



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2019
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Elisabeth Tan
Steve Glassman
Anthony Ko
Paul Salvo
Councillor Ward 8, Isa Lee
Colin Cassar – New Member
Doug Wolfe – New Member
Amit Arora – New Member
Jozsef Zerczi – New Member

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:

Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton
Councillor Ward 3, Reid McAlpine
Gordon Lawson
Gerry Shaw
Daniel Yeung
Zain Khan

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:09 p.m. with David Rawcliffe, presiding as Chair.

Chair announced and welcomed 5 newly appointed members to the Committee. 4 of the new members attended this meeting, including Colin Cassar, Doug Wolfe, Amit Arora and Jozsef Zerczi. Staff to share google wiki link with new members.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

Clerk announced that Conflict disclosures must be in writing pursuant to Committee Rules prior to meeting.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS OF AGENDA

Agenda be accepted, with the addition of Item 6.2.

3. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON November 21, 2019

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Steve Glassman

That the minutes from November 21, 2019 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

None.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 Areas of Concern (3)

Staff provided updates of three (3) areas of concern that were brought to their attention recently.

A. Bill Crothers and Enterprise

There are currently 50 to 150 students from Bill Crothers S.S. who are crossing Enterprise Road at mid-block to get to/from school. The situation is most prominent in the afternoon where parents park and pick-up at the PanAm Centre parking lot south of Enterprise Road.

There was discussions around crossing guards, transit stops on YMCA Blvd, signage, speed reduction, PXOs and a pending development application that would include a traffic signal at the discussed location.

Staff will review all options through a detailed analysis, and will report back.

B. Unionville Main Street and Highway 7

The bike lanes on Unionville Main Street currently runs from Enterprise Blvd to Highway 7, with no connectivity north of Highway 7. Due to this disconnection, York Region will not install any cycling pavement marking through the intersection due to safety concerns.

The Committee suggested designating Unionville Main St (north of Hwy7) a shared bike lane as a receiving bicycle facility, with potentially reducing speed limit to 30 kph and adding more signage. Staff to review recommendation with York Region.

C. Southdale Drive and McCowan Road

There is concern at the intersection and left-turns due to the plaza on the west side of McCowan Road. Staff suggested that the intersection is being reviewed by York Region through the McCowan EA Study.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ONGOING PROJECTS

6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates

Staff reported that the sidewalk program will be implemented within the next 2 years. All information related to the sidewalk program is made available to the public on the Markham website, which will be launched by end of December.

6.2 School Program and Pilots

Reena Mistry reported that she is working with Peter Miasek and York Region on developing a program to fund bike racks for schools. This is similar to the bike rack program currently in place at Peel Region. There was a meeting with York Region on December 10 and York Region was supportive of the program. It is anticipated for the program to take place in 2021.

6.5 E.A. - Updates

Staff reported on Kennedy Road EA Study and that Staff provided written comment to York Region requesting separated pedestrian and cycling facilities on Kennedy Road where possible.

6.9 Pedestrian and Cycling Safety

Elisabeth Tan introduced the Road-widening and Vision Zero Subcommittee to new members. It was suggested that the issues and discussions related to road-widening and vision zero should be kept separated. The Chair mentioned having a motion, if necessary, for discussion at the next meeting.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Winter Trail Maintenance Pilot

Staff shared an item that was presented to Council on November 18 related to trail winter maintenance. Based on public survey results, Council directed staff to identify potential opportunities and risks for a pathway maintenance pilot by winter of 2020-2021. Staff is currently working with Operations staff and School Board to review possible pathway and trail locations throughout Markham.

These were discussions around trail surface and pathway for commute and leisure. Staff encouraged Committee members to provide suggestions for Staff's reviews.

7.2 Intersection Signalization – Prioritization and List

Staff shared a list of 13 intersections that would warrant signalization. Staff intends to complete one intersection per year, but will work with local Councilors to confirm. Committee members are to review list and provide comments to Staff.

7.3 Traffic Signal Progression Corridor

Staff provided an update on traffic signal synchronization along the Denison Road (Markham Rd to Woodbine) and Markham Road (Highway 7 to Major Mac) corridors, except York Region intersections, to create a "green wave". This aims to improve traffic flow and reduce driver impatience and potential accidents when traffic flow is optimized. It was also noted that congestion on Markham Rd (Hwy 7 to Bullock) due to left turns is an issue.

7.4 Special DSC Meeting on Transportation

Staff announced that the Special DSC Meeting on Transportation is scheduled on January 22nd at 9am. The meeting is aimed to address planning, growth and strategies on road widenings. Ian Lockwood is invited as a guest speaker, as well as staff from York Region and City of Markham, to present different views on road widenings. CPAC members are invited to attend.

7.5 E-Scooter Pilot in Ontario

Staff announced the Ministry of Transportation recently announced a 5-year electric scooter pilot framework in Ontario starting January 1 2020. City staff will continue to monitor and participate in discussions with other GTAH municipalities as it progresses, and will update CPAC/Council where necessary. York Region staff is taking a report to Regional Council in January.

7.5 2020 AT/CPAC Workplan

Staff reviewed the 2019 CPAC Budget and discussed CPAC workplan for 2020. Staff to distribute the annual business plan to all members for review.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- New Year / Holiday Celebration – celebration is at 6pm, and meeting starts at 7pm as usual
- York Region Updates: Bike Share study
- New members and Chair/Vice-Chair Elections

ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:01 P.M.