



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Paul Traicoff
Ken Deering
Janet Jones
Anthony Ko
Councillor Alan Ho
Zain Khan
Gordon Lawson
Gordon Cole
Daniel Yeung
Councillor Don Hamilton

Staff:

Brian Lee, Director of Engineering
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency Members:

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services

Guest

Gerry Shaw

Regrets:

Arlene Juanillo, Markham Advisory on
Accessibility
Paul Salvo
Joe Doria
Elisabeth Tan
Justin Hung
Richard Senior, York Region Police
Shawn Smith, York Region
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2016

The minutes from the June 16, 2016 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting were approved as presented.

2. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

No comments.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Bike Valet

It was requested that this item be placed on the October agenda for discussion.

4. SPECIAL TOPICS

There were no special topics.

5. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Cycling Gaps

Staff advised that sharrows have been installed on Lauraleaf and Parkway Avenue. Staff also advised that Shared Bike Route signs were installed on Lauraleaf and Peter Street.

It was noted that the tender for section 3B within the Rouge Valley Trail has been released at an estimated cost of \$3.8 M. The Toogood Pond section retrofit (from 16th Avenue to Carlton Road and at an estimated cost of \$650,000) will be tendered next. [Post meeting note: Operations Department has taken over the section of the retrofit as part of the Park Renaissance program, and therefore the retrofit will not be tendered by the Engineering Department.]

There was discussion regarding 14th Avenue and whether it would be possible to install a metal channel at the steps under the bridge for easier access for cyclists to bring their bikes up.

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and advised that the Gaps subcommittee has identified roads that are eligible for bike route signage. Staff requested that Peter e-mail that list to them. He noted that staff has concluded that streets with edgeline markings are not eligible bike route signs. There was discussion regarding the issue of cars parking on streets where there are edgeline markings. Staff pointed out that edgelines are a traffic calming measure and not considered a cycling facility. It was suggested that the Gap subcommittee review the installation of edgelines and come back with a recommendation regarding whether they support future installation of edgelines.

There was discussion regarding Rodick Road (from 16th Avenue to Highway 7) and whether it should be included as a signed cycling route given that it is perceived not to be a safe shared route. It was suggested that the Gap subcommittee consider this.

The Committee discussed the need for alternative North/South and East/West cycling routes that are not in mixed traffic on arterial roads.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the City of Markham consider selecting two North/South and two East/West cycling routes that run in arterial road corridors to be premier first class cycling commuter routes.

Carried

MUP Signage Project

Staff advised that they have engaged IBI to design the signage for MUP routes. It was noted that the design is completed and being reviewed. The Committee suggested there are other MUP locations not on the City list that should have MUP signage installed: 9th Line, 16th Avenue and Honda Blvd.

John Street Active Transportation Study

Staff advised that there is a meeting scheduled for two weeks from now to review the draft findings and recommendations.

Markham Cycling Day

Zain Khan addressed the Committee and provided an update relative to the Markham Cycling Day. He advised that registration is going well, and that there are approximately 384 participants registered for the Tour de Markham. It was noted that currently there are

approximately 50 volunteers signed up and can always use more. The volunteer orientation session is scheduled for Friday September 23, 2016.

Gordon Cole addressed the Committee advising that the cycling routes are on the City website, and suggested that Committee members review them and if they see any issues to please advise him.

Walkability Audit Follow-up

Staff requested that the prioritized list from the sub-committee from June be forwarded to him.

Developing a Road Safety Plan

The Committee reviewed Toronto's Road Safety Plan, with a focus on reducing Killed and Seriously Injured (KSI) collisions at problem intersections by special treatment such as priority crossing signals, enhanced markings, speed restrictions, corner radii design, photo radar, etc. It was suggested that there are too few KSI at any specific intersection in Markham to warrant special treatment. Paul Traicoff will bring forward a pedestrian/cyclist education proposal for key areas such as Kennedy corridor and McCowan Road & Highway 7 intersection.

Pedestrian Charter

It was suggested that this item be placed on the October agenda for discussion.

6. INFORMATION ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT

Parking in bike lanes

Staff advised that the CPAC recommendation regarding not permitting parking in bike lanes was passed at Development Services Committee, and engineering staff will work with operations staff on this matter. [Post meeting: At the September 13, 2016 Council meeting, council referred the CPAC recommendation to staff to provide a report back to a future Development Services Committee meeting.]

Cycling on Sidewalks

Staff advised that they are receiving increasing amount of complaints regarding cyclists on sidewalks mainly in the Milliken area, and many of the complaints are towards E-bikes and scooters.

It was suggested that this item be added to the October agenda. Peter and Paul Traicoff will convene prior to this being discussed.

Lake to Lake Cycling Routes & Pedestrian Trail

Staff advised that the City of Markham Council endorsed this recommendation in principle. The City of Markham share of the cost will be subject to Council's approval through the 2017 Capital Budget process.

Capital Project Budget for 2017

Staff advised that the CPAC 2016 Capital Project Budget was \$128,700 with \$2,335 already spent and \$56,556 committed to 2016 projects. The balance for 2016 is \$69,809. Staff is proposing that the 2017 Capital Project Budget be submitted for \$100,000.

There was discussion regarding whether \$100,000 will be sufficient and whether it should be decreased to \$120,000.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the 2017 Capital Project Budget be submitted for \$120,000.

Carried

Staffing

It was noted that Fion's maternity leave will be filled in by a contract position.

7. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Pedestrian Charter
- Cycling on sidewalks
- Markham Cycling Day
- Cycling Gaps
- MUP signage

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:06 PM.