

# CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

# THURSDAY, MARCH 15, 2018 CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM

## **MINUTES**

# **Attendance**

# **Committee:**

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Councillor Don Hamilton
Paul Traicoff
Janet Jones
Elisabeth Tan
Bob Evans
Paul Salvo
Gordon Lawson
Gerry Shaw
Anthony Ko

# **Regrets:**

Daniel Yeung Steve Glassman

Zain Khan
Marc Clark
Councillor Alan Ho
Justin Hung
Shawn Smith, York Region
Samantha Maurice, SMART Commute

# **Staff:**

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Engineering Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:05 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

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## 1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

# 2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

There were no changes to the agenda.

# 3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

No comments.

4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 15, 2018

Moved by Bob Evans Seconded by Paul Traicoff

That the minutes from the February 15, 2018 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

# 5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

<u>Vision Zero: Conference Update and Discussion</u>

Elisabeth Tan and David Rawcliffe delivered a presentation providing an update on the Vision Zero Advocate Conference.

There was discussion that Vision Zero is a policy, not detailed design. Standard engineer design practices currently used for all road designs include safety considerations.

It was noted that CPAC reps met with three Councillors on March 15 regarding Vision Zero, and that Regional Councillor Armstrong will arrange a follow-up meeting with York Region and City of Markham transportation operations staff.

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The Committee suggested that McCowan Road and Highway 7 would be a good pilot to implement some of the Vision Zero initiatives to reduce collisions and potential fatalities. Peter Miasek advised that York Region publishes a Traveler Safety Report (that mentions McCowan Road and Highway 7), and that a Traveler Safety Plan is anticipated to be considered in 2018.

# 2018 Cycling & Pedestrian Priorities/Workplan & Development Services Committee presentation

Peter Miasek reviewed the proposed 2018 CPAC Workplan/Priorities and the Committee suggested the following:

# **Encouragement**

• Remove rewards program

#### Education

- Remove bike maintenance classes and adult cycling classes
- Change "support" to "reward" York Region School outreach
- Include advocate for public education program leading to Vision Zero initiatives

#### **Evaluation**

- Change "do" to "encourage and review" collision......
- Remove conduct public surveys on active transportation
- Include review metrics data on cycling and pedestrian data

It was suggested that Peter and David present the priorities/workplan to Development Services Committee at their May 28, 2018 meeting.

## Earth Day Event

Anthony Ko, David Rawcliffe and Peter Miasek will volunteer at the Earth Day Event taking place on Saturday April 21, 2018 at Downtown Markham.

Staff will assist at obtaining the materials to be distributed.

# 6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

# Gaps at Unionville GO Station

Staff advised that the bike lanes along the south side of YMCA Blvd will be re-installed by Spring/Summer of 2018.

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Staff outlined some of the issues associated with the pedestrian crossing between the sidewalk and GO Station. It was suggested that staff and Peter Miasek draft a letter providing comments to address these issues and send it to Metrolinx for their consideration.

# Active Transportation Day to School

Staff advised that they are working on a pilot to organize a bicycle ride and walk to school one day during Bike to School week (last week of May) to promote more active transportation trips to school. Staff are looking to work with Mount Joy Public School as a pilot, and decisions to expand this to other schools will be based on the results and experience from this year. It was noted that they would require some volunteers from CPAC to assist with planning and running the event.

# Active Transportation Website

Staff advised that one of the recommendations from Bike Friendly Community application was to create a web page dedicated to active transportation that is hosted under the City of Markham main webpage. Staff reviewed the objectives, some suggested content and potential web link names. The Committee suggested that staff consider including a blog, frequently asked question (FQA) section and a gap list.

Staff suggested that if Committee members had any further comments to please email Fion and that it be added to next month's agenda for further discussion.

## City's Active Transportation Project Update

Staff provided the following updates:

- 1. Bike Share Study report being considered at the March 19, 2018 Development Services Committee meeting
- 2. Active Transportation Master Plan staff are preparing the Terms of Reference and it was suggested that they be presented to this Committee for comments and suggestions
- 3. John Street MUP Preliminary and Detailed Design work is ongoing and anticipate issuing an RFP of detailed design in late April.
- 4. Feasibility Studies of Trail Connections staff are currently reviewing three consultant proposals and project budget.
- 5. Edgeline Implementation 2018 there is approximately 56 kms of collector roads that will have edgelines installed and added to the bike network
- 6. Pavement Markings along MUPs: DCP & Warden Avenue plan to treat the MUP crossings at unsignalized intersections with cross ride pavement markings, but continuing negotiations with York Region to determine responsibilities and funding.

- 7. Pavement Marking Guidelines for Bike Routes tendered a study to update the engineering design standards to incorporate cycling facilities and will have the consultant do a road diet for Green Lane from Bayview Ave to Guardsman Road.
- 8. GAPS Intersection Pilot Castlemore & Markham Rd will require civil works, therefore, will defer and look at entire corridor as a project; Unionville & Enterprise anticipate completing this year; Applecreek & Warden we do not have permission from York Region
- 9. Protected Intersection Pilots John Street & Steelcase still progressing, but Henderson & Doncaster may experience some delays due to concerns about City's capacity to maintain the cycling facilities
- 10. Install Midblock Signage on MUPs on 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue and on 9<sup>th</sup> Line

# **Refreshment Options**

The Committee suggested that a fruit tray be ordered for the next meeting.

# 7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

# 8. NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

# 9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING AND FUTURE MEETINGS

Follow-ups from this meeting, as well as:

- Markham Cycling Day
- 2018 CPAC Priorities/Workplan
- Active Transportation Website

# 10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:02 PM.