

CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2015 CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair

Peter Miasek

Councillor Don Hamilton

Paul Salvo

Justin Hung

Anthony Ko

Joseph Cimer

Zain Khan

Ken Deering

Gordon Cole

Elisabeth Tan

Paul Traicoff

Dan Gillian

Regrets:

Gordon Lawson

Councillor Alan Ho

Joe Doria

Daniel Yeung

Staff:

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

Agency Members:

Yvonne Kaczor, York Region

Jans Harvey, York Region Health Services Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute Markham,

Richmond Hill

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services

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

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

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1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 17, 2015

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton Seconded by Dan Gilligan

That the minutes of the September 17, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting be approved.

Carried

2. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Project-Specific EA's - York Region Design Standards for Pedestrian and Cycling Facilities

Yvonne Kaczor, Senior Active & Sustainable Transportation Specialist, York Region delivered a PowerPoint presentation with respect to York Region retaining a consultant to update its design standards for walking and cycling facilities in York Region. It will cover infrastructure/context sensitive design including new policy areas such as boulevard jurisdiction, maintenance, wayfinding, intersections, performance monitoring (pilot trials) and school sites.

The Committee requested how York Region will engage CPAC. Ms. Kaczor advised that the Region will be communicating through Brian Lee, and that York Region will continue to come and provide updates to CPAC.

There was discussion regarding potential implementation of protected intersections.

Share the Road Signage

Elisabeth Tan delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Share the Road Signage. She indicated that a recent study found that the current Share the Road signs are not useful, but rather create conflicts between cyclists and cars.

Staff is suggesting to forward this information to IBI Group who is the Region's consultants for the design standards for their comments.

Issue Prioritization Sub-Committee

Dan Gilligan addressed the Committee and provided an update on the outcome of their first subcommittee meeting.

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Gap Subcommittee

Staff advised that they have not been able to get the unit rates for some of the bicycle facility types and will follow up with Joe Doria.

3. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

8th Annual GIRO and Markham Cycling Day

Zain Khan provided the Committee with an update on the 8th Annual GIRO and Markham Cycling Day advising it was a great success. He thanked all the Committee members for their help volunteering on the day of the event.

Bike Valet

William To, Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL) delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Markham Festivals that Bicycle Valet Parking and Safety Inspection were offered. Overall, despite adverse weather, usage increased 10% from 2014.

The Committee thanked TCEL for their involvement with the bicycle valet in the last four years.

There was discussion regarding expanding the service to one or more festivals in 2016.

Improved Web presence

This item was deferred to the November agenda.

Staff advised that they have consulted with the City Corporation Communication department and that they advised currently advisory committees do not have a link to the City website or provide any information on the City website unless it is a City event.

Complete Street Forum

Anthony Ko advised that the forum had great speakers and it was an excellent event overall.

David Rawcliffe provided some information from a few of the speakers at the Complete Street Forum and suggested sending the website to anyone interested in reading further information.

There was discussion regarding speed limits and whether it has any correlation to fatalities.

4. NEW BUSINESS

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Fion Ho

Staff advised that Fion Ho will be returning on October 26, 2015.

2016 Business Plan

Staff advised that they submitted for the same amount (\$25,000) for Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee budget.

MUP Signage along Woodbine Avenue

Staff advised that the MUP signage along Woodbine By-pass is anticipated to be installed next week.

Bayview EA - Open House

Staff advised that a Public Open House will be held October 29, 2015 at the Thornhill Community Centre regarding the Bayview EA.

Bike Racks

Elisabeth Tan requested if we could have an update relative to bike racks on Main Street Unionville and Markham. It was noted that one bicycle rack has been installed, but more are required.

5. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:00 p.m.