



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2017
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
David Rawcliffe, Chair
Bob Evans
Anthony Ko
Daniel Yeung
Councillor Don Hamilton
Justin Hung
Paul Salvo
Steve Glassman
Janet Jones
Elisabeth Tan
Gordon Lawson

Staff:

Loy Cheah, Acting Director, Engineering
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Reena Mistry, City of Markham
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency

Sidra Mukhtar, Smart Commute

Regrets:

Zain Khan
Gerry Shaw
Paul Traicoff
Councillor Alan Ho
Marc Clark
Shawn Smith, York Region

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:04 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

Add item # 5.8 Gap Committee.

3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

There was discussion regarding whether this item should continue to be an item on the agenda given that most members of the Committee do not review the document, and the document has not been updated in about a year.

It was suggested that this item be removed as an agenda item, but that an agenda item be added for an upcoming meeting regarding CPAC's preferred approach for electronic information filing. There is a CPAC wiki site that was developed and maintained by Joe Doria up until October, 2017.

4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 19, 2017

Moved by Bob Evans
Seconded by Gord Lawson

That the minutes from the October 19, 2017 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

York Region School Outreach Program

Staff advised that they have spoken to York Region staff regarding coming to present to this Committee regarding the York Region school outreach programs. York Region staff advised that they are in the process of updating their Ontario Public Health Standards, 2008 and are suggesting that they present to this Committee following the updated standards.

Paved Shoulder at 9th Line and Donald Cousens Parkway

Staff advised that they have alerted York Region regarding the potential dangerous situation for cyclists travelling along 9th Line north of DCP due to the missing piece of cycling

infrastructure. A bike merge sign will be posted to advise motorists of the possibility of cyclists merging as a temporary measure.

Peter Miasek advised the Committee that the Gap Committee reviewed this gap and their two suggestions are: consider adding an asphalt strip or widen the road. Funding for this gap could be from the York Region Municipal Partnership Program.

There was discussion regarding how this missing piece of infrastructure could occur. It was suggested that the Chair send a letter to York Region (with evidence from 9th Line and Donald Cousens Parkway) and a similar letter to the City of Markham.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Janet Jones

That the Chair of Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee be directed to write a letter to York Region requesting that York Region staff investigate how to maintain connections between new cycling and pedestrian infrastructure during road improvement construction to existing cycling and pedestrian networks without leaving any gaps.

Carried

Moved by Steve Glassman
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Chair of Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee be directed to write a letter to the City of Markham requesting that City of Markham staff investigate how to maintain connections between new cycling and pedestrian infrastructure during road improvement construction to existing cycling and pedestrian networks without leaving any gaps.

Carried

Bayview Environmental Assessment (EA)

Staff provided a brief update relative to the Bayview Avenue EA.

The Committee suggested that a subcommittee be established with the following members: Peter Miasek, Elisabeth Tan, Bob Evans and Steve Glassman. The subcommittee will review the pros and cons of the following road widening EA projects: Bayview Avenue, McCowan Road, 16th Avenue and Kennedy Road.

This item will be on the December agenda for discussion.

Pedestrian Policy & Infrastructure Improvements

Staff advised that improvements to signalized intersections have been completed at 50 intersections to meet the AODA requirements, but that there are 11 intersections remaining.

Six of these will be constructed by developers under development agreements, leaving 5 intersections remaining with a cost of \$535,000. The five intersections are: Esna Park & IBM entrance; Alden Road & Bentley; Bullock & Loblaw; York Tech & Addiscott and Golden Avenue & Fonda Road. The 2018 budget has no funds earmarked for this work.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Committee supports staff in proceeding to complete the 5 intersections.

Carried

Staff provided an update regarding the sidewalk network gaps noting that it will take over 20 years to complete the sidewalk network gaps on arterial and collector roads. It was noted that a presentation was made to Development Services Committee (DSC) on November 13, and there was discussion regarding a different approval process where staff selects the annual sidewalk program with little or no Councillor involvement. It was suggested that this item requires further discussion and should be put on a future agenda.

Staff advised that Phase 3 of the Rouge Valley Trail is under construction and that the final phase (Phase 4) should be completed by 2019.

Parking on Bike Lane By-law Update

Staff outlined the suggested next steps to proceed with amending the Parking By-law to prohibit vehicles from parking within designated bike lanes.

The Committee discussed the difficulty in proceeding with this, and suggested that staff focus on improving safety for cyclists at intersections.

Bikeshare Pilot Update

Staff advised that they met with York Region staff, and Peter Miasek to the process, timing and potential funding opportunities. It was noted that the recommendations will proceed as previously suggested to implement a study for bikeshare opportunities in Markham; establish partnership and agreements with York Region and other municipalities and report back to Council with an implementation schedule.

There was discussion regarding how long the process will be, and whether or not the City should pursue this.

Trail Project Ideas

Staff advised that a feasibility study tender process will be initiated on November 20, 2017 with a study completion anticipated by March 2018 for the underpass east of Unionville Main

Street under Highway 7 and Quartztown Park to Vanessa Road. Staff also advised that the Briarwood Park to Carlton Road trail has been identified as part of the Operations 2018 program and staff will follow up on this item.

Cycling Gaps Committee

Peter Miasek advised that the Cycling Gaps Committee has met twice in the last few weeks. He noted that in total over the past 3 years, they have filled in approximately 19 gaps (24 kms), and are now reviewing another 12 potential gaps (an additional 26 kms).

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Markham Cycling Day

Staff and Peter Miasek provided a summary of the successful Markham Cycling Day event. Peter Miasek thanked Reena and Fion for all their help in making this event a great success, and all the CPAC volunteers as well.

It was suggested that a short survey be emailed to the participants asking how they heard about the event.

Pedestrian Charter

Staff provided an update regarding the Pedestrian Charter advising that they met Operations staff noting that Operations staff had some significant concerns. It was suggested that the Committee consider two options for discussion at the next meeting:

- Incorporate CPAC comments and finalize for CPAC endorsement
- Include finalization of the Pedestrian Charter in 2018 Active Transportation Master Plan as a deliverable of the Master Plan

Edgeline Review

Staff reviewed the list of painted edgelines noting that a total of 49 km have been installed, including 10 km this year. An additional 56 km of collector roads are still waiting to be assessed for potential edge lines. It was suggested that this list be reviewed by the Cycling Gaps Subcommittee and determine if any should be added to the signed cycling network.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Vision Zero Presentation

Defer to December agenda.

December meeting

It was suggested that the December meeting be moved to December 14, 2017.

8. NEW BUSINESS

The Chair advised that Ken Deering will be resigning from the Committee. The Chair on behalf of the Committee thanked Ken Deering for all his work with this Committee since 2008.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Follow-ups from this meeting, as well as:

- Vision Zero Presentation
- Update from EA Subcommittee
- Sidewalk Network Gap
- Pedestrian Charter

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:15 PM.