



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 18, 2017
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
David Rawcliffe, Chair
Marc Clark
Ken Deering
Bob Evans
Steve Glassman
Zain Khan
Anthony Ko
Gordon Lawson
Paul Salvo
Elisabeth Tan
Paul Traicoff
Daniel Yeung

Staff:

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
Reena Mistry, TDM Coordinator
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute
Jordan Cheung, York Region
Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Guests

Regional Councillor Joe Li
Qiming Weng, DropBike
Afraj Gill, DropBike

Regrets:

Joe Doria
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Justin Hung
Janet Jones
Arlene Juanillo, Markham Advisory on Accessibility
Richard Senior, York Region Police
Gerry Shaw

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:06 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

The Committee agreed to move the Dropbike presentation forward in the agenda.
The following New Business was added:

- Update on Jane's Walk

3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

No comments.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 20, 2017**

With respect to Item 7 – “Vision Zero”, it was noted that staff will be reporting back to the City on this matter; however, York Region has deferred consideration which will make it difficult for the City to move forward. Staff advised that regional staff will be preparing a transportation report in the fall, which will include the Vision Zero project, and City staff will be following up on this matter.

Moved by: Peter Miasek

Seconded by: Paul Salvo

That the minutes from the April 20, 2017 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Bike to Work Day/Active Transportation Expo

Sonya De Vellis and Reena Mistry provided information regarding the Bike to Work Day on May 29th, and the Active Transportation Expo on June 9th, and encouraged CPAC members to attend.

Bayview Glen Bike Fest May 27th

Reena Mistry reviewed the events for the Bike Fest on May 27th and advised that the organizers have requested that CPAC members attend and assist in providing information or a demonstration on safety issues. Reena will be attending and anyone who is interested should contact her.

Feedback from DSC Presentation

Peter Miasek provided a review of the presentation to Development Services Committee on May 8, 2017. It had been noted at the meeting that CPAC would like to further proceed with their recommendation for additional active transportation resources. Staff outlined the procedure for increasing resources through preparing a business case for consideration during the budget process.

Future Projects to Consider

Peter Miasek noted the list of projects and gaps list for future projects, requesting input from the members. Staff have reviewed the list and advise that some items on the list are being dealt with in the long-term, as part of the York Region Master Plan. Staff are targeting updated comments on the list in September to identify the next projects for 2019.

The Committee requested to review the design plan for the John Street project.

RFP Bike Rental

Steve Glassman is preparing a draft for a bike rental station, and mentioned that the Dropbike project could provide a feasible alternative.

Jane's Walk

Paul Salvo advised that in conjunction with Jane's Walk, a seniors group has approached him and requested that CPAC make a presentation to their group. Members are to contact Paul if they are interested. Anthony Ko and Daniel Yeung indicated they were interested.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Markham Cycling Day Meeting Update

Reena Mistry provided highlights from the subcommittee meeting with respect to Corporate Communications reviewing the proposal, sponsorships, social media, etc. Comments have been provided to Corporate Communication and staff are waiting for the promotional

packages. The Committee will have to reach out for sponsorships. Staff will be meeting with Corporate Communication again on May 24, to further clarify roles, responsibilities and target deadlines for Markham Cycling Day is September 24, 2017.

The Unionville Cycling Club has indicated an interest in participating in Cycling Day.

Markham Cycling Map Update

Reena Mistry advised that the first draft of the Markham Cycling Map has been prepared and is being checked for accuracy. It will then be shared with CPAC for final comments. It was noted that the digital maps will be able to be updated in real time as routes and facilities are changed or added.

MUP Pavement Marking Improvement and Intersections

Staff discussed the project with respect to the budget and implementation timelines. It was noted that the first MUP project was in 2009 at Major Mackenzie Drive, and has not been fully completed to date. Staff are presently updating the original MMM study to current guidelines, before submitting it to York Region for approval, as it is a regional road.

The balance of the unsigned MUPs, i.e. Warden Ave, Markham Rd, Donald Cousins Parkway, 16th Ave, 9th Line, and Honda Blvd, are of more recent design. It was suggested that the signage and marking installations start with the linear sections, as the intersection crossings will be more problematic, and in consideration of budget limitations. The signage and markings design for these MUPs will hopefully be finalized this year, as it is in the budget. The Committee suggested focusing on the intersections, as they are crucial for safety reasons.

Moved by: Gordon Lawson
Seconded by: Paul Salvo

That CPAC recommends that the City focus on intersection safety in lieu of the linear sections for MUP pavement marking improvements.

CARRIED

Walkability Audit Followup

Staff have no progress to report on this matter.

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

7.1 Dropbike Presentation

Representatives of the Dropbike Group were in attendance to give a presentation on the proposed Dropbike + Markham smart bike sharing program. They explained the operational plan, its accessibility and affordability advantages, and the benefits to Markham, and responded to questions from the Committee. The Group would work with Markham as a partner, without subsidies, to create jobs and reduce traffic. Permission will be required from the City and Region to use the “Haven” sites. CPAC was requested to support the initiative and provide a recommendation for a 90-day pilot project.

Moved by: Peter Miasek
Seconded by: Gordon Lawson

That CPAC endorse the Dropbike concept; and,

That CPAC recommends that staff work with the Dropbike Group to investigate the feasibility of starting a 90-day pilot project by the summer of 2017.

CARRIED

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Follow-ups from this meeting, as well as:

- Protected Intersection Pilot
- John Street Study Update
- Public Realm Presentation
- Ignight Cycling Safety
- Pedestrian Charter
- Walkability Audit Followup
- School Outreach Program (by York Region)

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.