



## CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, JULY 16, 2020  
ZOOM MEETING

### MINUTES

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#### **Attendance**

##### **Committee:**

David Rawcliffe, Chair  
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair  
Amit Arora  
Jozsef Zerczi  
Paul Salvo  
Gordon Lawson  
Steve Glassman  
Anthony Ko  
Elisabeth Tan  
Doug Wolfe  
Deputy Mayor, Don Hamilton  
Councillor Ward 3, Reid McAlpine  
Councillor Ward 8, Isa Lee

##### **Staff:**

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation  
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation  
David Porretta, Manager of Traffic Engineering  
Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

##### **Regrets:**

Barry Martin, Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Daniel Yeung  
Zain Khan  
Gerry Shaw  
Colin Cassar

##### **Agencies:**

Reena Mistry, YRDSB and YRCDSB  
Diana Kakamousias, York Region

The Cycling & Pedestrian Committee convened at 7:03 PM with David Rawcliffe in the Chair.

#### **1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of conflict of interests.

#### **2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATION OF THE AGENDA**

The agenda was modified to add a moment of silence for pedestrians or cyclists that have been injured or killed in a traffic related collision.

The Committee *took* a moment of silence to remember the pedestrians and cyclists that have been injured or killed in a traffic related incident. In the 2015 -2017 period (last three year period with collision statistics available to CPAC), there was an average of 150 such incidents per year on local and regional roads, for an average of roughly one every second day.

It was noted that the Committee’s goal is to encourage and make cycling and pedestrian movements safer in Markham.

**3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM PREVIOUS MEETING**

3.1 Minutes from February 20, 2020

Committee reviewed the February 20, 2020, Cycling & Pedestrian Committee Minutes.

Moved by Peter Miasek  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton

That the minutes of February 20, 2020 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

**Carried**

3.2 Project Summary Table from June 18, 2020

Committee reviewed the Project Summary Table date June 18, 2020. There was no discussion.

**4. ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION SAFETY**

4.1 Update on City-Wide Road Safety Planning

City staff provided an overview and update on the City-Wide Road Safety Planning. Staff are currently completing the Traffic Safety Analysis of the Network Safety Audit. The audit results are scheduled to be presented to the Development Services Committee in the fall. A 2021 capital budget request has been submitted for the Road Safety Plan. Staff shared an outline of the Road Safety Plan Terms of Reference with the Committee.

There was a question on whether the audit would include a comparison of traffic safety data with peer municipalities. City staff advised that they are comparing traffic safety data with other municipalities, and will confirm if policies will also be reviewed.

4.2 Status of Safety & Education Awareness Campaign

Staff advised that the City’s Corporate Communications Department is in the process of creating a Safety & Education Awareness Campaign. The campaign will be implemented in collaboration with York Region and York Region Police in order to ensure consistent messaging. The key messages of the campaign will highlight:

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- Bicycles having proper safety equipment and cyclist knowing how to use them;
- Cyclist and pedestrians sharing the City's multi-use pathways;
- Cyclist following the "rules of the road".

The campaign is aimed to launch in late August or September 2020. Social media, and site specific mobile signs will be the main tools to be used. Information on the City's website regarding cycling and pedestrian safety will also be updated accordingly.

There was a suggestion that the campaign material should be multilingual, and have targeted messaging for different age groups. The campaign should include some printed material for residents that may not be tech savvy.

#### 4.3 Potential Pilots & Quick Actions

Peter Miasek presented a list of 22 potential pilot projects that could be undertaken to improve road safety for vulnerable road users in Markham. Due to time limit, the Committee only discussed the first 9 items, including traffic display signs, unwarranted stop signs, double edge lines, rumble strips, roundabouts, and public education signs.

A small subcommittee will be formed to help staff review the reminder of the pilot projects, and will report back once the review is completed.

#### 4.5 Notice of Suggested Motion

The Committee revised the draft motion, and will include the list of potential pilot project (as discussed in 4.3) as an appendix to the motion.

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Steven Glassman

Whereas cycling and walking has greatly increased in Markham, due to the COVID-19 pandemic and reduction in transit services.

Whereas City of Markham has implemented several new programs and pilots to encourage cycling and walking and to support local businesses (i.e. temporary road closures on Unionville Main Street and Enterprise Blvd., Markham Cycles More campaign with TCAT).

Whereas automobile speeding has increased with the reduction in vehicular traffic.

Whereas there has been a spate of highly publicized collisions involving cyclists.

Whereas a road safety audit is expected in Fall 2020 and testing of early actions will be beneficial.

Whereas vulnerable user road safety is closely related to traffic calming, which is a persistent issue in Markham (e.g. discussion at DSC Feb 24, 2020).

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Whereas discussion at DSC June 22, 2020 included inquiries as to potential opportunities to expedite public safety.

**Therefore be it resolved that CPAC recommends to Council that staff be asked, within existing budgets, to expedite the study and implementation of low cost initiatives to improve vulnerable user road safety including potential actions such as speed limit reduction and other ideas and quick pilots as appended (see “Appendix A”).**

**Carried**

There was discussion after the motion regarding shortening the list of pilot projects. Deputy Mayor Hamilton suggested that a short list of 2 to 3 projects be prioritized to improve the likelihood that they will be implemented within available budgets.

## **5. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

### **5.1 ATMP Workshop**

City staff reminded the Committee that a virtual CPAC workshop for the Active Transportation Master Plan is scheduled on Tuesday July 21 at 1:30pm. Meeting agenda and material will be circulated prior to the workshop.

### **5.2 Next Meeting Date**

Committee agreed to schedule a formal meeting on August 6, 2020 at 7:00 PM. The primary purpose is to approve the minutes from this meeting so that the motion passed can be brought forward to the Development Services Committee for its consideration.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:18 PM.

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## Appendix A

### List of Potential Pilots and Quick Actions to Improve Active Transportation Safety in Markham

- 1. Reduce speed limit to 30 km per hour on key local roads or neighbourhoods**
2. Deploy more speed displays
3. Deploy more unwarranted stop signs
4. Install buffered edge lines or bike lanes (as per Village Parkway)
- 5. Install candlestick bollards in strategic locations where parking is not present**
6. Deploy median speed limit sign across City as in school zones today
7. Install longitudinal rumble strip on edge lines or bike lane lines
8. Install mini Traffic Circle as per Pittsburgh
9. Add more bike routes (green signs)
10. Road Diet (4 lanes to 3+2 buffered bike lanes)
11. Add more warning signage
12. Paint bolder crosswalks (Zebra)
13. Pedestrian cross-overs (PXO) – various types
14. Install Automated Speed Enforcement (Photo Radar) in Community Safety Zones on Regional Roads
15. Install red light cameras on non-regional road intersections
16. Remove remaining traffic calming blisters and wavy edge lines (Royal Orchard?)
17. Rubber speed bumps/speed cushions pilot (seasonal)
18. Install raised intersections or speed bumps
19. Install raised centre medians (brick)?
20. Install curb extensions at corners
21. Expand sidewalk completion program
22. Convert road surface to bumpy brick
- 23. Signal light changes, eg pedestrian head start, no right turn on a red**
24. Install transverse vehicle deflectors (diagonal barriers)

**Note:** At the August 6, 2020 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting the Committee recommended that Staff prioritize the further study of Nos. 1, 5, and 23 listed above.

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