



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 16, 2015
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Zain Khan
Joe Doria
Rachael Woodroffe
Ken Deering
Elisabeth Tan
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Joseph Cimer
Gordon Cole
Arup Mukherjee

Staff:

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

Agency Members:

Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Lindsay Taylor, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Jans Harvey, York Region Health Services
Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services

Regrets

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Gord Lawson
Shawn Smith, 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 MARCH 19, 2015**

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the March 19, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

2. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Neighbourhood Walkability Audits

Paul Young, Public Space Workshop delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the content in his audit report.

There was brief discussion regarding different types of pedestrian facilities.

The Committee suggested that our planning staff consider the recommendations made in the report when reviewing development applications, such as raised crossings in parking lots.

It was suggested that one hard copy of the report be printed.

The subcommittee will reconvene to discuss next steps in dealing with the recommendations identified in the final report.

Surface Type for MUP and Cycle Tracks

Staff advised that they have met with Operations staff and need to further consider cost implications prior to recommending what material (concrete or asphalt) for MUP and Cycle Tracks on boulevards. Staff anticipate having further information in the Fall.

Baseline Metrics Sub-Committee

Joe Doria addressed the Committee and thanked everyone who assisted in obtaining the metrics relative to bike racks. He advised that eleven bike counting areas have been identified for Markham and that York Region will be using their equipment to obtain these counts.

There was discussion regarding whether these metrics should be done annually and the Committee agreed that this data should be done on an annual basis. It was suggested that the metrics obtained relative to bike racks at schools should be forwarded to Sonia Sanita, Safe Routes to School Facilitators, York Catholic & York District School Boards.

Gaps Subcommittee

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and reviewed the top seven (7) gaps identified by the subcommittee (prioritized from a list of 17 identified gaps already identified by the subcommittee).

The top 7 gaps identified are:

1. Church Street - from 9th Line to Highway 48
2. Raymerville - starting at Snider To Carlton and Main Street Unionville
3. Highglen - from Markham Road to Birchmount Road
4. Longwater Chase + William Berczy to Major Mackenzie
5. Peter Street - from 16th Avenue to Snider, George to Washington Street
6. Anina Crescent - to connect to new Bob Hunter MUP
7. Country Estates Blvd. - connect to Warden MUP

Staff advised that they have forwarded this list to the Operations Department. It was noted that the Operations Department has a list of "safe streets" traffic calming list and that some of the identified gaps may be on that list as well. Engineering staff will discuss with Operations staff the opportunity to have the first 3 gaps filled through edge lines.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorse the list top seven (7) gaps identified by the Gaps Subcommittee and that Engineering Staff work with Operations staff to ensure these areas have edge lines installed.

Carried

3. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Markham Cycling Day

Zhain Khan addressed the Committee and advised that they continue to meet with City staff. He advised that the subcommittee members have prepared a draft project plan. They are focusing on obtaining sponsorships.

It was suggested that the date(September 27, 2015) needs to be publicized.

Bike Valet

There was brief discussion regarding whether bike valet should take place at the RBC Milliken Children's Festival. There was consensus that no bike valet service be provided at the RBC Milliken Children's Festival given that there are no funds and resources this year.

Outreach to School Boards

There was brief discussion regarding the most appropriate way to reach out to the schools in Markham. Sonia Sanita, Safe Routes to School Facilitator, York Catholic and York Region District School Boards has a Regional perspective and may not be the best contact to prioritize within Markham.

Markham staff will draft an e-mail to all Markham schools to inform them of the bicycle training opportunity.

Update Markham Cycling Map

Staff advised that currently there are not enough resources or capacity to oversee the completion of Markham's cycling map. It was noted that the York Region cycling map will be available soon and that the Regional map will show the most up to date information for Markham.

Peter Miasek advised that Shawn Smith has sent him an e-mail of the draft York Region cycling map and asked that any comments be sent to him by Friday April 17, 2015. Peter will forward that e-mail to all CPAC members.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Dan Gilligan

That CPAC review the York Region draft cycling map and discuss at the May meeting if the Markham Cycling map should be updated for 2015.

Carried

Safe Cycling Campaign

Staff provided a brief update regarding the May 14th Safe Cycling Campaign.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2015 Business Plan

Peter Miasek advised that the 2015 Business Plan was well received by the Development Services Committee. The following comments were made: consider applying for the Celebrate Markham Grant, should try to reach out more to schools, study winter cycling and winter maintenance, approach the RBC Children's Festival with valet service and include Rouge Park area with the annual Tour de Markham event.

Provincial Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Symposium on Saturday May 2, 2015

David Rawcliff inquired if any Committee member would be interested in representing CPAC at the EAC Symposium. The Committee agreed that with the late notice they will not take part in the symposium.

Multi-Use Pathway (16th Avenue to Bob Hunter)

Peter Miasek briefly reviewed his draft deputation that he intends on doing at the April 21, 2015 Development Services Committee meeting regarding the multi-use pathway (16th Avenue to Bob Hunter), and indicated that Alan Brown, Director of Engineering reviewed it and supports the deputation.

Moved by Dan Gilligan
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

The Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee members support Peter's deputation.

Carried

List of 2015 Engineering Projects

Staff reviewed the list of on-going engineering projects.

2015 Proposed Sidewalk Construction Program

The 2015 program had been circulated by Taskin on April 1st. (Attachment A)

Jane's Walk

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services presented the proposed flyer for Jane's walk and asked for any comments and/or input. The Committee approve the flyer as presented and requested that the Markham Logo be included.

Members Terms

David Rawcliffe advised that the terms for Arup Mukherjee and Rachael Woodroffe have ended and their successors have been officially appointed at the April 15, 2015 Council meeting. As a result, this is their last meeting.

All members thanked Arup and Rachael for all their volunteered time on this Committee.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Baseline Metrics
- Markham Cycling Map
- Shawn Smith to review Region's 2014 Annual Report: Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan Implementation
- Next steps from completed walkability audits
- MUP signage on Woodbine Avenue
- Design Change for Church Street cycle track
- Janes Walk Results
- Markham Cycling Day update
- Bike Valet Update
- 16th to Bob Hunter MUP update

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

Proposed Sidewalk Construction 2015

| Street | Limit | Location | Length (m) | Width (m) |
|-------------------------|---|-------------------|-------------|-----------|
| 14 th Avenue | East of Canfield Rd to Westside of Markham Rd | South Side | 150 | 1.5 |
| 14 th Avenue | Birchmount to McDowell | North Side | 560 | 1.5 |
| | | | 65 | 2.0 |
| Doncaster Ave | Henderson to Yonge | South Side | 900 | 1.8 |
| Birchmount Ave | 14th Ave to Minthorn | East Side | 410 | 1.5 |
| Riviera Drive | Woodbine Ave to Rodick Rd | South Side | 375 | 1.5 |
| Elgin Mills Road | Woobine Ave to Hwy 404 Limit | North/South Sides | 1190 | 1.5 |
| Minthorn Dr | Leslie to East Beaver Creek | North Side | 152 | 1.5 |
| 16th Avenue | Kennedy Road to 145m west | North Side | 145 | ? |
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| TOTAL | | | 3947 | |