

Minutes

Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee

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

June 16, 2020 (45-minute limit on Zoom)

Members Present:

- Kevin Montgomery (Co-Chair)
- Stephen Laidlaw (Co-Chair)
- Laura Bowman
- Rani Gill
- Alina Grzejszczak
- Barry Lavallee
- Lisa Stokes
- Pauline Thornham
- Dayle Laing
- Leslie Benfield
- Eric Lister
- Regional Councillor Rowena Santos

Absent:

- Patrick McLeavey

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 June 16, 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 - May 19, 2020. The minutes were provided for the Subcommittee's information only.

4. Delegations / Presentations

4.1. Delegation by Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, regarding Transit with Cycle Catchment: Addressing The First/Last Mile Problem with Bicycles.

<https://docs.google.com/presentation/d/1eb1blIT5PjcoUOXLphDIIaR9ILbcCuhw5EXTzc-Afwc/edit?usp=sharing>

Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, provided a presentation on using bicycles to connect to ZUM terminals, providing examples of where this is already being done.

Subcommittee discussion included:

- The need for more education and communication of availability of bicycle parking
- Challenges with bicycle parking capacity and security
- Opportunity to save time, avoiding waiting for transfers by riding to next bus stop
- Revisit when the vaccine for COVID-19 becomes available

The following motion was considered.

That the presentation from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, to the Subcommittee of Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of June 16, 2020, re: Transit with Cycle Catchment: Addressing The First/Last Mile Problem with Bicycles be received;

Carried.

5. Committee Member and Sub-Committee Updates

BikeBrampton

Lisa Stokes, Member, and Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, reported these updates from BikeBrampton:

- Webinar RE: Vodden/Howden Bike Lanes project update.

- A phase 1 re-opening compliant self-service mobile bike repair station, under the guidance of a certified mechanic, is being planned for setup on Etobicoke Creek Trail and Caledon Trailway in Town of Caledon;
- Caledon is approved; Brampton discussions ongoing.

Regional Councillor Santos acknowledged challenges of Brampton still being in phase 1 of re-opening. Reported recommending that staff work with park ambassadors to educate people on safe riding as well. Further recommended that the more we get the message out to people about safe riding behaviour, the better.

Laura Bowman, Member, suggested that there appears to be a divide in understanding of etiquette on the trails. In Toronto, ringing of a bell is sometimes met with hostility (though not yet seen in Brampton). People with different lived experiences will interpret etiquette signals (like ringing a bell) differently.

Dayle Laing, Member, indicated that in her observation, many people that cycle on the trails do not have bells. Has experienced people thanking her for using a bell. Education to a variety of experiences is required.

Barry Lavallee, Member, further elaborated on different responses to hearing a bell such as interpreting it as aggression. Suggested a future discussion RE: Line of sight issues from shrubs and tree branches on the path.

Regional Councillor Santos suggested installing signs to communicate challenging line of sight spots instead of cutting back trees.

6. Community Ride Updates (Cancelled for 2020)

Lisa Stokes, Member, indicated that Community Rides are cancelled up to the end of June. Still cautious about groups or with Community Rides in July.

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning and Development Services, indicated that Community Rides are canceled for 2020.

Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chair, suggested publishing routes online, with points of interest, that people can explore independently. Stephen indicated an interest in a subcommittee to bring back a proposal with further detail.

Regional Councillor Santos suggested a social media campaign of sharing photos of Brampton on a bicycle.

Rani Gill, Member, suggested that this should have a different name as to not confuse these independent rides with Community Rides.

7. Reports / Updates From Staff

8. Other / New Business / Information Items

8.1 Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, provided a URL for the BCAC Work Plan 2019-2020 so that the Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee can review for potential impacts due to COVID-19. This reference was provided for information only.

https://docs.google.com/document/d/13Tk-oPKEaHgoSzKEUMopV5CFGTqivpbD0sX_dzQyGVg/edit?usp=sharing

8.2 Discussion at the request of Dayle Laing, Member RE: East-West Vodden/Howden cycling corridor

Dayle Laing, Member, provided a report regarding participation in a May 28 webinar regarding the Vodden/Howden cycling corridor. Several members of BCAC in attendance.

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning and Development Services, indicated that additional information to come. There is a slide deck, video recording and survey available online on the City of Brampton website.

8.3 Discussion request from Dayle Laing, Member RE: Williams Pkwy road widening from 4 to 6 lanes,

Dayle Laing, Member, provided a summary of the options that are being considered for the Williams Pkwy expansion. All 4 options align with the 2040 Vision to some degree.

- Option 1: Expand to 6 lanes, with curbside HOV lanes, with multi-use pathways. Mostly asphalt, few opportunities for adding trees. Qualifies for Development Charges funding most of the project. Staff recommended, but not unanimously.
- Option 2: 4 lanes with a larger buffer for landscaping.
- Option 3: 4 lanes, narrowed, with an increased buffer for landscaping.
- Option 4: Resurface only.

Regional Councillor Santos indicated bringing up issues with induced demand. Assumptions in the report did not include the effect of increased transit; the Risk of more cars increasing the risk of collisions.

Committee had a discussion on a strategy to contact local councillors, MPPs and MPs on the need to prioritize funding for active transportation such as changes to Development Charges funding formula. There was general agreement that this is an important case for future road widening projects.

Alina Grzejszczak, Member, expressed concern that the ongoing cost of maintaining a 6-lane road was not considered, and that traffic flow is taking precedence over safety for all.

The following motion was considered:

That a subcommittee be formed to organize a response to the Williams Pkwy expansion project. Details to follow from Laura Bowman in an email.

Carried

Pauline Thornham, Member, asked how each option affects the City of Brampton's plan to plant one million trees by 2040. Williams Pkwy expansion could be an opportunity to meet this goal.

Regional Councillor Santos provided clarification that in the process of building the noise wall, trees were lost. The proposed options only provided new trees but did not indicate net trees. Option 3 proposes the most number of trees.

9. Correspondence

10. Question Period

11. Public Question Period

(If public participants present)

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 8:22pm

Next Virtual Meeting: July 21, 2020