



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MAY 19, 2016
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Zain Khan
Paul Salvo
Joe Doria
Councillor Don Hamilton
Daniel Yeung
Gordon Lawson
Elisabeth Tan
Gordon Cole
Ken Deering
Janet Jones
Arlene Juanillo, Markham Advisory on
Accessibility

Staff:

Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering
Fion Ho, Transportation Demand Management
Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency Members:

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

Regrets:

Paul Traicoff
Justin Hung
Anthony Ko
Councillor Alan Ho
Richard Senior, York Region Police
Shawn Smith, York Region

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:08 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 APRIL 21, 2016**

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the minutes from the April 21, 2016 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be adopted.

Carried

2. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

Status of CPAC work items will be updated with the April and May meeting minutes and reviewed at the June meeting.

3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

2016 Sidewalk Program

Staff advised that the sidewalk on 16th Avenue from Kennedy Road to approximately 145 m west is being installed. Staff also advised that the two sections of sidewalk on 14th Avenue from east of Canfield Road to west of Markham Road, and from Birchmount Road to McDowell Gate are in the 2016 sidewalk program. It was noted that the design will be completed in 2016 and the actual construction of the sidewalk could be 2016 or 2017.

There was discussion regarding the sidewalk on the west side of Kennedy Road between Carlton Road and Denby Court. Staff advised that a portion of the sidewalk needs to be constructed across the rail corridor. The design work has been completed and staff need to tender the work to construct the rail crossing by specialist contractors approved by Metrolinx. Once that work is completed, staff will then engage the sidewalk contractor to complete the connection.

Depending on the timing and coordination with safety improvements for anti-whistling, there are two options to complete the sidewalk connection: (a) a temporary asphalt sidewalk and then the permanent concrete sidewalk with the concrete pad and maze barriers for anti-whistling; (b) a one-stage construction with the permanent sidewalk, concrete pad and maze barriers. The objective is to open the sidewalk as soon as practical, and to reduce throw-away costs. The final option will be dependent on when the track crossing is completed.

4. SPECIAL TOPICS

Collision Statistics Presentation

This item was deferred to the June meeting.

Jane's Walk 2016

Joe Doria delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2016 Jane's Walk. Walks were held in Thornhill, Heritage Estates and Vinegar Hill. Unfortunately the weather was not favourable during the Vinegar Hill walk. There were a total of 47 walkers.

The Committee discussed to begin advertising earlier for the 2017 Jane's Walk. It was suggested that this item be discussed at the January 2017 CPAC meeting. It was noted that Joe Cimer is willing to lead the effort again next year, with support from Paul Salvo and Daniel Yeung.

4. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Cycling Gaps - Intersections

Staff presented a list of intersections to be considered for the pilot project. It was noted that the proposed list had some existing bike facility with some level; on City of Markham Roads and avoided any areas that have construction.

The following is staff's proposed list:

- Major Mackenzie Drive & Woodbine Avenue
- Bur Oak/Castlemore & Markham Road
- 16th Avenue & Markham Road
- Highway 7 & Main Street Markham
- Major Mackenzie Drive & Angus Glen Community Centre entrance
- Highway 7 & Woodbine Avenue

There was discussion regarding what the pilot facility should be. It was noted that any intersection that is considered as part of the pilot must be an area that is used by cyclists. Staff suggested that the Committee consider choosing two intersections.

The Committee suggested adding McCowan Road and Highway 7 to the list.

The Committee agreed to have the proposed list (including the McCowan Road and Highway 7) referred back to the Gaps subcommittee for consideration. It was suggested that collision data and cycling volumes be obtained for these intersections.

Cycling Gaps - 2016

Staff advised that they are waiting to obtain the consultant proposals for John Street feasibility study, and if there are funds remaining after completing John Street feasibility study, staff will proceed with the other identified areas.

Markham Cycling Day

Zain Khan addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the 2016 Markham Cycling Day. He advised that Centennial College will be the presenting sponsor.

Gordon Cole advised that the proposed routes are available to be reviewed and suggested that the Committee members review the routes and provide any suggestions and/or comments.

There was discussion regarding the Sponsor Packages and it was suggested that the subcommittee consider accepting small sponsors. Staff advised that the subcommittee should check with Corporate Communications to see if there are any protocols with accepting other forms of sponsorship.

Walkability Priority Project

Staff advised that applications are not being received for the Walk Friendly grant at this time.

5. INFORMATION ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENT

Smart Commute Bike to Work Day

Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill addressed the Committee and advised that Monday May 30, 2016 is bike to work day and encouraged anyone who can participate to please do so.

Cycling on sidewalks

The Committee complimented Peter Miasek on his interview with the media relative to permitting cyclists on sidewalks.

The Committee was reminded that CPAC passed a motion approximately a year ago to permit cyclists on sidewalks. It was also noted that Development Services Committee also passed a motion at their meeting on April 11, 2016 directing staff to review the utilization of sidewalks for cycling on Regional and City roads, where feasible, and to also review the standards for any future sidewalk installation to be multi-use pathways.

There was discussion regarding potential liability and concern with potential conflict between individuals with disabilities and cyclists.

Staff advised that they have written to the City solicitor and the Manager of Strategy & Insurance Risk Management and are awaiting their comments. Staff will provide an update to CPAC when they have received the comments.

Victoria Square Environmental Assessment (EA)

Staff advised that there will be an Open House on June 13, 2016 from 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm for the Victoria Square EA and anyone interested in attending is welcome to.

Rouge Valley Trail Update

Staff advised that areas 5 & 6 are anticipated to be completed by August 2016. Area 4 is being tendered this month and they are still awaiting approval from the Toronto & Region Conservation Authority (TRCA).

Other Business

There was discussion regarding cars parking in designated bike lanes. Staff pointed out that the current City By-law does not restrict motorists from parking in bike lanes unless there is an additional parking restriction bylaw and signs are erected.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Gord Cole

That Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee request City of Markham Council to update their by-law to restrict motor vehicles from parking on all bicycle facilities.

Carried

Peter Miasek advised that Elisabeth Tan and himself will be giving a presentation at the Sheridan Nurseries on May 30, 2016 for a public event called "Safe Cycling in Markham" and invited anyone interested to attend.

6. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Presentation on collision statistics (Paul Traicoff)
- Cycling Gap intersections (pilot project)

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:48 PM.