



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

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

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Calvin Cheung, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Marc Clark
Ken Deering
Joe Doria
Bob Evans
Steve Glassman
Councillor Don Hamilton
Justin Hung
Janet Jones
Zain Khan
Anthony Ko
Gordon Lawson
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
David Rawcliffe, Chair
Paul Salvo
Gerry Shaw
Elisabeth Tan
Paul Traicoff

Regrets:

Councillor Alan Ho
Arlene Juanillo, Markham Advisory on Accessibility
Richard Senior, York Region Police
Daniel Yeung

Staff:

Loy Cheah, Senior Manager, Transportation
David Porretta, Supervisor, Traffic Operations
Reena Mistry, TDM Coordinator
Kitty Bavington, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agencies

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services

Regrets:

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

New Business was added regarding 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 FEBRUARY 16, 2017**

The Committee discussed the Road Safety Plan. Staff advised that Regional Council in April on various safety programs and how they relate to 'Vision Zero' Traffic Safety.

The minutes from the February 16, 2017 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting were approved as presented.

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Bike Valet

Staff provided an update relative to the bike valet service at certain City events, and advised that they are not able to provide the valet service this year, but will be providing bike racks. Staff are currently working on a cost-sharing arrangement with the Canada Day Committee. Locations will be pre- determined by event staff and advertised in the event literature.

It was noted that bike racks were quoted at \$600 (maximum) including set-up and removal. This was based on last year's Unionville Festival which had a total of 170 people using the Bike Valet service.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Cycling Gaps - 2016 Project Update

Reena Mistry advised that City staff have been reviewing the subcommittee's List B and will have it updated for viewing shortly.

David Porretta advised that staff have listed the locations identified for bicycle signs: Lockridge, Village Gate, Greystone, Longwater Chase, Bridal Trail, and William Berczy Blvd. Plans have been submitted to the City's Works Department for installation.

Cycling on Sidewalks

The Committee has been directed to review the utilization of sidewalks for cycling. This had been discussed at the previous meeting and two draft motions were debated. The Chair introduced a compromise motion.

The Committee had lengthy debates on several motions and questioned if cycling on sidewalks may not be safer than on the road.

MOTION 1: The following Motion was **LOST**:

Moved by: Peter Miasek

Seconded by: Elisabeth Tan

Be it resolved that CPAC recommends to Markham Council:

1. That Traffic Bylaw 106-71 be amended by replacing the current wording:
"No person shall ride a bicycle with a wheel or wheels more than 24 inches in diameter upon a sidewalk on any road"
with
"No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, in-line skate or roller skate, coaster, toy vehicle, toboggan or similar device on a sidewalk, trail, or MUP recklessly or negligently or at a speed or in a manner that is dangerous to the public, having regard for the circumstances."; and,
2. That the standards as set out in Ontario Traffic Manual Book-18-Cycling Facilities be adopted; and further,
3. That the focus remain on transportation infrastructure improvements which will enhance the safety of Active Transportation

LOST

MOTION 2: The following Motion was **LOST**:

Moved by: Peter Miasek
Seconded by: Elisabeth Tan

Be it resolved that CPAC recommends to Markham Council:

1. That Traffic Bylaw 106-71 be amended by:
 - a. replacing Section 15 with wording such as “No person shall ride a bicycle, skateboard, in-line skate or roller skate, coaster, toy vehicle, toboggan or similar device on a sidewalk, trail or MUP recklessly or negligently or at a speed or in a manner that is dangerous to the public, having regard for the circumstances”.
 - b. including ability for the City (staff) to designate and post signs on certain sidewalks that cycling, skateboarding etc are not permitted; and,
2. That staff and CPAC be directed to propose other amendments to the Active Transportation portion of the Bylaw as required, for consideration by Council; and further,
3. That a public education campaign be conducted on the amendments.

LOST

MOTION 3: The following Motion was **LOST**:

Moved by: Peter Miasek
Seconded by: Elisabeth Tan

Be it resolved that CPAC recommends to Markham Council:

1. That Traffic Bylaw 106-71 be amended by:
 - a. restricting sidewalk cycling to roads with speeds of 50 km/hr or greater.
 - b. including ability for the City (staff) to designate and post signs on certain sidewalks that cycling, skateboarding etc are not permitted; and,
2. That staff and CPAC be directed to propose other amendments to the Active Transportation portion of the Bylaw as required, for consideration by Council; and further,
3. That a public education campaign be conducted on the amendments.

LOST

MOTION 4: The following Motion was **WITHDRAWN**:

The intent is that CPAC's response is to accept the report and advise that sidewalks are not suitable, as they are, for cycling, and that CPAC does not recommend that cycling be permitted on Regional and City roads.

Moved by: Paul Salvo
Seconded by: Joe Doria

Be it resolved that CPAC, in response to the directions by City Council, submits the following document to City Council:

"CPAC Review the of the Utilization of Sidewalks for Cycling on Regional and City Roads, Where Feasible, and Review of the Standards for Future Sidewalk Installations as Multi-Use Pathways, March, 2017"

WITHDRAWN

MOTION 5: The following Motion was **LOST**:

Moved by: Gordon Lawson
Seconded by: Joe Doria

Be it resolved that CPAC recommends to Markham Council:

1. That no changes be made to the current Traffic Bylaw 106-71 Section 15, which states that "no person shall ride a bicycle with a wheel or wheels more than 24 inches in diameter upon a sidewalk on any road"; and,
2. That CPAC encourages the City to remain focused on infrastructure improvements to improve safety; and further,
3. That the standards as set out in Ontario Traffic Manual Book-18-Cycling Facilities be adopted.

LOST

At the conclusion of this matter, no motion was adopted.

Presentation to DSC - 2016 review and 2017

Peter Miasek gave a brief overview of the draft presentation for Development Services Committee, scheduled for May 8, 2017. The presentation covered the CPAC mandate, 2016 achievements, the 2017 plan, recommendations, and metrics. Committee members were requested to e-mail any comments to Peter, and the final version will be circulated to the members prior to the presentation.

The Committee indicated support for the presentation.

7. INFORMATION ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Paul Salvo presented a poster for the Jane's Walk event, and requested support and participation from Committee members.

8. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Markham Cycling Day Subcommittee Update
- Pedestrian Charter
- Ignight Cycling Safety Product
- John Street Study Comments
- Walkability Audit
- MUP Pavement marking Implementation

9. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:04 PM.