



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020
ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Attendance

Committee:

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

Staff:

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Laura Gold, Committee Clerk

Agency:

Barry Martin, Accessibility Advisory Committee
Reena Mistry, YRDSB and YCDSB
Sari Liem, York Region Public Health

Regrets:

Gerry Shaw
Zain Khan
Paul Salvo
Mauricio Martinez
Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation

The Cycling & Pedestrian Committee convened at 7:05 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

Peter Miasek suggested adding “Detailed Design of the Intersection at 16th Avenue and Warden and at Kennedy” to the agenda.

Also, Reena Mistry advised that Kathryn Shaw-Edmond from the York Region District School Board will be replacing her as the School Board Representative, effective the next meeting, as she will be going on maternity leave.

3. Review of the Minutes: September 17, 2020

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Councillor Reid McAlpine

That the Minutes from the September 17, 2020, Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved as presented.

Carried

4. Pertinent Information From Guest Speakers

There were no guest speakers at the meeting.

5. Business Arising From Last Meeting

5.1 CPAC Program & Projects for 2021

Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair presented ideas for the “CPAC Programs and Projects for 2021”. As a reference, the list of projects and programs that CPAC is involved with or tracking as of June was presented. This list was reviewed at the CPAC meeting in July. The 2021 plan is largely to keep working on these items. The plan is typically presented to the Development Services Committee to keep Council informed of the Committee’s activities. The 2021 plan was presented to the Development Services Committee in May 2020.

The Committee suggested the following projects should be focused on in 2021:

- Road Safety/Vision Zero
- Bike Sharing
- Markham’s Cycling Network

Committee provided permission to Peter Miasek, Stephen Glassman, and Councillor Reid McAlpine to initiate discussion with Toronto Parking Authority and explore interests in operating in Markham. The Committee created the Bike Sharing Sub-Committee with the following Members were appointed to the Sub-Committee, with other CPAC members welcome to join:

- Peter Miasek, Chair
- Steven Glassman
- Councillor Reid McAlpine

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Stephen Glassman

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Committee provided permission to Peter Miasek, Steven Glassman, and Councillor Reid McAlpine to reach out to bike share providers to explore their interest in servicing specified areas of Markham.

Carried

Committee briefly discussed temporary biking facilities. Staff advised that a Report to Council on “Temporary Active Transportation Facilities related to COVID 19” will be brought forward to the Development Services Committee in November. The consideration of Open Street component for 2021 maybe suggested in this report. Staff will continue to work with CPAC to explore future opportunities.

There was also a comment that the project list details appear outdated. Peter will work with City Staff to review the table, and will circulate to the Committee once it’s updated.

6. Standing Items & On-Going Projects

6.9 Pedestrian & Cycling Safety Measures

a) SEPT 29 DSC Meeting Recap

Committee discussed the September 29, 2020 “Road Safety Update – Traffic Safety Audit Results” Report. The resolution was passed by Council without comment at its October 14, 2020 meeting. The Committee supported the Council resolution.

Staff advised that the resolution provides staff with the authority to proceed with the Road Safety Plan, but it does not provide the timeframe or funds to support the project. A 2021 Road Safety Plan budget request will be submitted. Projects that do not involve major expenditures will be done first. The City hopes to pilot the 30 km per hour on select City streets.

It was noted that the Unionville Business Improvement Area passed a motion at its October meeting recommending to Council that the speed limit on Main Street Unionville remain at 30 km per hour permanently.

The Committee created the Vision Zero Sub-Committee to study and prepare a background paper on the Vision Zero initiative. The following Members were appointed to the Sub-Committee, with other CPAC members welcome to join:

- Steven Glassman, Chair
- Doug Wolfe
- Elisabeth Tan

b) Safety Education & Awareness Campaign

Loy Cheah provided an update on the City's Safety Education & Awareness Campaign. The Social media content to be used in the campaign was displayed to the Committee. The campaign will run on an annual basis. He also mentioned the urban loops were promoted in the local paper in August, as well as a school campaign was launched in September under www.markham.ca/backtoschool.

Reena Mistry inquired if a link to the School Board's Active Transportation Safety Guidelines could be linked to the social media content being used in the campaign. It was noted that school pathways should be plowed in the winter months to support the active transportation to schools initiative, and to provide clear messaging to residents that both the City and the School Boards support the initiative.

Anthony Ko advised that the Senior's Advisory Committee has expressed concern regarding seniors and cyclists sharing multi-use pathways. Mr. Ko will report back to the Committee that the City is running a Safety Education & Awareness Campaign to help address safety concerns regarding cyclist and pedestrians (including seniors) sharing multi-use pathways.

The Committee created the Shared Path Sub-Committee to explore shared facilities, such as multi-use pathways, versus facilities where cyclists and walkers are separated, such as cycle tracks + sidewalks. . The Sub-Committee is comprised of the following Members, with other CPAC members welcome to join:

- David Rawcliffe, chair
- Peter Miasek
- Elisabeth Tan
- Anthony Ko
- Amit Arora

c) Warden/Kennedy & 16th Ave. Intersections

Peter Miasek provided an update on the 16th Ave. EA detailed design and noted that it is now a good opportunity to consider protected intersection design at Warden and at Kennedy.

The Committee provided permission to Peter Miasek to write a letter, on behalf of CPAC, to York Region inquiring protected intersection design for intersections at 16th Avenue and Warden, and at the intersection of 16th Avenue and Kennedy Road (intersections that scheduled to be re-constructed).

7. Info Item/ New Business/ Announcements

7.1 Denison Street and Kennedy Road - Road Under Rail Crossings Under Discussion

The Committee discussed the Denison Street Grade Separation project. The Committee is concerned that, based on the current drawing, only a 2m sidewalk is provided without any cycling connection for section under the rail track..

Staff advised that Metrolinx will only include and re-build elements that are in the existing condition. The Denison St. currently only has sidewalk but not MUP. The City would have to contribute to the cost of widening the bridge structure, as it is considered an enhancement to the project, and it's very expensive.

City Staff is still in discussion with Metrolinx to consider a wider sidewalk (i.e. 2.5m) to provide some level of cycling continuity on Denison Street. There could be opportunities to put up MUP signage in the future where it is safe and appropriate.

There is also the Kennedy Rd crossing just south of Denison. York Region is completing an EA on Kennedy Rd. They are negotiating with Metrolinx on the Active Transportation facilities at the crossing.

7.2 Resignation of Gord Lawson

The Chair advised that Gordon Lawson resigned from the Committee. Committee recognized and thanked Mr. Lawson for his service to the Committee.

7.3 Carlton Road Cyclist Fatality Report

Councillor McAlpine provided an update on the police investigation, and it suggested that the fatality was driver error and discounted road condition. Staff also advised that they attended the York Region Police (YRP) Fatal Collision Review meeting in October. YRP provided more details on the incident. The final report will be released in November, but will remain confidential, as the case is being deliberated in court.

7.4 Winter Trail Maintenance Pilot

Staff advised that the City (Operation's Department) will plow one trail per Ward, and one trail in Milne Dam Conservation this winter, as part of a pilot project. Only the paved section of the pathways will be plowed. Councillor Reid McAlpine will share the list of trails that will be plowed this winter once the information is available.

7.5 2021 Markham Budget Update

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager of Transportation advised that staff have been directed to only submit budget requests for projects that can be completed with existing staff resources for 2021. Projects that are not required in 2021 are being deferred due to budget constraints. For example, the Multi

Use Pathway Cross-Ride construction on Markham Road is being deferred, but will be brought back in the future. The 2021 Budget is being brought forward in two Phases – I and II.

Staff advised that are trying to maximize external funding sources that are available, but projects cannot proceed until grant application guidelines are known.

7.6 Federal COVID Resiliency

Peter Miasek reported that the 3 billion dollars of Federal COVID Resiliency Funds will only be made available once bilateral agreements are signed between the Provinces and the Federal Government. Municipalities will then be able to apply for funds through their Provincial Government. Mr. Miasek will continue to provide the Committee with updates.

8. Agenda Items for the Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be held on November 19, 2020.

9. Adjournment

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM