



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2015
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Gord Lawson
Elisabeth Tan
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Joseph Cimer
Gordon Cole
Arup Mukherjee

Regrets

Zain Khan
Joe Doria
Rachael Woodroffe
Ken Deering
Shawn Smith, York Region

Staff:

Alan Brown, 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
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
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 FEBRUARY 19, 2015**

The February 19, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Cycling on Sidewalks

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and advised that the Development Services Committee endorsed their proposed recommendation to have staff report back on permitting cycling on sidewalks at their March 3, 2015 meeting. Staff indicated that due to the staff workload, this matter will not be addressed in the near future.

There was discussion regarding the list of projects that the engineering staff are working on. It was suggested that staff bring the list of 2015 project to the April meeting.

Neighbourhood Walkability Audits

It was noted that the Walkability Audit CPAC sub-committee members provided their comments on the draft report and there were no major concerns with the work completed.

Staff confirmed that Paul Young, Public Space Workshop will present the results of the audit and proposed next steps at the April meeting.

MUP Signage

Staff indicated that IBI Group has prepared preliminary signage plans for the Woodbine By-Pass MUP. These plans are being reviewed by Regional and City staff. Staff advised that they are proposing to divide the Woodbine By-Pass project into two phases; Phase I - signage only and Phase II - potential for signalized cross ride.

It was noted that there are five arterial roads with completed MUPs that will need to be signed.

3. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

8th Annual GIRO and Markham Cycling Day

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the 8th Annual GIRO and Markham Cycling Day event. This event will be a combination of the annual GIRO and the first Tour de Markham. He indicated that the subcommittee met with City staff on March 2, 2015 and that Corporate Communications is suggesting that it be a "hybrid event" that City staff will support, but not lead it. Peter also advised that staff from Corporate Communications is working on a sponsorship package. It was noted that the event will require volunteers from CPAC. Paul Salvo and Arup Mukherjee have agreed to be added to the volunteer subcommittee.

Bike Valet

Elisabeth Tan addressed the Committee suggesting that a CPAC member assist her with the bike valet. Elisabeth indicated that she will not be available to assist at the Taste of Asia and Canada Day events. Anyone interested in assisting please contact Elisabeth via e-mail.

Outreach to School Boards

Staff advised that they will work with Sonia Sunita, Safe Routes to School Facilitator, York Catholic and York Region District School Boards to contact schools within Markham that may be interested in bike training. It was suggested that the Chairs of School Parent Councils also be contacted.

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services advised that York Region has a bicycle education program that they offer to the schools.

Update Markham Cycling Map

Staff advised that they are in the process of updating their cycling map and anticipate having a draft ready for the April meeting.

4. NEW BUSINESS

2015 Business Plan

Peter Miasek briefly reviewed 2014 Review/2015 Business Plan and advised that they will be presenting it to Development Services Committee on March 24, 2015.

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

Staff provided a brief update with respect to the MUP - 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter. It was noted that staff anticipate presenting their recommendations to Development Services Committee on April 21, 2015 on issues including accessibility levels, option 4U or 4T for the Milne Park trail, surface type, width of pathway east of Willowgate and phasing. There was a suggestion

that a representative from CPAC attend the DSC meeting and make a deputation in support of staff's recommendations.

Parking in Bicycle Lanes

Gordon Cole inquired whether staff had any update relative to whether cars are permitted to park in bicycle lanes. It was noted that staff provided an update in June 2014 and the following information was provided:

"It was noted that to amend the City's current By-law to prohibit parking on bicycle lanes, the by-law will have to include a schedule of all bicycle lanes and it would require Council enactment of a new by-law. At this time staff are suggesting erecting no parking signs in areas that seem to have an issue of parked cars and cyclist conflict by relying on complaints. No follow up action is required at this time."

Queens Park enabling lowering the standard speed limits of 50 km/hour to 40 km/hour

Elisabeth Tan advised that the Province is investigating ways to curb speed limits across Ontario, including giving opportunities for municipalities to lower the standard of speed limits from 50km/hour to 40km/hr.

Staff advised that their traffic group is not in support of lowering the speed limit.

It was suggested that a representative from the traffic department come to a future CPAC meeting to discuss this issue.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- 2015 List of Engineering Projects
- Markham Cycling Map
- Walkability Audit presentation
- Markham Bike Challenge
- Draft deputation for the April 21st DSC meeting regarding MUP Pathway
- DSC feedback from 2015 Business Plan presentation
- Surface type for MUP and Cycle Tracks
- Cycling Gap Committee update
- Markham Cycling Day update

6. ADJOURNMENT

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