



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2021
ZOOM MEETING
MINUTES
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

Committee:

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

Guest:

Sandra McEleney, Resident

Staff:

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Anna Lee, Committee Clerk

Agency:

Sonia Sanita, York Region Public Health
Shivyoshita Sood, Smart Commute MRH

Regrets:

Gerry Shaw
Zain Khan
Joseph Pacione, YRDSB and YCDSB
Mark Battaglia
Jozsef Zerczi
Niko Dimitrakopoulos, YRP
Gerald Carnegie, YRP
Diana Kakamousias, York Region Transportation
David Simor, Markham Cycles

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) convened at 7:07 PM with David Rawcliffe in the Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of conflicts of interest.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

NONE

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: October 21, 2021

Moved by Paul Salvo

Seconded by Steve Glassman

That the Minutes from the October 21, 2021, Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved with the modification of Paul Salvo as not having attended the meeting.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 CPAC Topics/Interests Discussion

There was a discussion on topics CPAC would focus on and work to bring those to the attention of City Staff and Council going forward. “Work Item Prioritization Survey” from December 7th, 2017 was shared with the committee as a reminder of items that were previously discussed.

A number of key topics were discussed such as cycling on sidewalk, conflicts on MUPs, Vision Zero, road safety plan, and micro-mobility. It was also highlighted that the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) includes a list of recommendations. Receiving approval from Council for the ATMP (Active Transportation Master Plan) is currently the main focus of this committee. As a starting point, a subcommittee can be formed to review the ATMP items and recommend items to the committee to discuss once Council endorses the ATMP.

It was suggested that at the December meeting, it will include subcommittee formation updates (6.8). Committee members are to be prepared to volunteer for any subcommittees that are of interest.

5.2 Kennedy Road Cycle Track

Peter Miasek presented on the topic of Multi-Use Paths (MUP) or Cycle Tracks on Kennedy Rd. He noted that there have been 2 citizen inquiries on this topic. First, it was from Sandra McEleney who presented to CPAC at the October 2021 meeting. Secondly, at an Unionville Resident Association meeting, the topic of sidewalk along Kennedy Road within the York Downs subdivision was raised and discussed.

It was noted that an inquiry to York Region was sent and City Staff will investigate and report back to the Committee.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.1 City’s Ongoing AT Project Updates

There was no update.

6.2 School Programs & Pilots

Peter Miasek provided an update on the school programs and pilots. Reena Mistry has returned to work from maternity leave. He also thanked Kathryn Shaw-Edmond for keeping the program going while Reena was away. The subcommittee is working on an innovative pilot called ‘School Street’, where the street is closed during bell times. This pilot is planned to take place in spring 2022.

6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan

The DSC (Development Services Committee) workshop was held on November 8th with staff presentation made by the Director of Engineering. Deputations were made by Peter Miasek, David Rawcliffe, Steve Glassman, and Amit Arora. There was discussion on various issues and a new implementation strategy of a 10-year plan was added to the report recommendations, which will be considered and further debated at the November 23rd Council meeting.

A number of Councillors requested meetings with staff between the DSC workshop and Council meeting. Staff is anticipating further debate and discussion from Council on the ATMP and will work on continuing to meet with individual councillors to receive support for ATMP approval. Once the ATMP has been passed, staff and a subcommittee will be formed to help review and work on project prioritization.

6.4 Reports to Council

Staff provided a preliminary list of reports in 2022:

- ATMP Implementation Strategy
- Sidewalk program update
- York Region TMP –presentation and staff report
- Parking Master Plan -ToR
- Micro-mobility framework/discussion paper

6.5 EA Updates

There was no update.

6.6 Markham Cycling Day

There was no update.

6.7 York Region Projects

There was no update.

6.8 Subcommittee Updates

There was no update.

6.9 Road Safety

There was no update.

6.10 Open Streets

Peter Miasek provided an overview of the 2021 Open Streets programs which included two components: slow street on Main Street Unionville and shared street on Middlefield Road.

There was a question on whether the Open Streets program is planned for 2022. Staff responded that a funding request similar to 2021 has been submitted. It is now pending budget committee review and approval. There is also a suggestion to move street closure to different neighbourhoods.

Any thoughts and ideas for the 2022 Open Street Program are welcome and they should be sent directly to Peter via email.

6.11 Markham Cycles

There was no update.

6.12 2022 Budget Process and AT related items

City Staff was asked about the status of 2022 budget related to active transportation. Staff is unaware of any project cuts after the preliminary review. However, there was an overarching requests to reduce the tax increase impact which may result in changes to the budget list. There is no confirmation until Council approves the budget by mid-December.

6.13 E-bike / E-scooter (Micro Mobility Framework)

There was no update.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Letter/Email Template of Citizen's Concerns

David Rawcliffe shared an idea to create a formal template to send to citizens when they contact or present their concerns at CPAC. A letter that confirms receipt and to assure that the committee and staff will include it in a list to be addressed. This would facilitate acknowledgement as well as the ending of the experience. David will bring this forward in a future meeting as it forms.

7.2 Any Other Business

There was no update.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Subcommittee Update & Formation

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:05PM.