATAC, as the committee has fallen to a count of seven. This is below the required count of eight members.

Dayle - Expressed concern that the committee might not officially exist, with the reduced numbers. She stated that Lisa Stokes had submitted a list of interested citizens over a year ago, and no expression of interest has been put out.

Steve - Stated that he had been in contact with city clerk Charlotte Gravlev, a number of times, regarding this issue and was promised a follow up.

Fernanda - Said she would contact Charlotte to ascertain the status of future appointments to the committee.

Agenda Item 2 -

Bike Fest Update - at the request of Cindy and Dayle.

Tyron provided the latest information on Bike Fest, scheduled for Saturday, May 24th, 2025, at Chinguacousy Park. All requested vendors had committed, including Brampton Transit, the Bike Hub, the Brampton Library, Urban Design (Urban Mobility Mobs), etc. No one had yet committed to run the children's bike rodeo, or the community rides. The digital copy of the promotional poster would be sent to Dayle for publication on the Bike Brampton website.

Steve - Gave an update on the second annual City of Mississauga Bike Fest, which occurred on Saturday, May 10th. It was a low key event, with the main draw being the bike repair clinics, through the Sheridan Bike Hub and a private mechanic. The children's bike rodeo was a free form course, made up of cones and chalk markings.

Agenda Item 3 - Update on the status of the Balmoral Drive bike lanes, at the request of Cindy.

Cindy - detailed a circular quest for information on the bike lanes, through provincial elected representatives offices, ending with her local city councillor.

Fernanda - explained that on street bike lane installation projects are still frozen, until a staff report on installation of in boulevard multi-use paths, on Howden Boulevard is completed and presented, in addition of approval of a revised Active Transportation Master Plan.

Steve - asked Fernanda if her department has received any templates or directions on how to submit applications for proposed on street bike lanes to the provincial ministry of transportation, pursuant to provincial Bill 212.

Fernanda - said that no such instructions or communications have ever come from the provincial government has to her department.

There was a consensus, among attendees, that this piece of provincial legislation was only aimed at the City of Toronto.

Steve - asked Fernanda how the assumption of responsibility for regional roads, in the next year, will affect the city's ATMP.

Fernanda said that it will result in some amendments to the ATMP, but the construction principles will remain the same with regard to the complete streets philosophy.

Agenda Item 4 - Community Rides Preparation, at the request of Alina.

Dayle - went over a spreadsheet of the scheduled rides, and how many volunteers had already committed to help. She said we

were falling short of volunteers, and increased commitment was needed.

Agenda Item 5 - Bike the Creek update at the request of Alina. Dayle gave an update for the June 7th, 2025 event. She explained that some of the start times had to be adjusted because of other events that were occurring along the routes. There is a session scheduled for May 22nd, 2025 to certify volunteers at the event. The dignitary rides might not be happening, as there has only been one positive response, so far. Barry - questioned the decision not to have on trail aid available, for break downs. Dayle - explained that it was a liability issue, so the riders are informed that they have to be self sufficient, as it was last year.

Agenda Item 6 - Maintenance/Repair of the Vodden Street separated bike lanes, at the request of Alina. Alina - expressed concern that these bike lanes were not being maintained, in a timely manner. Fernanda - said she has been in contact with the road maintenance department and an improvements should be seen in the near future.

Agenda Item 7 - Presentation by Steve about Ontario Highway Traffic Act, Section 38(2), 2024. Steve - said that although retail outlets are selling specialized e-bikes to parents wishing to transport their children, according to this legislation, it is illegal for anyone under the age of 16, to operate, or ride on an e-bike. The rationale for this was not apparent. Should there be a follow up on this, with the committee. Fernanda - said that Jamie Stuckless was organizing like minded stakeholders to get this legislation changed. David - expressed an opinion that the committee should take action on this issue.

Steve - felt that any motion on this issue should come after communication with Jamie Stuckless, to establish her strategy, on this issue.

Agenda Item 7 - Meeting of May 13th, 2025, with members of the Downtown Revitalization Project, attended by Dayle and Tyron. An invitation came Vrinda Bhardwaj, to attend this meeting, with the thought of a collaboration between the revitalization project and the May 25th, downtown community ride. Dayle -said there was interest, by this organization, to be more involved with the Community Rides.

Ontario Highway Traffic Act

Minimum age to drive motor assisted bicycle

38 (1) No person under the age of 16 years shall drive or operate a motor assisted bicycle on a highway. 2024, c. 21, s. 4.

Same

(2) No person who is the owner or is in possession or control of a motor assisted bicycle shall permit a person who is under the age of 16 years to ride on, drive or operate the motor assisted bicycle on a highway. 2024, c. 21, s. 4.