



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2022
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
Deputy Mayor Don Hamilton
Councillor Reid McAlpine, Ward 3
Councillor Isa Lee, Ward 8

Guests:

David Plant, Sr. Manager, Parks Horticulture
and Forestry
Jennifer Huang, SCMRH

Staff:

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

Agency:

Gerald Carnegie, YRP
Niko Dimitrakopoulos, YRP
Diana Kakamousias, York Region

Regrets:

Zain Khan
Gerry Shaw
Jozsef Zerczi
Mauricio Martinez
Mark Battaglia
David Simor, Markham Cycles / TCAT
Reena Mistry, YRDSB YRCSB

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) convened at 7:04 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

Approval of modification to Agenda to include updates on 6.9 Road Safety.

3. REVIEW OF MINUTES FROM: April 21, 2022

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Minutes from the April 21, 2022, Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. PERTINENT INFORMATION FROM GUEST SPEAKERS

There was no update.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM LAST MEETING

5.1 Share the Trail Update

Staff provided an update to the three (3) Share the Trail suggestions discussed at the April 22 meeting.

- To add “Share the Road” signs and speed limit on Multi-use Trails. Currently, “Slow Down”, “Dismount on Bridge” and directional signage and pavement markings, have been installed to address complaints at trail entry points. Staff noted that cyclist speeding is challenging to control and speed limits are not enforceable. Additional advisory signage could be considered at entry points of popular trails subject to further staff review and budget availability. Staff to review and report back with updates.
- To install cameras and lighting at strategic locations to improve safety on trails and parks. It was noted that any illegal or dangerous activities should be reported so that the City and police can properly document these incidents. Street networks, athletic fields and parking lots currently have a full lighting. However, lighting pathways and parks could signal an invitation for people to use those facilities after dusk. Staff also suggest to conduct a risk audit and evaluate lighting needs and blind spots to address safety concerns. Staff will further consult with Asset Management staff on trail safety.
- To provide year-round accessible washrooms in parks and on trails. David Plant provided an update and noted that there are thirteen (13) parks with washroom buildings which only operate from May to October. Portable washrooms were suspended by the City in 2020 and 2021 due to COVID-19. However, for 2022, the City is deploying forty-eight portable (48) washrooms to support the large numbers of permit users at athletic fields and Milne Dam Park. Winterized portable washrooms were not recommended due to sanitary issues around year-round deployment. Staff also noted that changes to service levels or additional portable washrooms would require additional funding and Council approval.

6. STANDING ITEMS & ON-GOING PROJECTS

6.1 City's Ongoing AT Project Updates

Staff provided an update on these City's AT Projects including: Milliken Urban Loops Signage, AT Loop Maps, Huntington Trail Footbridge, Pedestrian Crossovers (PXOs), New Traffic Signals on Bur Oak Ave, Markham Road MUP Cross-Rides.

There were additional questions from the Committee on these projects:

- Cycling Map: planned for an update this year. Any comments and revision are to be forwarded to Staff for consideration.
- John Street MUP: tender for construction has been awarded and work to relocate utilities is underway.
- Rouge Valley Trail Crossing at Kennedy: work is deferred to 2023.
- Markham Centre Trails: Construction from Warden to Birchmount is now completed.
- Rouge Valley Trail Wayfinding: construction tender scheduled for Q3 2022. Staff to confirm and report back.

There was also question on trail announcements and official opening for the new Markham Centre Trail. Staff will discuss with Corporate Communications for more information.

Staff also provided an update on the Road Safety Strategy Report presented at the May 16th Development Services Committee (DSC) meeting. Recommendations were for staff to collaborate with York Region to develop a Road Safety Strategic Plan based on the combined study Terms of Reference and key deliverables described in the report. As well, staff is to report back at key milestones during the development of the combined Road Safety Strategy, including the proposed study design and consultation program. There were new motions added which includes the review of city's policy on speed humps and improve road safety through public education, additional speed display boards, implementation of traffic calming measures in critical areas prior to completion of Road Safety Strategic Plan.

6.2 School Programs & Pilots

There was no update.

6.3 Active Transportation Master Plan

Staff noted that all Active Transportation Master Plan materials are now available on the City's website, including the executive summary, public information sessions material and Council reports. Fion Ho will send the website link to the CPAC via email. The final report and separated cycling facilities guidelines are under review and will be uploaded onto the same web page once they are approved. The ATMP Implementation Capital Plan Council Report is scheduled for the May 30th Development Services Committee (DSC) meeting.

(Website: https://www.markham.ca/wps/portal/home/neighbourhood-services/walking-and-cycling/master-plan-and-studies/activetransportationmasterplan_2021)

6.4 Reports to Council

There was no update.

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

Pedestrian

Peter Miasek provided an update on the Pedestrian subcommittee. Subcommittee is currently focused on the needs of pedestrians related to winter condition of roads that do not have sidewalks. A draft motion was presented for discussion. This is to be reviewed by Committee members and deferred for further discussion in the June meeting.

Protected Intersections

Peter Miasek provided an update on the Protected Intersections subcommittee. Previously, CPAC made official comments on protected intersections at select intersections and York Region agreed to have CPAC join in discussions with the design team. There has been no further update from York Region. Peter Miasek will follow up with York Region team.

6.9 Road Safety

There was no update.

6.10 Open Street

Peter Miasek provided an update on the Open Street program. The Middlefield Rd. closure has been reduced to Sundays and Statutory holidays between July 31st and Labour Day for a total of 8 days, instead of the originally planned 13 days. This decision was made due to concerns over low attendance as a result of COVID-19 re-opening.

Subcommittee is seeking activation ideas for this initiative. Currently, Zumba classes and Markham Cycles will only be provided on limited days and at reduced capacity. The Markham Arts Council (MAC) has submitted a proposal to provide entertainment which includes local artists, yoga classes and other activities at a cost. The proposal is now under review by Subcommittee and City staff.

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)

Elisabeth Tan and subcommittee members delivered a presentation on an approach to adopting Micromobility devices and use. The subcommittee provided background information on the current provincial mandate, types of micromobility devices, integrated infrastructural design and e-scooter safety standard, York Region & City of Markham permitted use.

The subcommittee proposes an approach to policy setting to accommodate future new vehicle types and to create a policy based on general attributes of devices, instead of specific types. Categories are based on weight and speed of the device (momentum), which then inform which cycling facility types. The generalizations would ensure that the focus is on safety first. CPAC members will review and send comments and feedback to the subcommittee to discuss and bring forward to CPAC. Staff to include the slides on CPAC Google Drive, and to continue discussion at June meeting.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Jane's Walk

Update was deferred to the next meeting in June 2022.

7.3 Concerns of CPAC members to be discussed in June

There was no update.

7.4 Any Other Business

There was no update.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

There were no additions.

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9PM.