



Minutes

Cycling Advisory Committee

The Corporation of the City of Brampton

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Members Present: Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair)
Pauline Thornham (Co-Chair)
Alina Grzejszczak
Stephen Laidlaw
Dayle Laing
Barry Lavallee
Eric Lister
Regional Councillor Rowena Santos

Members Absent: Leslie Benfield
Laura Bowman
Rani Gill
Patrick McLeavey
Remi Parent
Antonio Pinheiro

Staff Present: Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator

1. **Call to Order**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. and adjourned at 9:05 p.m.

As this meeting of the Cycling Advisory Committee was conducted with electronic participation by Members of the Committee, the meeting started with the City Clerk calling the roll for attendance at the meeting, as follows:

Members present during roll call: Pauline Thornham (Co-Chair), Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair), Stephen Laidlaw, Barry Lavalley, Alina Grzejszczak, Regional Councillor Rowena Santos, Laura Bowman, Leslie Benfield, Dayle Laing, Eric Lister, .

Members absent during roll call: Remi Parent; Patrick McLeavey; Tony Pinheiro; Rani Gill

2. **Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

CYC026-2022

That the agenda for the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of August 18, 2022, be approved as published and circulated.

Carried

3. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act**

Nil

4. **Previous Minutes**

The minutes were considered by Planning and Development Committee on August 22, 2022, and are pending approval by Council on September 14, 2022. The minutes were provided for Committee's information.

5. **Presentations / Delegations**

- 5.1 Presentation by Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair, re: Brampton Cycling Infrastructure Improvements

Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair, provided a detailed overview of the Brampton Cycling Infrastructure Improvements, which included Committee achievements, outstanding areas of concern and provided possible solutions. Ms. Stokes placed the following motions on the floor for Committee consideration, which were voted on separately, and carried:

Motion 1:

That the presentation from Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair re: **Brampton Cycling Infrastructure Improvements**, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of August 18, 2022, be received.

Motion 2:

Whereas the crossride signal timing at Region of Peel and Province of Ontario jurisdictions in Brampton is coordinated to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green, and

Whereas the pilot crossride at Sandalwood Parkway and Pinecone Way has been shown to be dangerous, and

Whereas the crossrides on Countryside Drive are coordinated to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green, and

Whereas the crossride signal timing in Toronto is coordinated to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee, that City Council direct staff to review bicycle signals timing in consideration of updating City crossrides to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green to improve safety and consistency within Brampton and with our geographic neighbor.

Motion 3:

Whereas parking in bike lanes is a significant issue which will require education and enforcement to address, working across departments,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that a subcommittee be established in the new term of Council 2022 - 2026 that will work with appropriate staff to determine steps to address parking in bike lanes which could include, but not be limited to, design and delivery of education, and advice on possible enforcement strategies.

Motion 4:

Whereas there are bike lanes in Brampton that have not been added to bylaw 93-93; and,

Whereas Bylaw Enforcement may not ticket vehicles parked in bikes lanes that are not listed in the bylaw; and,

Whereas this creates a dangerous and disincentivizing situation for cyclists,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that Council direct staff to update the bylaw, and to ensure that as bike lanes are constructed in future that there is a process in place to ensure that the bylaw is updated.

Motion 5:

Whereas asphalt paths are now recognized as an important part of our active transportation system and will be allowed in stormwater management and naturalized areas; and,

Whereas two significant active transportation corridors run through the park - Mount Pleasant and Flower City Recreational Trails; and,

Whereas some multi use trails in the park are unpaved, have flooded regularly since the park opened, and are currently closed due to permanent flooding even with no recent rainfall; and,

Whereas unpaved paths do not reconceive winter maintenance and citizens should be able to safely engage in Active Transportation year round; and,

Whereas this creates an accessibility issue for people pushing strollers, using wheelchairs, or who are insecure on less than ideal surfaces, as well as, for cyclists; and,

Whereas the Province passed Bill 197 which allows municipalities to use the Development Charges regime as well as the Community Benefits Charges framework for cycling infrastructure,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that Council direct staff to immediately repair the flooded and closed path, and budget to upgrade the paths to asphalt in the next budget cycle

Motion 6:

The Cycling Advisory Committee nominates a member to delegate to Region of Peel Council on the importance of protecting cyclists and pedestrians in Regional intersections with high quality infrastructure.

The following motions were considered.

CYC027-2022

That the presentation from Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair re: **Brampton Cycling Infrastructure Improvements**, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of August 18, 2022, be received.

Carried

CYC028-2022

Whereas the crossride signal timing at Region of Peel and Province of Ontario jurisdictions in Brampton is coordinated to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green, and

Whereas the pilot crossride at Sandalwood Parkway and Pinecone Way has been shown to be dangerous, and

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That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee, that City Council direct staff to review bicycle signals timing in consideration of updating City crossrides to change to green, without pushing a button, when motor vehicle traffic signals turn green to improve safety and consistency within Brampton and with our geographic neighbor.

Carried

CYC029-2022

Whereas parking in bike lanes is a significant issue which will require education and enforcement to address, working across departments,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that a subcommittee be established in the new term of Council 2022 - 2026 that will work with appropriate staff to determine steps to address parking in bike lanes which could include, but not be limited to, design and delivery of education, and advice on possible enforcement strategies.

Carried

CYC030-2022

Whereas there are bike lanes in Brampton that have not been added to bylaw 93-93, and

Whereas Bylaw Enforcement may not ticket vehicles parked in bikes lanes that are not listed in the bylaw, and,

Whereas this creates a dangerous and disincentivizing situation for cyclists,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that Council direct staff to update the bylaw, and to ensure that as bike lanes are constructed in future that there is a process in place to ensure that the bylaw is updated.

Carried

CYC031-2022

Whereas asphalt paths are now recognized as an important part of our active transportation system and will be allowed in stormwater management and naturalized areas; and,

Whereas two significant active transportation corridors run through the park - Mount Pleasant and Flower City Recreational Trails; and,

Whereas some multi use trails in the park are unpaved, have flooded regularly since the park opened, and are currently closed due to permanent flooding even with no recent rainfall; and,

Whereas unpaved paths do not reconceive winter maintenance and citizens should be able to safely engage in Active Transportation year round; and,

Whereas this creates an accessibility issue for people pushing strollers, using wheelchairs, or who are insecure on less than ideal surfaces, as well as, for cyclists; and,

Whereas the Province passed Bill 197 which allows municipalities to use the Development Charges regime as well as the Community Benefits Charges framework for cycling infrastructure; and,

That, it is the position of the Cycling Advisory Committee that Council direct staff to immediately repair the flooded and closed path, and budget to upgrade the paths to asphalt in the next budget cycle

Carried

CYC032-2022

The Cycling Advisory Committee nominate a Committee member to delegate to Region of Peel Council on the importance of protecting cyclists and pedestrians at Regional intersections with high quality infrastructure.

Carried

- 5.2 Presentation by Rowaidah Chaudhry, Transportation Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management re: Compliance Issues with Right Turning Vehicles

Rowaidah Chaudhry, Transportation Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management, provided a detailed overview on the subject matter and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Growth Management advised that compliance issues with right turning vehicles was identified as a pilot project several months ago.

The following motion was considered.

CYC033-2022

That the presentation from Rowaidah Chaudhry, Transportation Planner, Planning, Building and Growth Management re: **Compliance Issues with Right Turning Vehicles**, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of August 18, 2022, be received.

Carried

6. Reports / Updates

- 6.1 Discussion re: Crossride Pilot At Sandalwood And Pinecone And Response From Staff To The Request That City Crossride Programming Be Aligned With Regional And Provincial

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Growth Management provided an overview of the subject matter and encouraged Committee members to attend a half day on-site meeting being held on September 7, 2022 with Road Operations staff.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Outlined several intersections of concern along Conestoga Drive.
- Clarification that the signal timing is based on user roles (pedestrian, cyclist or vehicle). Intersections are programmed to adjust the signal timing according to the user.
- Advised that Brampton residents can report concerns relating to signal timing at intersections to 311.
- Concerns that there is a lack of consistency with crossroad intersections.
- Expressed that designers must recognize that cycling is a method of transportation based on momentum.
- Staff clarified that every form of mobility is dependent on momentum. The approach the City of Brampton is taking is a complete approach that considers all modes of transportation.

6.2 Discussion re: The Status of New and Remaining 2021 Bike Lane Construction

Nelson Cadete, Project Manager, Active Transportation, Planning, Building and Growth Management provided an update on the subject matter, and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Question regarding the start of construction and permanent design of Vodden Street.
- Outlined construction on a number of streets has been completed and are without the bike lanes painted.

6.3 Verbal update by Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair, re: 2022 Community Rides

Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair, provided an update on the 2022 Community Rides, and responded to questions of clarification from Committee.

Committee discussion on this matter included the following:

- Expressed turnout numbers could be higher.
- Suggested post cards be included in the Bike The Creek participant bags that are distributed upon registration.
- Suggestion to expand the poster program to include libraries along with all the recreation centers.

The following motion was considered.

CYC034-2022

That the verbal update from Lisa Stokes, Co-Chair, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of August 18, 2022, re: **2022 Community Rides**, be received.

Carried

7. Other/New Business / Information Items

Nil

8. Correspondence

Nil

9. Question Period

Nil

10. Public Question Period

Staff responded to questions from David Laing, Brampton Resident, regarding the following:

- The role of Risk Management regarding signal timing at intersections.
- What can the Committee do to assist with providing further education to Risk Management staff.
- Increasing the level of awareness regarding bike lanes with it possibly leading to public marketing campaign.

At 8:59 p.m. in accordance with the Procedure By-law 160-2004, as amended, the Committee quorum was lost.

The following members were present at 9:00 p.m.

Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair)
Pauline Thornham (Co-Chair)
Stephen Laidlaw
Dayle Laing
Barry Lavallee

Eric Lister
Regional Councillor Rowena Santos (not counted for quorum)

Members Absent:

Leslie Benfield
Laura Bowman
Rani Gill
Alina Grzejszczak
Patrick McLeavey
Remi Parent
Antonio Pinheiro

11. Adjournment

The meeting was concluded at 9:05 p.m., without quorum.

Pauline Thornham (Co-Chair)

Lisa Stokes (Co-Chair)