



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017  
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

**MINUTES**

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**Attendance**

**Committee:**

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair  
David Rawcliffe, Chair  
Bob Evans  
Zain Khan  
Anthony Ko  
Paul Traicoff  
Justin Hung  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Paul Salvo  
Gordon Lawson  
Steve Glassman  
Janet Jones  
Gerry Shaw

**Staff:**

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

**Agency Members**

Shawn Smith, York Region

**Regrets:**

Ken Deering  
Elisabeth Tan  
Joe Doria  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Marc Clark  
Daniel Yeung  
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute  
Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services  
Arlene Juanillo, Markham Advisory on Accessibility  
Richard Senior, York Region Police

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:07 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

**1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA**

No modifications.

**3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS**

No comments.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM  
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON ~~MAY 18~~JUNE 15, 2017**

Moved by Peter Miasek  
Seconded by Justin Hung

That the minutes from the June 15, 2017 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

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

Dropbike and Bike Rental Update

Staff provided an update regarding the status of Dropbike advising that they are working on a report to be considered at the November 27, 2017 Development Services Committee. An interim update or a report outline will be shared with this Committee at its October meeting

Steve Glassman provided an update relative to bike rental at a specific location such as Unionville Main Street vs bike sharing across a broader area, and suggesting that the bike sharing is a better option. The Committee agreed that a pilot bike sharing program should be pursued in preference.

### Budget Process Update

Staff provided an update regarding the budget process in the City indicating that the Engineering department has put in a request for more active transportation staff, but that has not been supported.

There was discussion regarding the process when dealing with the various budget requests from all departments throughout the organization. The Committee suggested that it might be a good idea if members of CPAC attended a budget meeting to advocate for additional active transportation staff.

### Walkability Audit Follow-up

Staff reviewed the table of priority actions relative to the walkability audit, and the proposed next steps. It was noted that proposed improvements in the Markville Mall area will require further discussion with City staff and external agencies where necessary. Staff advised that there might be opportunities to address some of the Box Grove Plaza/Coper Creek Drive improvements through the development applications for that area and that staff will further investigate

Staff will circulate the updated table of priorities.

Several of the items have been referred to York region for their consideration. It was requested that Shawn Smith to follow-up on status of these.

### Cycling Map Update

Staff advised that the map is completed, and 1000 copies have been ordered. Staff thanked the Committee members for all their comments and input in updating the map.

It was suggested that the next review should consider having the map completed by the Spring to ensure cyclists and pedestrians can use it at the appropriate time.

It was also suggested that a web-based version be prepared that can be continuously updated as new facilities come on line. Staff will continue to investigate and pursue this.

### Markham Cycling Day Update

Zain Khan advised the Committee that this year's has a lot more registered participants, and that they have received more sponsorship money than the previous year. He thanked the City staff for all their help. It was noted that if any Committee members are available to volunteer at the event it would be greatly appreciated.

## **6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER**

### Bike Valet Update

Staff advised that bike parking services was provided at 4 of Markham's events. It was noted that without TCEL providing their services there is not enough resources to provide a full valet service. Staff are suggesting that bicycle parking only be provide at the events.

Staff proposed installing permanent bike racks at the event locations, while continuing the investigation of alternative bike valet options. A request for recommendations of potential bike rack locations will be sent to all committee members for feedback or suggestion. It was suggested that the City's Public Realm Coordinator be contacted to discuss potential locations.

### Cycling Gap List

Staff advised that they have made comments on cycling gap List B and is updated on the google docs. It was suggested that Committee members review the comments and provide any comments and/or suggestions to staff.

### MUP Pavement Marking Improvement

Staff advised that the MUP signage at Woodbine Avenue; Warden Avenue and Markham Road have been completed. It was noted that the Donald Cousens Parkway MUP signs are anticipated to be completed by the end of September, and the Major Mackenzie Drive MUP signs are anticipated to be completed prior to year end.

The Committee suggested that 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue east of 9<sup>th</sup> Line and 9<sup>th</sup> Line north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue be added to the list.

Staff also indicated they have requested the Region to implement cross ride pavement markings across the intersections for these MUPs, and pending for approval. There will be no markings on the MUPs themselves.

Staff has also requested some pavement marking improvements on the Cycle Track at Highway 7, and will provide a briefing next month.

### Protected Intersection Pilot

Staff provided an update regarding the protected intersection pilot update. The three proposed intersections previously identified by the Committee were Main Street Unionville/Unionville Gate, Warden Ave./Apple Creek Blvd. and Castlemore Ave./Markham Road. Staff are

requested to review potential to install pavement markings or signage (no construction) at these intersections.

Additionally, staff proposed following up with Capital Works on two more significant intersection protection works (e.g. protection island) at John St/Steelcase Road West and Doncaster Ave./Henderson Ave, as part of a larger intersection improvement capital project.

#### John Street Study Update

Staff advised that they have issued the Request for Proposal (RFP), and that they have received seven (7) proposals for a 30% design. Staff are evaluating the proposals and anticipate awarding the contract by mid October with completion in late February 2017.

There will be a placeholder put in the 2018 budget for detailed design

#### Pedestrian Charter

Staff advised that they have updated the text, and will circulate to the Committee members for their feedback.

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

#### Rouge Valley Trail Update

Staff provided an update advising that the opening ceremony was held on August 12, 2017. A grant application was made to the federal government for additional funding to implement the next phase of the project.

#### Rouge Valley Trail at 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Gord Lawson presented the Committee with pictures that show the issue (steps) for cyclists and some walkers along the Rouge Valley Trail at the 14<sup>th</sup> Avenue underpass. There was discussion regarding how can this be revamped for cyclists. Staff was requested to investigate ways to resolve the problem and to better accommodate cyclists at this trail location.

#### EA Updates: 404 Mid-Block Crossings

Staff provided an update with respect to the flyovers north of Highway 7; north of 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue ; north of Major Mackenzie and north of Elgin Mills Road. Some of the information

differed from what Peter had circulated to CPAC in June. Peter and Fion will reconcile the information.

York Region Activity Update: Lake to Lake Construction

Shawn Smith, York Region advised that the design for the Markham section (Highway 7 to Steeles Avenue) has been completed with the construction anticipated to be completed by summer 2018.

No Parking on Bike Lanes

Councillor Don Hamilton requested that staff report back at the October meeting regarding the status of vehicles parking in bicycle lanes.

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

Follow-ups from this meeting, as well as:

- YR School Outreach Program Presentation
- Road Safety Plan per Dec 15 CPAC

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

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