



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2016  
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

**MINUTES**

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**Attendance**

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair  
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair  
Elisabeth Tan  
Paul Salvo  
Paul Traicoff  
Joe Doria  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Gordon Lawson  
Anthony Ko  
Justin Hung  
Gordon Cole  
Ken Deering  
Councillor Alan Ho  
Janet Jones

Staff:

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

Agency Members:

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services  
Suran Ketheeswaran, York Region

Regrets:

Zain Khan  
Daniel Yeung  
Richard Senior, York Region Police  
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute Markham,  
Richmond Hill  
Shawn Smith, York Region

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:12 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair. New member, Janet Jones was welcomed to the Committee.

**DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM  
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON MARCH 24, 2016**

Moved by Peter Miasek,  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton,

THAT the minutes of the March 24, 2016 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting be approved as presented.

CARRIED

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

The Committee reviewed the revised Status of CPAC work items.

**3. SPECIAL TOPICS**

Subcommittee Memberships

Staff presented an updated subcommittee membership list for review and comment. It was suggested that everyone on CPAC should be a member of at least one Subcommittee. It was noted that while volunteers who are not CPAC members can be part of these subcommittees, they would not have voting status unless they are formally appointed to CPAC.

**Changes to the subcommittee membership list:**

**Gaps Subcommittee**

- Joe Doria is the lead of the subcommittee
- Add Anthony Ko

**Markham Cycling Day Subcommittee - Add**

- Gordon Cole
- Anthony Ko
- Justin Hung
- Daniel Yeung
- Paul Traicoff

**Jane's Walk**

- Add Theresa Ko-Cheung

Collision Statistics Presentation

Paul Traicoff made a presentation on Collision Statistics, which were based on York Region Police data from 2013 – 2015. There has been a 20 percent increase in collisions with bikes, peaking in the summer months during afternoons or on the weekends. October and November

have shown to be the most dangerous months for pedestrians, and Fridays being the most dangerous day. Seventy-one percent of the collisions happen at traffic controlled sites and intersections, with a turning vehicle.

The Chair suggested that this item be put on the next CPAC agenda for more detailed discussion and to investigate the benefit of delegating to one of the subcommittees to review and possibly make recommendations for CPAC involvement.

Peter Miasek indicated that these numbers are different from those reported in CPAC metrics and it was suggested that the metrics be changed to better reflect the police data. Paul agreed to provide the Committee with a solid source for collision data to more accurate information.

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

##### Cycling Gaps Subcommittee – New Gaps

The subcommittee has identified about 10 additional gaps and will be reviewed for long term needs. Staff suggested that the Gaps Subcommittee to prioritize these new gaps for further review and comment. Joe Doria mentioned that the bike rack survey for this year will start in May and ends in September.

##### Cycling Gaps – Intersections Treatment

Elisabeth Tan made a presentation on how to make safer intersections for cyclists and pedestrians. Intersections should be considered a critical point for collisions and it is important to get political support so that City would explore this further. Staff mentioned that York Region is currently undertaking a study to review updated design and treatment at intersections. It was suggested that staff would work with York Region to identify one potential pilot for cycling treatment at intersections. Ideas suggested include: cross ride on Woodbine Bypass, Dutch treatment at Warden/7.

##### Cycling Gaps List 2016

Staff provided an update on the four gaps that are currently being reviewed. For John Street, Staff has contacted 2 consulting companies and is waiting for the quotations to investigate the possibility of a MUP. Also, Staff is working with the Gaps Subcommittee and Operations Staff to implement pavement marking and bike signage on Parkway Ave, Peter Street and Lauraleaf Street. Staff and Gaps Subcommittee will continue to provide update to CPAC on the project status.

##### Jane's Walk

For this year, three walking tours are planned in Markham Heritage Park (May 6), Thornhill (May 7), and Main Street Markham (May 8). There is an approved CPAC budget of up to \$1,000 for advertising and a ¼ page advertisement in the Economist & Sun and The Liberal

was suggested. Staff will follow-up with Corporate Communications to find out free advertising opportunities (i.e. City page, boards at libraries and community centres, website) and the costs for paid advertisement in the local newspaper.

#### Markham Cycling Day

Peter Miasek indicated that the suggestion to make Markham Cycling Day a corporate event was not successful at DSC and the event will remain status quo for 2016. A kick off meeting is scheduled for April 28 at 3 p.m. and Peter recommended that the committee should attempt to lay out responsibilities, routes, sponsorship, etc.

#### Walkability Priority Project

The Chair reported that recommendations of three of the five walkability audits are reviewed by the Walking Subcommittee. It was agreed that the Walking Subcommittee would prioritize and come up with a master list for Staff and the Walking Subcommittee to further discuss.

#### Walkability Walking Charter

Staff gave some background to the walking charter initiative. The concept of a Walking Charter started with Walk21 to encourage cities to support and promote walking. A number of Ontario cities have signed their own Walking Charter, including Ajax, Halton Region, Ottawa, Toronto and more. The Walking Subcommittee suggested that there should be stronger support for walking, and recommended that the City to also adopt a Charter for Walking. Staff will circulate the draft Walking Charter to CPAC for comment and review, and the draft can be further discussed at the subcommittee level.

#### Adult Cycling Clinic

Staff reported that Recreation Department is interested in running the Adult Cycling Clinic as part of their regular program. Recreation Staff expressed the need of CPAC funding to take over the program. Staff would continue to update CPAC as it progresses.

### **5. INFO ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### DSC Presentation on April 11 - Update

Peter Miasek reported there were two major points that came out of the April 11 DSC presentation. First, the Mayor added a resolution for staff to review cycling on sidewalks and secondly, the Mayor had misgivings about making Markham Cycling Day a City's corporate event.

There were also comments to investigate the possibility of getting a representative on CPAC from the Accessibility Committee. Staff will follow-up on this. It was also noted that the

Committee could benefit from having representation from Boxgrove and Milliken areas and the Clerk's office was asked to assist in recruitment from these areas.

### **2016 Sidewalk Program**

Staff presented an update on the 2015 and 2016 sidewalk program. It was reported that the designs for the 2015 sidewalk program are completed and have been put out to tender, and the 2016 program is currently under review.

Moved by Peter Miasek,  
Seconded by Councillor Don Hamilton,

THAT staff be asked to consider constructing interim sidewalks, preferably in concrete, on sections identified on 14<sup>th</sup> (east of Canfield Rd to Westside of Markham Rd & Birchmount Rd. to McDowell) and 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue (Kennedy Road to 145m west) as part of this year's sidewalk program.

In view of Council's interest in cycling on sidewalks, it was suggested that staff review the 2016 program to see if any of the planned sidewalks could be MUPs instead.

CARRIED

### **York Region Pedestrian & Cycling Standards**

At the last meeting Committee members were asked to review the materials regarding the York Region Cycling & Pedestrian Design Standards and provide any comments and/or feedback. Elisabeth suggested that more information on intersection treatment for cycling should be added. Suran K. will convey the comment to Shawn Smith at York Region.

### **Public Event on Cycling in Markham**

Peter Miasek reported that a public cycling event held by Markham Greens is planned for May 30, 7 p.m. at Sheridan Nurseries in Unionville to discuss and educate public on cycling in Markham. Shawn Smith will attend but will not formally speak to prevent perception that it is a York Region sponsored event. He will hand out material and answer questions if required. Paul Traicoff expressed an interest in attending the event.

### **Other Business**

Peter Miasek indicated that the Draft Infill Sidewalk Policy is being presented at the DSC meeting on next Tuesday. Staff indicated that CPAC can make a deputation if they wish.

Suran Ketheeswaran distributed copies of the York Region Cycling Tour Map and the 2016 State of Cycling – York Region Cycling Yearbook. He also distributed information regarding

the Youth Bike Summit, and encouraged to pass on the information to any high school students that may be interested to attend.

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

- Collisions Statistics Presentation - followup
- Jane's Walk 2016 Review
- Markham Cycling Day - next steps
- Walkability priority project
- Gaps – Intersection Pilot - with York Region
- Gaps – Project Update
- Respond to DSC resolution on “cycling on sidewalks”
- Revised 2016 sidewalk plan

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

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