



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Rachael Woodroffe
Zain Khan
Joe Doria
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Gord Lawson
Elisabeth Tan
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Joseph Cimer
Gordon Cole
Arup Mukherjee

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
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

Lindsay Taylor, disclosed an interest advising that tonight she will be presenting to the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee as a Masters Student and not as a agency representative for the Committee.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 15, 2015**

The January 15, 2015 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Cycling on Sidewalks

The Committee was advised of the next steps relative to the proposed motion to permit cycling on sidewalks. Staff indicated that if this motion is approved by Council it will be on their list of things to do, but not as a priority.

Project-Specific Environmental Assessment (EA) Designs

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering provided an update on the 2015 EA projects noting that some of the projects are subject to Capital Budget approval. Staff advised that they will consult with the committee in developing the design.

Post meeting note: The cycling facilities on the Highway 404 - Highway 7 to 16th Avenue flyover are on-road bike lanes and not segregated cycle tracks as discussed at the meeting. (See Appendix A)

There was brief discussion regarding the timeline and funding relative to the Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trails.

Neighbourhood Walkability Audits

Staff provided an update regarding the walkability audit being performed by Public Space Workshop, Paul Young. It was agreed that Mr. Young will present the results of the audit at the April 2015 CPAC meeting.

3. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

7th Annual GIRO and Cycling Day in Markham

Zhain Khan addressed the Committee and provided an update regarding the proposal to hold a Tour of Markham together with the annual GIRO and the location will be at the PanAm Centre. He advised that they have met with Engineering staff and Corporate Communications staff. It was noted that the following information needs to be finalized:

- Confirm date (considering September 27, 2015)
- A sponsorship package

- Confirm cycling route for a 10K, 20K and 30K ride

Masters Research Thesis

Lindsay Taylor addressed the Committee advising that she is currently a Masters student at Royal Roads University and would like to conduct a study on beginner commuter cyclists in Markham and Richmond Hill in the Spring. She delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "An Exploration Study of Beginner Commuter Cyclists in Markham & Richmond Hill." Lindsay advised that she would like input from CPAC to ensure that there are no gaps in her research and would like to obtain their support.

It was suggested that her presentation be forwarded to the Committee members.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee

Gord Lawson delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update on the work of the subcommittee relative to pedestrian safety.
(see Appendix B)

2015 Business Plan

David Rawcliffe presented the 2014 Review/2015 Business Plan. It was noted that this is anticipated to be presented to the Development Services Committee on March 24, 2015.

It was suggested that slide 18 should be amended to highlight \$100,000.

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

Staff provided an update regarding the MUP - 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter.

5. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

- Walkability Audit presentation (April agenda)
- Markham Bike Challenge (Shawn Smith)

6. ADJOURNMENT

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

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Attachments:

Appendix A - Hwy 404 - Hwy 7 to 16th Avenue Flyover

Appendix B - Pedestrian Safety presentation

2015 Markham and YR Region Road Projects

Appendix A

	PROJECTS	STATUS	CYCLING/PED FACILITIES
A) MARKHAM	Allstate Parkway Extension Highway 7 to 16th Ave	EA	TBD
	Existing Woodbine Ave (By-pass to By-pass)	EA	Sidewalks/TBD
	Highway 404 Mid-block Crossing, North of Hwy 7	Detailed Design Completed	Bike Lanes on both sides
	Markham Centre - 3 Bridges over GO Line	EA	TBD
	Multi-Use Pathway 2015 - Phase 2 of 5	Detailed Design	3.0 m Limestone Screening
	Municipal Rd. South of 14th. Middlefield to 14th (Con)	Design	MUP on North Side, Sidewalk on South Side
	Centurian Drive – Allstate to Woodbine	Design	TBF
	Church Street – 9 th Line to Bur Oak	Design	Cycle Tracks on both sides
	Yorktech Road – Rodick to Woodbine	EA	TBD
	Miller Avenue – Warden to Birchmount	Design	Off road
	Miller Avenue – Woodbine to Roddick	Design	Off road
	Rodick - 14 th Ave to Warden	Design	MUP on both sides
	Verclair Bridge over Rouge River MUP - Thornhill	Design EA	Off road TBD
B) YORK REGION	Hwy 7 - Town Centre to Sciberras Road	Design	Off-road cycle tracks on both sides
	Highway 404 Mid-block Crossing, North of 16 th Ave	EA	Off road
	Highway 404 Mid-block Crossing, North of Elgin Mills	EA	Off road



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Pedestrian Safety Sub-Committee Report

**David Rawcliffe, Gordon Lawson
and Theresa Ko-Cheung**

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A decorative graphic consisting of several overlapping circles and arcs in shades of beige and tan, set against a background with a fine, repeating grid pattern. The shapes are arranged in a way that creates a sense of depth and movement, with some circles appearing to be in front of others. The overall aesthetic is clean and modern, typical of a corporate or institutional branding element.

Source: York Region Police

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014 Jan-June
Injuries	Pedestrians	n/a	n/a	382 (9.5%)	416 (10.3%)	195 (9.4%)
	Cyclists	n/a	n/a	111 (2.8%)	120 (3.0%)	27 (1.3%)
	Total	4359	4578	4018	4028	2074
Killed	Pedestrians	10 (40%)	6 (20.7%)	11 (40.7%)	6 (31.6%)	0 (0%)
	Cyclists	1 (4%)	0 (0%)	0 (0%)	2 (10.5%)	0 (0%)
	Total	25	29	27	19	2
Total Injuries/Killed – include drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists injured/killed in motor vehicle collisions						

Cyclist and Pedestrian Injuries in Markham

2011 to 2013

Source: York Region Police

- Total number of fatal and non-fatal injuries involving cyclists or pedestrians: 284
- Cyclists: 78 (27.5%)
- Pedestrians: 205 (72.2%)
- Top three collision locations:
 - Highway 7 & McCowan Road
 - McCowan Road and Bullock Drive
 - Yonge & Clark Ave./Clark Ave. West



- Findings from the Pedestrian Death Review 2010, Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario:
 - 35% of fatally injured pedestrians were aged 65 or older even though they represent only 13% of the population;
 - 63% of pedestrians killed at intersections were 65 or older;
 - 6% of fatally injured pedestrians were under the age of 16 and of these, 20% ran out into the street;
 - 33% of fatally injured pedestrians acted in a manner which caused or contributed to the crash;
- More pedestrian injuries and deaths every year after daylight saving time begins

Would this improve safety?

- The Dancing Traffic Light



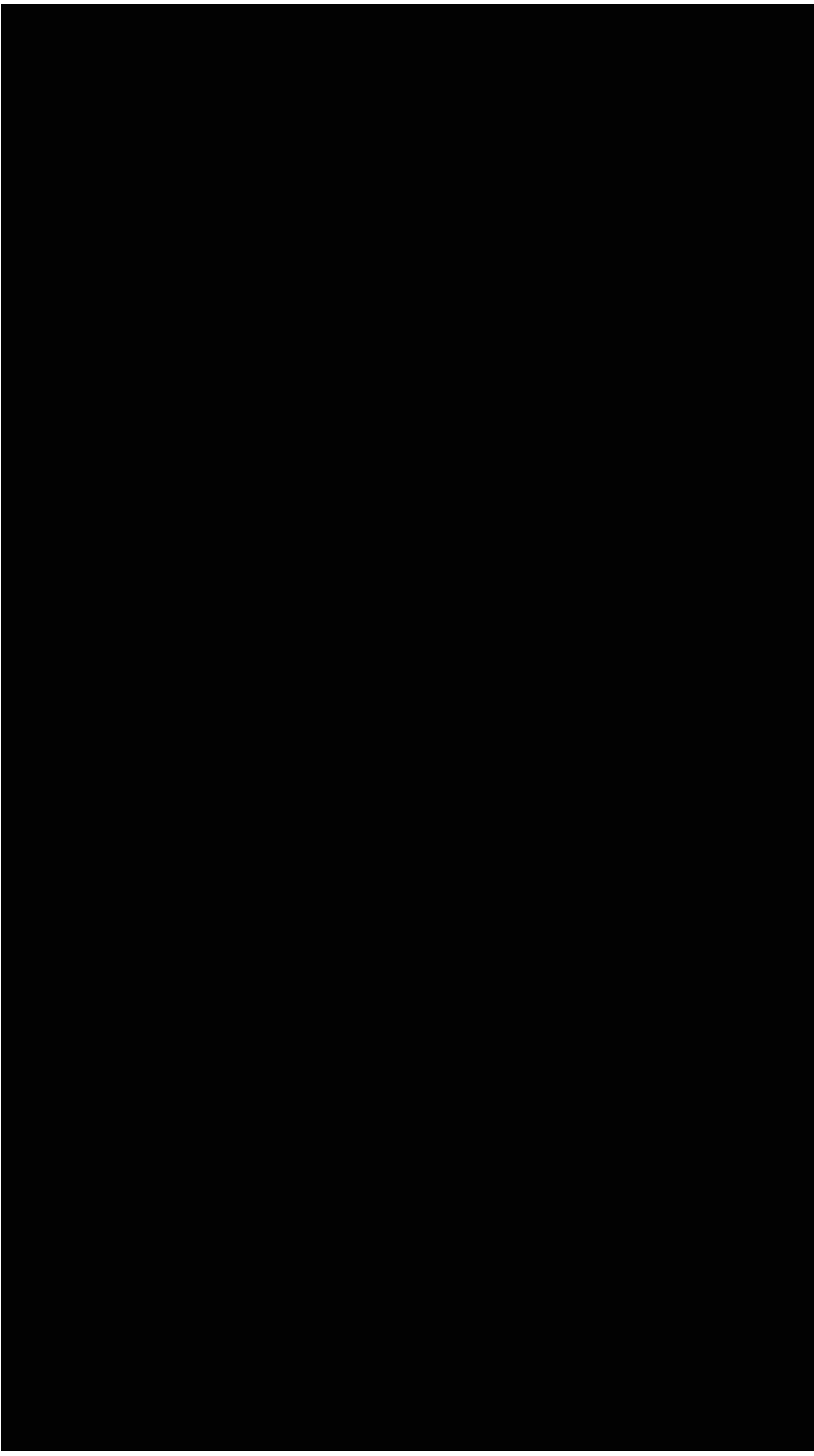
Focus on Pedestrian Safety

Some unsafe practices:

- Failure to yield to traffic/lights (j-walking)
- Being distracted (headphones, texting, ...)
- Can't be seen by drivers (darkness, hoodies, walking on the road)
- Unsafe driving (at stop signs, not following street signs, turning right, ...)
- Unsafe sidewalks (uneven, icy, dark, bikes, ...)
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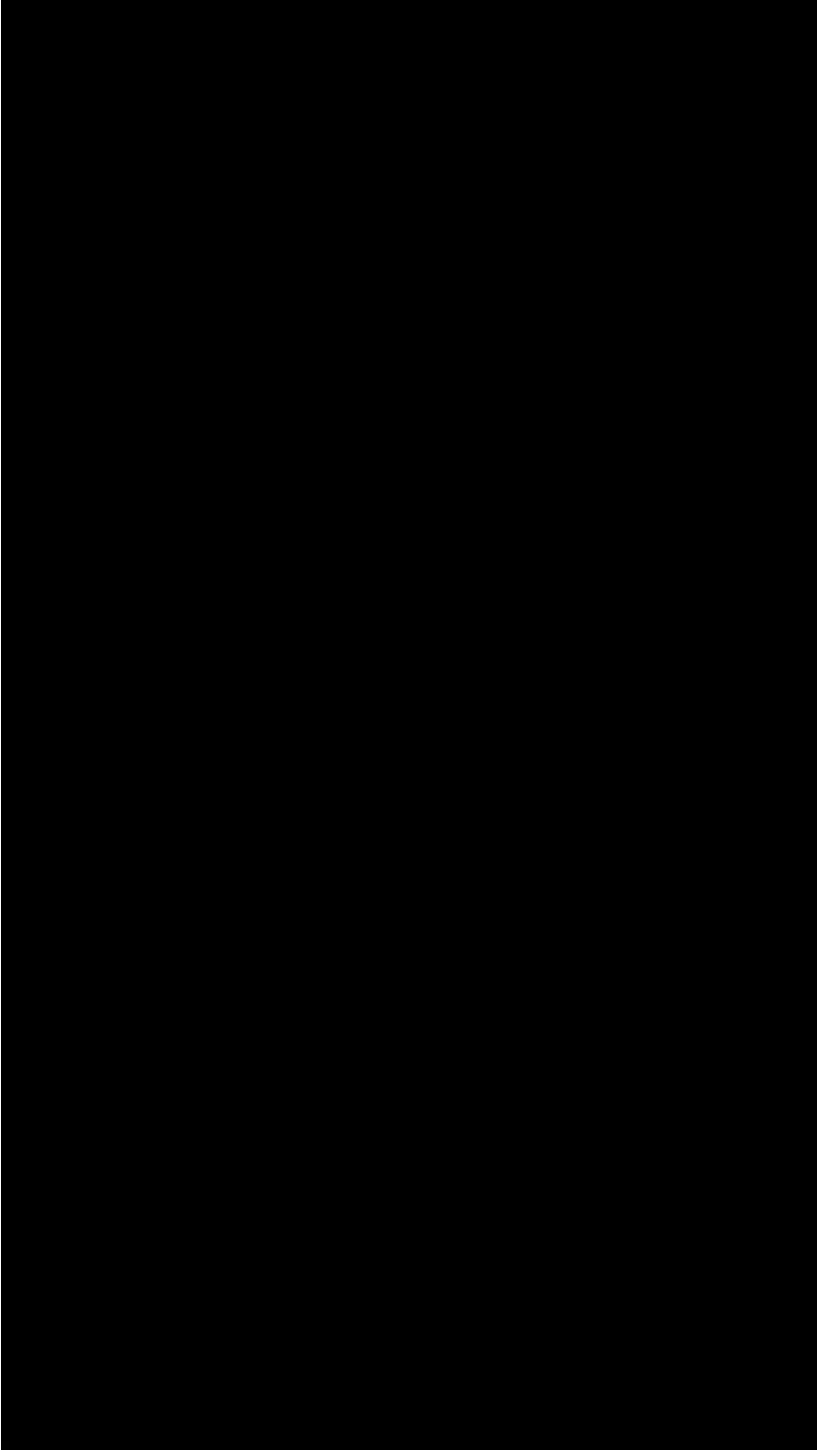
Videos from Pedestrian Safety Campaigns

- Pedestrian Visibility (York Region)



Videos from Pedestrian Safety Campaigns

- Crosswalk? (York Region)



Videos from Pedestrian Safety Campaigns

- Others:
 - See the Difference
 - Running
 - Eye Contact

What were accomplished in 2014?

- Gathered data as evidence for action
- Walkability audit – funding, consultant, locations; being implemented in Jan-Mar 2015
- Invited YRP to sub-committee's meeting to provide information on their Road Safety Program
- Discussed promotion strategies

Next Steps

- Invite York Region Police, Road Safety Program to present in CPAC meeting
- Walkability audit – interpret findings and plan future initiatives
- Ideas:
 - Submission to Markham life. Magazine in 2016
 - Event for children in Safety Village
 - Information to parents (school newsletters)
 - How do we reach the seniors?
 - Any other suggestions?