

Brampton Cycling Advisory Committee Subcommittee Zoom Meeting 2 Minutes May 20, 2021, 7 PM

Present: Pauline Thornham, Dayle Laing, Lisa Stokes, Steve Laidlaw, Alina Grzejszczak, Nelson Cadete, Cllr. Rowena Santos, David Laing

Absent: Kevin Montgomery, Rani Gill, Leslie Benfield, Barry Lavallée, Patrick McLeavey, Eric Lister

Bike Lane delegation

Dayle Laing shared her delegation with Power Point slides, regarding the proposed bike lanes in Brampton, in 2021.

[2021 Streets for People Bike Lanes - BCAC.pdf](#)

[2.8MB](#)

Dayle's presentation covered the locations of the 17 new bike lanes which have signs on them, and which are scheduled to be completed this summer. Nine of the lanes are in Bramalea. Unlike the urban shoulders on Grenoble Blvd., the default cycling infrastructure is now to have bike lanes.

Dayle provided a map with all the Bramalea proposed bike lanes, highlighting those which have a connection to the ongoing Bramalea SNAP Project. This made it easier to envision the connectivity and improvements to the cycling network, which is a key aim of the ATMP.

Dayle went over the four possible cycling infrastructure treatments of intersections, where most cyclist/motorist collisions occur. They are, in increasing order of safety:

- ending the bike lane before the intersection;
- sharrows;
- a dashed line separating bike lane from car lane;
- a solid line between the bike lane and the car lane.

There were several questions for both Dayle and Nelson Cadete, regarding the streets that were/weren't included. Jordan, for example, had been on the list to get bike lanes, but was removed, due to financial constraints. Avondale will be repaved soon, so the lanes on Birchbank and Avondale will be done then.

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One issue that was brought up by Steve Laidlaw is the tendency of traffic lights to be insensitive to cyclists, if they are set to stay red until cars trip the light change cycle. Steve expressed the hope that the lights would be adjusted to be sensitive to the presence of cyclists at the intersections, so they won't have to dismount and go press the pedestrian button. It was suggested that anyone finding an "insensitive" light should contact 311, and let Nelson know about it, so that he has a record.

A particularly difficult intersection is found at Central Park Drive and Clark Boulevard. Nelson suggested having a BCAC workshop, to figure out the best treatment for the bike lanes at that location.

Glenvale-Finchgate: Lisa commended David Laing's video audit of the traffic at 7:55 AM, to see what might be expected in congestion, with two car lanes removed for bike lanes. The traffic was light.

Nelson commented that a parking lane will be able to be accommodated on Glenvale. There was discussion of where the bike lanes will go in relation to parking, on Glenvale, for example. Nelson will find out what the new version of Cycling Book 18 will have as a policy.

Clark Blvd.: No cycling infrastructure is planned for this year, but may happen in 2022. The planned extension of Clark Blvd., from Rutherford to Kennedy Rd. will be designed to be a complete street. The rest of Clark will need a feasibility study to decide on its cycling infrastructure. It was suggested that BCAC request a cycle track on Clark, as it is an east-west arterial road.

Finchgate Blvd. already has no parking or stopping on the east side, due to the presence of Georges Vanier School. The implementation of parking fees in the Finchgate Medical Centre has added pressure to streets nearby, as people try to avoid paying to park.

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Share the Road Bike-Friendly Community Application for Silver

Nelson reminded attendees that Brampton received the Bronze Award in 2018, after a lot of work done by the City of Brampton Active Transportation team, BCAC, and Bike Brampton. A very thorough application was submitted.

As a reminder, the four Es, which are used as criteria for giving the awards, are:

Education - Engineering - Encouragement - Evaluation and planning

As the BFC application period opens in June, and October 8 is the deadline for submission, it was agreed that it will be possible to make an application this year, and that Brampton has ample evidence to meet the criteria to move from Bronze to Silver.

Nelson will put the application for Silver Award on the agenda for the next official meeting of BCAC, on June 15.

Share the Road Wheels of Change Awards

It was suggested that BCAC nominate a community champion, and the name of Cllr. Rowena Santos came up. Polly will put it on the agenda for the June 15 meeting as well.

Bike Month

Nelson submitted a request to Council to have a Council Proclamation that June is Bike Month, at the June 2 Council meeting. Polly volunteered to delegate to Council, in support of Bike Month, and Dayle volunteered to help with slides for the presentation.

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Pedal Poll

Dayle and David reviewed the new Vélo Canada Bikes bike counting project to take place in two-hour time commitments, between June 1 and 6. An app is to be downloaded onto participants' phones, and they will have access to a training on May 25.

The website is <https://www.canadabikes.org/pedalpoll/getinvolved/>

and the time slots are as follows:

For those who don't have compatible phones, a manual option should be available.

Those who volunteered to participate, and their locations, are:

Polly Thornham	Glenvale/Finchgate and Queen St. E.
Dayle Laing	Etobicoke Creek Trail, and other locations
Lisa Stokes	Guru Nanak/Peter Robertson and Dixie
Alina Grzejszczak	Kennedy and Queen
Cllr. Santos	Kennedy and Vodden

Others are encouraged to sign up on the Vélo Canada Bikes website and participate in the Pedal Poll in the first week of June.

Here is Vélo Canada Bikes' proposal for a National Cycling Strategy:

<https://www.canadabikes.org/wp-content/uploads/2016/04/TowardsABikeFriendlyCanadaWithBleeds.pdf>

Cllr. Santos commented at the end of the meeting that she has been receiving positive comments while riding her bike to work at City Hall, from staff and other

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councillors. She has been providing a positive role model, and was thanked for her leadership in championing AT.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.