

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 Zbogor, 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

