



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, JANUARY 21, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Attendance

Committee:

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

Public Member:

Roman Komarov

Staff:

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

Agency:

Barry Martin, Accessibility Advisory
Committee
Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation
Joseph Pacione, YRDSB and YCDSB

Regrets:

Anthony Ko
Gerry Shaw
Zain Khan
Sari Liem, York Region Public Health

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) convened at 7:06 PM with David Rawcliffe in the Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no conflicts of interest declared.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: DECEMBER 17, 2020

Moved by Elisabeth Tan
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the Minutes of the December 17, 2020 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved.

Carried

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

There was no pertinent information from guest speakers.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

This item was not discussed.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates

There was no update provided on this item.

6.2 School Programs & Pilots

There was no update provided on this item.

6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan Staff

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager of Transportation advised that staff continue to work on the Active Transportation Master Plan supporting documents. The Active Transportation Master Plan is now targeted to go to the Development Services Committee on March 8, 2021.

Committee requested the review of the Short-term Implementation Plan and Facility Design Guideline documents prior to these documents being brought forward to the Development Services Committee.

Loy Cheah advised that the Facility Design Guideline would be circulated once it's available in draft. This guideline is consistent with the Region's recent Pedestrian and Cycling Planning and Design Guidelines, but focuses on collector/local roads and on the interface between different types of facilities. He will need to seek senior management permission to circulate the short-term implementation plan as it contains information on the project costs. Loy Cheah will report back to the Committee on this matter.

6.3 Reports to Council

There was no update provided on this item.

6.4 EA Updates

There was no update provided on this item.

6.5 Markham Cycling Day – Updates

There was no update provided on this item.

6.6 York Region Projects

There was no update provided on this item.

6.8 Subcommittee Updates (Vision Zero, Shared Pathways, Bike Share, 16th Intersections)

Vision Zero Sub-Committee

Steve Glassman, Chair advised that the Sub-Committee met and new members were added. Members were assigned the task of interviewing other municipalities on its views of the “Vision Zero” brand. The Sub-Committee will report back in a few months on the interview feedback.

Shared Pathways

David Rawcliffe, Chair reported that the Sub-Committee is starting to prepare its position paper on shared versus segregated pathways. The Sub-Committee is currently working on defining the problem, identifying ways to help alleviate the problem, and on the costing. The finding of this report are important, as there are many environmental assessments underway for multiuse pathways versus segregated pathways, which may or may not support the Sub-Committee's recommendations. The final version of the report was anticipated to be presented to the Committee at the February or March Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting.

Bike Share

Peter Miasek, Chair provided summary of meeting with Bike Share Toronto and identified potential approaches. The Committee provided the following feedback on the Sub-Committee meeting notes from its meeting with Bike Share Toronto:

- Need to build infrastructure first;
- Need to understand who the target market is prior to proceeding with a bike share initiative;
- Suggested starting a bike share program with Markham Cycles by expanding its library bike rental program;
- Keep the project alive until there is funding for the project;
- Suggested having a small private operator run the bike share program, possibly a student summer business or a local bike shop;
- Suggested it was worth testing a bike share project targeting commuters;
- Liked the idea of using Bike Share Toronto;
- Suggested putting a bike share station at the Hilton or Marriot hotels in Unionville, as the hotel can direct cyclist to Main Street Unionville or to the nearby trails once completed;
- Suggested using some of the funds allocated towards the Enterprise Boulevard Open Streets Project towards the Bike Share project.

Peter Miasek reported that some of the barriers to pursuing a bike share initiative in Markham at this time include funding for staff to support the project, funding the capital and operational costs associated with the project, and the Active Transportation Master Plan has not been implemented and tested yet. However, the Sub-Committee needs to respond to Bike Share Toronto with respect to Markham's interest in pursuing the initiative. The Sub-Committee will meet with City Staff to discuss how to respond to Bike Share Toronto.

16th Avenue Intersections

Peter Miasek, Chair reported that York Region is working on the design plans for the intersection at 16th Avenue and Kennedy Road. They have rejected the idea of corner islands. Next steps is to be determined.

6.9 Road Safety

There was a brief discussion on whether Markham's Road Safety Educational Campaign should be targeting drivers rather than all road users. The majority of the Committee supported targeting all road users, as all road users have a responsibility for ensuring Markham's roads are safe, and the City's campaign reinforces current legislation on road and sidewalk use.

Any additional feedback on Markham's Road Safety Educational Campaign can be emailed to staff and forwarded to the City's Corporate Communications Department.

6.10 Open Streets – 2021 Program

Peter Miasek advised that a meeting was held with Markham Cycles on January 13, 2021 to discuss the Open Streets program for 2021, as per Council Directive. Meeting attendees discussed the following 9 ideas:

A. Carryovers from 2020

1. Enterprise Road (from Andre DeGrasse to Unionville Main Street) - Closures Sunday
2. Main Street Unionville (from Carleton to Fred Varley) - "slow street" with pinch points and curb "extensions", made more attractive than in 2020

B. Building on 2020

3. Closure of Main Street Unionville on Sundays (omitted based on the Committee's advice)
4. Milliken Urban AT Loops
5. Villages and Valley Urban AT Loop
6. Thornhill Urban AT Loops

C. Advancing the ATMP

7. Markham Rd between 16th Ave to GO tracks or between 16th Ave and Bullock Dr – pilot test on outside lane removal

8. Middlefield Road – Sunday road closure
9. Brimley Road -Sunday road closure

Feedback from the Committee included:

- Suggested waiting to see if the Council mandated road diet in the Box Grove Area is a success prior to trying this in other Markham areas;
- Suggested reaching out to the local Councillors regarding any areas in their Ward that will be impacted.

The next meeting will be scheduled in a few weeks. Interested Members of the Committee were welcome to attend the next meeting.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Active Transportation Safety Information

Amit Arora spoke about the importance of targeting high school and college students regarding road safety, as they are new drivers or are just learning to drive and sometimes need a refresher on the consequences of failing to be a responsible driver. Additionally, at the college level there are foreign students that were not educated in Canada that could benefit from learning about different travel options. Ms. Arora agreed to prepare a summary report on a study that was conducted at the college she works at on this matter and report back to the Committee.

Committee provide the following feedback:

- Supported providing driver education through the schools;
- Suggested consulting with York Region School Boards Active Transportation Coordinators to see what education is already provided;
- Hoped that a Sub-Committee could be formed to address this matter.

Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation offered to distribute road safety literature to community hubs.

7.2 Unsafe Roads – Winter Maintenance

The issue of snow clearance on streets with no sidewalk was discussed. Councillor Reid McAlpine advised that the City does not clear local roads with no sidewalks for pedestrians to walk on in winter months. Most residents are satisfied with the City's winter maintenance based on a citizen survey conducted last winter. Complaints being received on this matter are being addressed by sending salt trucks to streets that have been reported to be very icy. The City's Corporate Communication Department is also tweeting messages with tips on winter walking.

7.3 Traffic Calming on Avoca Drive or Caboto Trail

Peter Miasek has suggested that Avoca Drive or Caboto Trail are streets that could benefit from implementing traffic calming measures.

Loy Cheah advised that staff will review both of these streets to see if they would be appropriate for implementing traffic-calming measures. Councillor McAlpine suggested having further discussion with Fire Department.

7.4 Chairs Review of Major AT Project Status

The Chair and Vice-Chair met with City staff regarding the states of major AT projects this year. It is being reviewed and will report back at upcoming CPAC meeting.

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fion Ho, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator, advised that the City has submitted an application to be considered for Silver Designation of the “Bike Friendly Community Award”. The application is currently being reviewed by the judging panel. The award winners will be announced in May 2021.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

York Region will provide a 15-minute Community Presentation at the next meeting.

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling & Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 8:50 PM.