



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, JUNE 18, 2015
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Zain Khan
Joe Doria
Elisabeth Tan
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Gord Lawson
Paul Traicoff
Daniel Yeung
Anthony Ko

Regrets:

Joseph Cimer
Gordon Cole
Justin Hung
Ken Deering

Staff:

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

Agency Members:

Lindsay Taylor, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Shawn Smith, York Region
Jans Harvey, York Region Health Services

Regrets

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Richard Senior, York Region Police
Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region

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 MAY 21, 2015**

A few friendly suggestions were made for the item on Church Street Cycle Track update (paragraph 2): add the word "Other" in front of CPAC and add the words "used for Church Street for consistency."

The minutes of the May 21, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting were approved as amended.

2. CPAC MEMBER UPDATE

The Chair advised that Lindsay Taylor, Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill will be pursuing an opportunity in British Columbia as a result will no longer be part of CPAC and on behalf of the Committee wished Lindsay all the best.

3. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Master Planning of Future Urban Areas

Brian Lee, Deputy Director of Engineering delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "North Markham Future Urban Area - Planning for a New Community."

Project-Specific EA's - Church Street cycle Track and Rodick Road Update

Staff advised that they will adopt the same principle as the cycle track on Highway 7 for the Church Street design. The Committee suggested that staff provide what the distance from the intersection will be where the cyclists merges with traffic.

Rodick Road between Miller Avenue and 14th Avenue - there was discussion regarding whether to have that section as MUP bike lane or a segregated cycle track. It was suggested that the Gap Subcommittee review this section and present a recommendation back to CPAC.

Baseline Metrics Sub-Committee

Joe Doria addressed the Committee and advised that he was invited to present the subcommittee's metrics to York Region ASRTS meeting on Monday June 15, 2015. He indicated that the presentation was very well received.

Gaps Subcommittee

Staff advised that Operations did their analysis on the suggested roads that CPAC recommended the installation of edgelines and the results are as follows:

- Church Street (9th Line to Highway 48) - insufficient road width to accommodate the edgelines (need minimum 2 meter width)
- Highglen - insufficient road width to accommodate the edgelines (need minimum 2 meter width), although portion between Markham Road and Birchmount already has an edgeline (perhaps to an older standard)
- Longwater Chase - sufficient width. CPAC can proceed with edgelines
- Raymerville - will proceed with edgelines as part of the Safe Street Program

The Committee suggested that staff ask Operations to consider whether edgelines can be installed on only one side of Church Street and Highglen and whether a minimum of 1.5 meter would be sufficient rather than 2 meters?

There was discussion of having edgelines installed along Village Parkway west of Toogood Pond. The Ward Councillor advised that when that area is scheduled for resurfacing it will be considered.

4. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Markham Cycling Day

Zain Khan addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding Markham Cycling Day advising that the organizing committee will continue to meet over the summer months. He indicated that volunteers will be needed on the day of the event. Zain will circulate an e-mail once they have finalized the details of what duties are required for the volunteers.

Bike Valet

Elisabeth Tan addressed the Committee and provided an update with respect to the bike valet. She advised that they had 162 bikes use the service at the Unionville Festival.

Markham Music Festival on June 20, 2015 - Paul Salvo has agreed to meet Operations at approximately 8:15 AM.

Elisabeth advised that the banner used in the past has unfortunately gone missing and suggesting that a new banner be made.

Moved by Dan Gilligan
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) endorse having a banner made with the Markham Logo and CPAC logo using up to a maximum amount of \$500 (to be taken from the Education - conduct cycling training at schools budget).

Carried

Outreach to School Boards

Staff advised that they spoke with Pam Lalani who confirmed that York Region will be trying to reach out to approximately 2000 students with a cycling training program in various schools within York Region including in Markham. Approximately five (5) schools in Markham are planned.

There was discussion regarding whether CPAC should continue to reach out to schools regarding a cycling training program given York Region is doing that.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Dan Gilligan

That the original CPAC budget of \$4000.00 be reduced to \$3,500 to conduct cycling training at Markham schools that are interested.

Carried

Update Markham Cycling Map

Staff thanked everyone for their comments on the Markham Cycling Map.

Monitor York Region AT Activities

Shawn Smith, York Region provided some highlights of relative to pedestrian and cycling implementations such as: Warden Avenue installation of the MUP; Highway 7 installation of segregated cycling track; Greenbelt Route (not included in Markham); Bob Hunter to Toogood Pond MUP partnership funding with the City of Markham; First Bike Summit held this year. He also presented the YouTube video of Safe Cycling Campaign Kick-off.

5. NEW BUSINESS

CPAC Membership

There was discussion regarding ways to encourage women to join as citizen representatives. It was suggested that the best way is through word of mouth by current members if they know any women who might be interested in applying.

Meeting dates from September to December

The Committee agreed to continue holding the CPAC meetings monthly, every third Thursday of the month beginning at 7pm.

Pedestrian Crossing on McCowan Road

The Committee complemented staff on their design of the signalized pedestrian crosswalk on McCowan Road by Milne Park.

Informal Meeting for new Committee members

It was suggested that an informal meeting be scheduled for the new Committee members to give them some background information that may be helpful to further understand CPAC's mandate. Peter Miasek and Dan Gilligan will come up with some date options and e-mail them to the group.

Markham GO Station - Snider Drive Realignment Project

Staff advised that Metrolinx is wanting to realign Snider and that staff will be suggesting that bike lanes be considered as part of this project.

Bike Racks on Unionville Main Street

Councillor Hamilton advised that a bike rack with 5 -7 spots, similar to one at Stiver Mill, will be installed near the stairs on the east side.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Rodick Road - report back from Gap Subcommittee

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:55 p.m.