



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 24, 2016
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
Zain Khan
Paul Salvo
Paul Traicoff
Daniel Yeung
Gordon Lawson
Anthony Ko
Justin Hung
Gordon Cole
Ken Deering
Councillor Alan Ho

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
Shawn Smith, York Region

Regrets:

Elisabeth Tan
Joe Cimer
Joe Doria
Councillor Don Hamilton
Richard Senior, York Region Police
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 FEBRUARY 18, 2016**

The minutes of the February 18, 2016 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting were approved.

2. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

The Committee reviewed the revised Status of CPAC work items.

3. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Cycling Gaps List

Peter Miasek advised that the Gap Subcommittee met via e-mail to discuss the Lake to Lake (Markham Section) implementation and that they unanimously agreed to endorse the project.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Gordon Lawson

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) endorses the Lake to Lake Path implementation through the City of Markham (section of nearly 5km, about 3.1km is In-Boulevard Path, 1.1 km of off-road MUP and about 0.5km of on-road signed bike route) portion; and,

That CPAC requests that City of Markham Council include the funding amount of \$925,000 for the Lake to Lake Path in their 2017 Capital budget.

Carried

Staff reviewed the 7 gaps that have been identified as active projects and advised of the following:

- John Street - may consider obtaining an opinion letter from the consultant for a MUP based on the overall budget
- Parkway Avenue - enhance with sharrows
- Peter Street (16th to Snider) - install signage and pavement markings
- Country Estate & Walnut Glen MUP's - construction in 2017 will be paid through Capital Budget
- Bridal Trail - Edgeline painting will be done through Operations in 2016
- 16th Avenue (Village Parkway to Rouge Valley Trail) - defer to the York Region 16th Avenue EA

- Lauraleaf - install signage and sharrow markings

There was discussion regarding when sharrows are put in the middle of the street rather than to the side. It was noted that when you have a width of four (4) metres or less the sharrows are recommended in the middle of the street and that they are to be used on low speed roads.

Metrics Program

Paul Traicoff advised that he did provide some collision statistics to Joe Cimer, but he did not have enough time to put it together. He suggested that he will provide a brief presentation at the next meeting.

Walkability Audit

Staff advised that they met with the Manager of Urban Design, and that she agreed with a lot of the recommendations from the audit to be applied to new developments. As for the 5 audits completed last year the Subcommittee will come up with a priority list of follow up work/projects derived from those audits.

There was discussion regarding the establishment of a Walkability Charter and that staff will draft one.

Jane's Walk

Daniel Yeung will confirm with Joe Cimer if he will do the walk again this year. He will also confirm if assistance is required with putting the posters together. It was suggested that Joe Cimer put together a "hand off" package for future years. Theresa advised that she will prepare the posters. It was noted that the 2016 CPAC budget has \$1000.00 for additional publicity such as newspaper ads.

4. INFO ITEMS/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

MUP Project

Staff advised that the Woodbine By-Pass MUP has been signed.

The next three MUP's to be signed and marked are: Warden Avenue, Markham Road and Donald Cousens Parkway. Staff have retained IBI Group to develop the design/plan for the type of signage required as well as research on pavement markings, at a cost of \$23,000.00.

It is anticipated that implementation will occur on at least one of these three MUP's this year.

York Region EAs

Staff advised that York Region will be starting Environmental Assessments for Kennedy Road and McCowan Road from Major Mackenzie to Steeles Avenue. Staff pointed out that they have requested York Region to look for bicycle parking facilities along Steeles Avenue. Staff have also asked York region to consider cycling facilities as part of the EA.

There was discussion of safety issues along Kennedy Road and McCowan Road as well as linkage to the City of Toronto. The Committee agreed that their input during the process of these EAs is important.

There was a discussion on the merits of on-boulevard cycle paths and/or on-road cycle paths with a barrier for arterial roads. York Region will e monitoring usage of the Highway 7 buffered bike lane facility.

York Region Design Standards for Pedestrian & Cycling Facilities

It was suggested that the Committee members review the materials distributed with the agenda regarding the York Region Design Standards and provide any comments and/or feedback within a month.

Ontario Municipal Cycling Infrastructure Program

Staff advised that they have received notice that the City will be receiving a grant from the Ministry, but are not certain if they are receiving the full amount of \$325,000 that they applied for. This will be used for the Phase 3 of the Rouge Valley Trail.

Other Business

There was discussion regarding the process to fill any vacancies. Staff will follow up with Laura Gold to see if she had interviewed someone who submitted an application for CPAC.

Shawn Smith distributed copies of the York Region Cycling Tour Map. He also distributed information regarding the Youth Bike Summit, and encouraged to pass on the information to any high school students that you know.

5. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

- Metrics Update
- Jane's Walk Planning
- Presentation on collision statistics (Paul Traicoff)
- Results of presentation to DSC regarding the 2016 Plan
- Markham Cycling Day - next steps
- Walkability priority project

6. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:24 PM.