



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2019
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Don Hamilton, Deputy Mayor
Elisabeth Tan
Anthony Ko
Steve Glassman
Gordon Lawson
Gerry Shaw
Janet Jones

Guest:

Cheryl Ficker

Regrets:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Alan Ho, Ward Councillor
Paul Salvo
Zain Khan
Daniel Yeung

Staff:

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Karen Ho Tom, Committee Clerk

Agencies:

Barry Martin, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Reena Mistry, YRDSB & YRCSB

Regrets:

Darryl Young, York Region

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:10 p.m. with Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair, presiding as Chair.

Clerk's note: *Quorum was met at 7:43pm. Minutes follow the order of Agenda however, due to late establishment of quorum, the chronological content order of the meeting was changed – refer to item 2.*

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Due to the lack of quorum, Peter moved Agenda items as follows:

- 6.7 before item 1;
- 8.1 before item 4; and
- 7.2 before item 6.

See Clerk's Note that quorum was established at 7:43pm.

3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS AND CPAC wiki

No comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE Meeting held on MARCH 21, 2019

Moved by Don Hamilton
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the minutes from March 21, 2019 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting was reviewed and approved.

Carried

5. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

6.1 Age-Friendly Streets & Community

Deferred to next meeting.

6.2 Improving Wayfinding on Rouge Valley Trail

Peter Miasek mentioned that an email regarding the lack of signage along the Rouge Valley Trail was sent to City staff few weeks ago. Staff reported a signage plan is under development and the signage will be installed once the trail is completed. Staff also mentioned that the bridges, through Milne Park, are expected to be opened by mid-Summer.

Also, Barry Martin suggested various ways where the Trail could be improved such as: tactile map, aromatic planting, designate picnic tablets for wheel-chair users and seniors, rubber mat close to water and etc. It was suggested that Barry to prepare information and put together a motion for Committee to review at the next meeting.

6.3 CPAC Presentation to DSC on April 15

Peter reported that the CPAC 2018 Review and 2019 Business Plan was presented to DSC on April 15. There were discussions about the trails, routes, school programs, e-bikes, protected

bike lanes and more. He felt that there was a general enthusiasm towards CPAC and all the programs the Committee is undertaking.

6.4 Arterial Road Widening Updates

Steve Glassman mentioned that he has approached the Region and there is no further update at this time.

6.5 York Region Updates

Staff reported that 2019 plans for Highway 7 Cycle Track Flexible Post Pilot Project are under review by senior management.

York Region has proposed 9 locations for Bicycle Counters for 2019 in Markham. Members requested that staff obtain results from 2017 and 2018 counters in Markham.

6.6 Accessibility Discussion

Refer to Item 6.2

6.7 Road Safety Plan RFQ – Vision Zero

CPAC discussed the importance to incorporate Vision Zero as part of the Road Safety Audit Study which will be carried out later this year. City staff is developing the Terms of Reference for the work, and CPAC requested that a 2-hour starter workshop be included as part of the scope of work. The intent is to educate and create a vision of road safety in Markham.

There was also discussion that York Region is in agreement with the principle of Vision Zero. It is anticipated that York Region will release the collision data (motorist, pedestrians, cyclists) in June, and the Traveller's Safety Report in Fall.

7. STANDING ITEMS & ONGOING PROJECTS

7.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates

Staff reported on the status of a few on-going projects including John St. MUP, Green Lane Road Diet Pilot, Sidewalk Completion Program, MUP Pavement Marking & Cross-ride Design on Markham Road.

7.2 School Programs & Pilots - Update

Reena Mistry provided an update on the school pilot program. Since September 2018, the School Boards have been working with 8 designated Markham schools to promote walking and cycling to/from school. Today, the first "kick-off" event was held at one of the elementary schools, with more to come in the next 2 weeks.

Reena also mentioned that the application for the Active Travel to School grant has been approved but the budget is still under review.

7.3 Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) - Updates

Staff mentioned that Open House is schedule on April 25th at Civic Centre, all are welcome. Members are also encouraged to complete a public survey at www.yourvoicemarkham.ca.

7.4 Reports to Council

Staff announced two upcoming DSC Reports - Sidewalk Network Completion Program & Green Lane Road Pilot Project – where date is tentatively scheduled for June 10.

7.5 EA Updates

Staff shared public information sessions of 3 upcoming EA Projects, including Highway 404 North Collector Roads, McCowan Road EA and Red Cedar/Cedar Ave.

7.6 Markham Cycling Day

No update.

7.7 Cycling Gaps Committee Update

No update.

8. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

8.1 CPAC Membership

It was announced that Bob Evans submitted a letter of resignation to the Mayor on March 2nd 2019. The Committee thanked Bob for his time and service.

Staff reported the interviews of candidates are put on hold until an Advisory Committee update report goes before General Committee on April 23rd. The report suggested that CPAC to remain during new term of Council and the interview process is anticipated to proceed after April 23rd.

8.2 TCAT Markham Cycling Hub Project

Steve Glassman and Anthony Ko, the CPAC representatives of this Project, announced that a site visit will be arranged in May. More updates will be provided after that meeting.

8. Any Other Business

Guest, Cheryl Ficker, presented her concerns with the many collisions and near-fatalities at the intersection of Kennedy and Bridle Walk Trail. She witnessed 3 incidents at this

intersection on April 17, 2019, one of which involved school children. Regional staff has been contacted, and they will investigate and respond back.

There was discussion that, in addition to the existing flashing signs and red-light camera, other enhancement could be considered including neon road markings, more signage of red-light camera, PXO, lane narrowing on Kennedy or rumble strips on the lane markings to mitigate these incidents.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Age-Friendly Streets & Community Presentation - deferral
- Accessibility motion proposal including information and resources by Barry
- School programs funding update
- CPAC membership update
- Markham Cycling Hub Project update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:06 PM.