

Minutes

Subcommittee of Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee

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

July 21, 2020, 45-minute limit on Zoom (Video did not save properly, recalling attendance by memory)

Members Present:

- Kevin Montgomery (Co-Chair)
- Stephen Laidlaw (Co-Chair)
- Rani Gill
- Alina Grzejszczak
- Barry Lavallee
- Lisa Stokes
- Pauline Thornham
- Leslie Benfield
- Eric Lister

Absent:

- Patrick McLeavey
- Laura Bowman
- Dayle Laing
- Regional Councillor Rowena Santos

Staff Present:

- Tamara Kwast, Transportation Planner, 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 July 21, 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 - June 16, 2020. The minutes were provided for the Subcommittee's information only.

4. Delegations / Presentations

None

5. Committee Member and Sub-Committee Updates

BikeBrampton

Dayle Laing, Member submitted correspondence with these updates from BikeBrampton:

1. We are having a total of 10 BikeWrx pop-up cafés – 6 in Brampton and 4 in Caledon. At the first 4 events, we had 129 people sign in. One event in Caledon was shortened by thunder and rain. We have had licensed bike mechanics doing minor tune ups, installed over 75 Region of Peel bells, and lights, given out trail maps, and educated people on trail etiquette tips, especially on the proper use of the bell. We have had requests from both Brampton and Caledon Councillors to focus on lack of trail etiquette by speeding, non-bell-ringing cyclists on trails, so education is a primary goal for these events. We used both City of Brampton and Town of Caledon tents, as well as our own new branded tent for set up. We have a safety plan as per provincial guidelines, for proper COVID-19 sanitation. People have to use hand sanitizer before picking up the pen to sign in, and must wear masks to get service, or they stay a strict 2m away. Equipment is sanitized between clients. We have small construction cones to separate people 2m as they line up. The Duggan Park event had 58 people, which seemed steady and comfortable for the 2 mechanics and 3 staff volunteers over the two hours. Thanks to Nelson for the City tent loan, and more bells and trail maps. Upcoming pop-ups for [Brampton](#) and [Caledon](#) see links.
2. Pedalwise Protégés – 37 new protégés have signed up since the beginning of May! That is an astounding number that requires significant administration. We have lent out 22 bikes from the library in the same time period. Many have needed repair work to be ready for lending. There have been several donations and a few returns. We work by appointment only and people must wear masks, even in the parking garage at Sunny Meadow, where our bike cage is located.

3. Pedalwise Protégé and Mentor training - We have turned to physical distancing ZOOM calls for Pedalwise training of new and older protégés and mentors. Lisa and Dayle updated our slide deck, and Lisa has conducted almost 2 series of 4 hour-long sessions. There will likely be another round of 4 sessions. Attendance has ranged between 15 and 24 per session. Steve, Barry and Kevin have added comments to make the presentation very interactive, fun, informative and very valuable. Lisa and Alina conducted a Pedalwise Protégé Assessment Session for a group of 9 from the Brampton Northwest. The assessment is quite sophisticated and very helpful for new folks and those needing an interim evaluation. One lady could not take her hands off the handlebars to signal, so was avoiding road cycling. In the one short session, she successfully learned how to signal with confidence!
4. Anecdotally, we are seeing record numbers of cyclists on the roads and trails. Use of bells on the trails is way up from the past.

6. Community Ride Updates (Cancelled for 2020)

Cancelled for 2020

7. Reports / Updates From Staff

8. Other / New Business / Information Items

8.1 Report from Laura Bowman, Member, Kevin Montgomery and Stephen Laidlaw, Co-Chairs, RE: Vision Zero Draft Letter.

See draft:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1M97R3JSvnG29aI6UAZI0saNvxIxbYovoD3nvxcpwCKg/edit?usp=sharing>

8.2 Report from Laura Bowman, Member, RE: GTA West Environmental Assessment, proposal to streamline it. Public consultation deadline Aug 22. <https://ero.ontario.ca/notice/019-1882> would allow MTO to obtain permits prior to EA approval and do detailed design for some works. <https://www.gta-west.com/>

8.3 Report from Laura Bowman, Member, RE: Provincial Omnibus Bill. Proposed repeal of traffic calming EA exemption. S.3.3 of Ontario Environmental Assessment Act currently exempts “traffic calming measures” from environmental assessment requirements, which is defined as: physical measures designed to control traffic speeds and to encourage driving behaviour that is appropriate to the environment) this would be repealed.

Deferred to future meeting

8.4 Report from Laura Bowman, Member, RE: Municipal Class EA exemption for construction or removal of sidewalks or multi-use paths or cycling facilities. Same with construction of new pedestrian/cycling overpasses. Removing cost thresholds for certain road projects.

Deferred to future meeting

9. Correspondence

9.1 Correspondence from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: Procedure By-law

The following motion was considered:

That the correspondence from Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair, RE: Procedure By-law be received.

9.2 Correspondence from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation RE: Planning and Development Services National Active Transportation Strategy and COVID-19 Economic Stimulus

The following motion was considered:

Correspondence from Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation RE: Planning and Development Services National Active Transportation Strategy and COVID-19 Economic Stimulus be received.

10. Question Period

11. Public Question Period

(If public participants present)

12. Adjournment

Adjourned at 7:40pm

Next Virtual Meeting: August 18, 2020