



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MAY 21, 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
Joseph Cimer
Gordon Cole
Gord Lawson
Paul Traicoff
Daniel Yeung
Anthony Ko
Justin Hung

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
Richard Senior, York Region Police

Regrets

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Shawn Smith, York Region
Jans Harvey, York Region Health Services
Pam Lalani, 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.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 16, 2015**

The minutes of the April 16, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBERS

The following newly appointed CPAC members introduced themselves to the Committee:

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

3. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Catchbasin Grates and Cyclist Safety

Staff provided an update relative to the catchbasin inventory on bike routes and provided some approximate costs (material, labour and equipment) to replace or where possible retro-fit the existing ones. There are approximately 445 requiring replacement (\$340 each) and 33 requiring complete rebuild (\$3700) for a total cost of \$273,000. Staff indicated that any further replacement of the catchbasins will be "bike-friendly" grates. No further action is required on this issue.

Project-Specific EA's - Church Street cycle Track Update

Staff provided an update regarding the cycle track on Church Street from 9th Line to Bur Oak. It was noted that the boulevard width at Country Glen Drive is sufficient to accommodate a sidewalk and a separate cycle track. Staff advised that the cycle track will be finished in concrete and will be signed.

There was discussion on how to deal with the intersection at Country Glen Drive and Church Street. Some members of the Committee suggested that staff consider merging with traffic just prior to the Country Glen intersection so that the cyclists can proceed with traffic through the intersection light rather than dismount from the bicycle and walk across with the pedestrians. Other CPAC members indicated that the cyclists should continue to stay on the boulevard even when merging back to traffic and controlled by the traffic signal. Staff indicated that the final design adopted for Highway 7 should be used for Church Street for consistency. Staff will look into the Highway 7 design and report back.

Neighbourhood Walkability Audits

Staff advised that there will be a meeting scheduled with the subcommittee members to discuss the next steps.

MUP Signage on Woodbine By-Pass

Staff advised Phase 1 of the project will be to sign the path between intersections. There was discussion whether crossrides could be used at intersections without signals. Staff have requested the consultant to review the use of cross-ride at signalized intersections. It was noted that York Region is generally agreeable to the cross-rides at signalized intersections in principle subject to detailed design and possible modification to the intersection geometric design. Staff advised that due to increased costs to implement signalized cross-rides, further funding approval will be requested in the 2016 budget. Work for the Phase 1 signage design is now finalized.

Baseline Metrics Sub-Committee

Joe Doria addressed the Committee and provided a brief background for the new members regarding the purpose of the baseline metrics. He provided an update and thanked everyone who volunteered to assist with the bicycle counts.

Gaps Subcommittee

Staff provided an update on the 2015 edge line implementation. The subcommittee had identified the top three edgeline priorities as Church Street, Raymerville Drive and Highglen Avenue. Staff noted that one of these streets (Church Street) was already slated for edgelines as part of the Safe Street Program by the Operations Department. The subcommittee noted that this should free up some funds in the Engineering budget to perhaps allow for additional priority projects beyond the top three. Staff indicated that they will look into this.

4. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Markham Cycling Day

Zain Khan addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding Markham Cycling Day advising that City staff are assisting with sponsors and promoting the event. He noted that Centennial College is a sponsor. Zain indicated that volunteers are needed and if anyone is interested to please contact him.

Zain advised that on Sunday May 24, 2015 a few of them will be cycling the proposed route. If anyone is interested in joining them they are meeting at the Pan Am Centre at 9:30 am.

Bike Valet

Elisabeth Tan addressed the Committee and reviewed the five (5) festivals that will be providing bike valet service.

The Committee suggested that more materials should be handed out at the bike valet relative to bike safety, cycling map, etc.

Update Markham Cycling Map

Staff advised that the DRAFT Markham Cycling Map is completed and staff will send out a copy to the members for their review of accuracy of information. It was suggested that comments be submitted to staff by Monday June 8, 2015 to ensure any suggestions will be incorporated prior to being printed.

Safe Cycling Campaign

Staff provided an update on the May 14th Safe Cycling Campaign hosted by York Region and presented some pictures of the day.

Jane's Walk

Joe Cimer delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2nd Annual Jane's Walk noting that there was one held in Thornhill, Unionville and Markham. Total attendance was 55 walkers.

It was suggested that certificates be presented to the Walk Leaders. Staff will follow up.

The Committee suggested the following for the 2016 Jane's Walk:

- Start advertising the event sooner
- Consider a budget amount to allocate to it
- Consider contacting SNAP as a source of advertising the event
- Try and get school children involved

5. NEW BUSINESS

MUP (16th Avenue to Bob Hunter Park)

Staff advised that Alan Brown, Director of Engineering extended his thank you to the Committee members that appeared at Development Services Committee for their deputation in support of the staff recommendation. It was noted that work on Phase 2 will be commencing.

The Committee advised that a portion of the MUP, west of McCowan Road, south of the auto dealership is closed due to work being completed by York Region. It was suggested that a sign should be erected indicating the closure. City staff will investigate. (post meeting note: a CPAC member cycled through the MUP and advised that there is no longer a closure)

CAA - Decal

Peter Miasek reminded the Committee that CAA came and presented their program "Watch for Bikes" and suggested that the City consider placing the decal on the side mirrors of City vehicles. He advised that the Operations Department has been installing them on all City vehicles.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Establishment of a Subcommittee (School Communications) - Daniel Yeung and Paul Salvo volunteered to be members
- How to encourage females to join CPAC

7. ADJOURNMENT

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