

The following correspondence was sent by me, Stephen Laidlaw, to the involved parties, on behalf of the City of Brampton Active Transportation Advisory Committee members, on Tuesday, July 8th, 2025 and resubmitted on Tuesday, July 15th, 2025.

Involved parties; The City of Brampton Citizen Appointments Committee;

Councillor Paul Vincente,	Chair
Councillor Rod Power,	Vice Chair
Councillor Dennis Keenan,	Member
Councillor Michael Palleschi,	Member
Councillor Gurpartap Toor,	Member
Mayor Patrick Brown,	ex-officio Member
Councillor Rowena Santos,	ATAC Member

As of today, I have had no response to this correspondence.

Stephen Laidlaw

Tuesday, July 22nd, 2025

Dear members of the Citizen Appointments Committee,

Members of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee became aware shortly before our June 10th meeting, that the Citizen Appointments Committee had posted a call for interested parties to fill vacancies on the Environment, Adjustment, and School Traffic Safety Committees. Members of the ATAC were surprised that our committee was not included in the request for submissions.

On three separate occasions, the co-chairs have asked the clerk's office for consideration for new appointments to the Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

The ATAC Terms of Reference state that the committee will be composed of "no less than eight and no more than twelve citizen members..." Early in the term, Akinade Oduntan was removed from the committee due to a lack of attendance. Our colleague Enzo Bek resigned from the committee when he moved outside of the City of Brampton. This brought the total number of citizen committee members to seven, below the required threshold.

The loss of committee members is impeding the Active Transportation Advisory Committee in its efforts to provide public programming to the citizens of Brampton. Our Community Ride program is stretched thin for volunteers at times. Participating in regional events, ex. Toronto Outdoor Adventure Show, is more challenging with fewer people available to help represent Brampton and advocate for active transportation and cycling tourism in Brampton

The ATAC views the appointment of new members as a great opportunity to include more voices to represent different neighbourhoods/wards within Brampton, as well as include representation of diverse communities, and those passionate about advocating for different modes of active transportation. Adding new members to our committee would certainly help Brampton work towards its goals outlined in the *Active Transportation Master Plan* and *Brampton 2040 Vision: Living the Mosaic*.

We hope that our request will be acted upon so that we can fulfill our mandate on behalf of the City.

Sincerely,

Co-Chair
Lisa Stokes

Co-Chair
Stephen Laidlaw