



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 20, 2022  
ZOOM MEETING  
MINUTES  
7:00 – 9:00 PM**

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**Committee:**

David Rawcliffe, Chair  
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair  
Steve Glassman, Vice Chair  
Amit Arora  
Colin Cassar  
Anthony Ko  
Elisabeth Tan  
Daniel Yeung  
Doug Wolfe  
Jozsef Zerczi  
Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton  
Councillor Reid McAlpine, Ward 3  
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute MRH

**Guests:**

Cheryl Baxter, Parks Canada  
Kaitlyn Chow, Parks Canada  
Kirushanth Gnanachandran, Parks Canada  
Jeffrey Sinibaldi, Parks Canada

**Staff:**

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation  
Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation  
Bev Sugg Barbeito, Committee Clerk

**Agency:**

Niko Dimitrakopoulos, YRP  
Sonia Sanita, York Region Public Health

**Regrets:**

Mark Battaglia  
Zain Khan  
Mauricio Martinez  
Paul Salvo  
Gerry Shaw  
David Simor, Markham Cycles  
Gerald Carnegie, YRP  
Diana Kakamousias, York Region  
Reena Mistry, YRDSB YRCSB  
Councillor Isa Lee, Ward 8

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) convened at 7:05 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**

The agenda was accepted as distributed with the note that acceptance of the minutes of the December 16, 2021 meeting would be deferred to the February 17, 2022 meeting. Also, Peter Miasek will provide an update to Item 6.2 School Program & Pilots.

### **3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: December 16, 2021**

The Minutes from the December 16, 2021, Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee will be reviewed at the February 17, 2022 meeting.

### **4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS**

#### **4.1 Rouge National Urban Park Update**

Kirushanth Gnanachandran, Parks Canada, presented a brief history of the creation of the Rouge National Urban Park (RNUP). The RNUP trail system within Markham boundaries consists of 34km of trails. It was noted that Parks Canada has a crew dedicated to maintaining the trails which are AODA compliant. They are working with York Region to implement road crossings at Major Mackenzie Drive, 16<sup>th</sup> Ave, and 14<sup>th</sup> Ave, and with the City of Markham on crossing Reesor Road.

In response to providing access at DCP/Country Glen Road intersection, Park Canada advised that there are no immediate plans for a crossing due to a lack of infrastructure (i.e. parking, washroom, facilities) and that the trails are subject to washouts from the creeks in the area. An alternative route was suggested to connect at 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and Reesor Road by extending the existing paved pathway and sidewalk on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue.

Crossing of Don Cousins Parkway and the CP tracks near 14th Avenue to connect with the Rouge Valley Trail was also discussed. It was advised that Parks Canada has no jurisdiction to create this crossing but would support the initiative. Parks Canada explained that the priority is to develop the North-South trail connections; East-West connections will be considered in the future.

Parks Canada also advised they are having on-going discussions with York Region and the City of Markham to improve road crossings, as well as with City of Toronto regarding a crossing at the intersection with Steeles.

David Rawcliffe thanked the Parks Canada staff members for their informative presentation. The Parks Canada staff members left the meeting at 7:55 pm.

### **5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING**

#### **5.1 CPAC Record Retention**

Staff reported that all CPAC related files, including presentation and minutes are stored on Google Drive. A new section was added as per last meeting's request to include information on design and policy plans related to AT. The folder link has been shared with all committee members.

### **6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS**

#### **6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates**

There was no update.

#### **6.2 School Programs & Pilots**

The School Street Pilot project is actively underway and is planned to launch in May 2022. Subcommittee is working with John McCrae Public School for road closure on Stricker Ave during morning and afternoon bell times. The working team is meeting regularly, and the next steps are to setup a meeting with the local Councillor and to develop the communications plan.

### **6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan**

Loy Cheah advised that Markham Council passed a motion in November 2021 that supports the ATMP, also requested staff to develop a 10-year capital plan. Staff are working with IBI Group and aim to report back to Markham Council in March.

Peter advised that CPAC chairs were meeting with staff next week to discuss CPAC work plans for 2022, to align with the City plan.

### **6.4 Reports to Council**

Staff provided a list of tentative reports to Development Services Committee for Q1 2022. It was noted that an information report on the electric bicycles/scooters may occur later this year.

### **6.5 EA Updates**

There was no update.

### **6.6 Markham Cycling Day**

Fion Ho advised that it is expected that the 2022 event will likely feature a combination of ride-on-your-own and small guided group rides. The first subcommittee meeting will occur in the next 1-2 weeks. York Region Police expressed interested and requested to be invited to the subcommittee meeting.

### **6.7 York Region Projects**

There was no update.

### **6.8 Subcommittee Updates – Winter Pedestrian**

Councillor McAlpine was in discussion with Operations to explore opportunities for plowing pathways to schools, near water bodies and on aggregate pathways during winter. He will setup a meeting with Subcommittee and Operations to further explore.

There were concerns with snow clearance on sidewalks during the recent large snow event and suggestions for better coordination effort between road and sidewalk plows. A particular challenge are arterial roads, where the roads are plowed by the Region but the sidewalks by the City.

### **6.9 Road Safety Plan**

This work is planned to commence in May, upon arrival of a new staff member. The Terms of Reference have already been developed as part of the Road Safety Audit. It is expected that an RFP could be issued by summer 2022.

Committee urged early work on safety policies, such as warrant conditions for traffic calming.

#### **6.10 Open Streets**

Staff noted City has an approved 2022 budget for this event. Councillor McAlpine to follow-up with BIA on the Slow Street initiative on Unionville Main Street. A meeting of the subcommittee will be setup to start planning for 2022 event.

#### **6.11 Markham Cycles**

There was no update.

#### **6.12 2022 Budget Process and AT related items**

There was no update.

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

There was no update.

### **7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **7.1 Sidewalk on Carlton Road**

Councillor Reid mentioned that the sidewalk gap along Carlton Road near Warden Ave. is scheduled to be completed in 2022, and the surveyors began field work in fall last year. A group of residents noticed and plans to bring forward a petition to DSC.

Staff advised that an update report on the sidewalk program is tentatively scheduled for March 7 DSC. As part of that report, it will also include an update on the communications plan that started in 2019 but was delayed due to COVID-19.

#### **7.2 Velo Canada Bikes – AT Census & Budget**

Peter Miasek provided an update on Velo Canada Bikes, which is conducting a municipal census to track the number of kilometres and budget for active transportation. He will continue to provide update on this.

#### **7.4 Any Other Business**

There was no other business.

### **8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

There were no additions.

### **9. ADJOURNMENT**

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