



## **CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 15, 2015  
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **Attendance**

##### Committee:

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

##### Staff:

Brian Lee, Deputy Director Engineering  
Taskin Shirazi, TDM Coordinator  
Morgan Jones, Manager Roads Operation  
Dereje Tafesse, Capital Works Engineer  
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

##### Agency Members:

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services  
Theresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services  
Richard Senior, York Region Police  
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 DECEMBER 18, 2014**

The December 18, 2014 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes were approved as presented.

**2. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN**

Catchbasin Grates and Cyclist Safety

Morgan Jones, Manager Roads Operation advised the Committee that during the spring clean up project (anticipated to be completed by May 2015) for the City's catchbasins they will capture an inventory of all various types of grates and then establish a cost for any rehabilitation work required.

Cycling on Sidewalks

The Committee considered the proposed motion relative to considering the concept of sidewalk cycling in Markham.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Potential liability issues to the City of Markham
- Importance of proper signage
- Increasing the connectivity and safety for cyclists
- The need for education
- Difference in width between a sidewalk and MUP
- Potential conflict risk between a cyclist and pedestrian
- How fast should/will a cyclist travel on a sidewalk?

Moved by Peter Miasek  
Seconded by Gordon Cole

WHEREAS some arterial and major collector roads in Markham have heavy vehicle traffic and no cycling facility suitable for the “interested but concerned” cyclist

WHEREAS a complete cycling network is a goal of the City of Markham, and interim cost-effective measures on such roads are needed until a proper facility is in place

WHEREAS many sidewalks have few intersections, driveways and pedestrians

WHEREAS the Highway Traffic Act is silent on sidewalk riding, but will soon be amended to permit cycling next to crosswalks ("cross rides")

WHEREAS there is a Markham municipal bylaw prohibiting cycling on sidewalks

WHEREAS numerous Ontario cities have bylaws permitting cycling on sidewalks in select locations

WHEREAS many cyclists are already cycling on sidewalks today in Markham

BE IT RESOLVED THAT CPAC endorses the concept of sidewalk cycling in select locations in Markham subject to the following conditions:

- The posted speed limit for vehicular traffic is 50 kms per hour or higher
- Any other conditions as determined by City staff

AND URGES COUNCIL to pass an enabling bylaw amendment to bring this into force

Carried

It was noted that the above motion will need to be pulled from the CPAC minutes when they are received by Development Services Committee (DSC) and that the motion if endorsed by DSC will be direction to have a staff report back on the proposed motion.

### **3. NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT**

#### Surface Type for MUP and Cycle Tracks

Morgan Jones addressed the Committee regarding concrete as a surface type for MUPs. He advised that from long term life-cycle winter maintenance view the operations department has changed their request to concrete for the following reasons noting that the finish does not need to be the same finish as a sidewalk, but smoother finish:

- Easier to obtain proper grade levels
- Lasts much longer than asphalt
- Easier to match when the concrete needs to be torn up to get to any covered utilities

It was suggested that the analysis on the surface types presented to CPAC by Elisabeth on November 20, 2014, that seem to contradict some of the points raised by Operation staff be forwarded to Morgan. Staff will review and comment on the analysis once received.

#### MUP Update

Dereje Tafesse, Capital Works Engineer addressed the Committee and provided an update relative to the multi-use pathways. He provided the following information:

- Phase 1 is completed
- There are a total of 11 pedestrian bridges
- There will be a push button pedestrian crossing signal on McCowan Road

The Committee was advised that a presentation on the Multi-Use Pathways will be considered at the January 27, 2014 Development Services Committee.

There was brief discussion regarding re-naming the area currently known as "16th Avenue to Bob Hunter" and it was noted that staff anticipate taking that back to the liaison committee to consider.

#### **4. OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT**

##### Gap Sub-Committee

Peter Miasek advised that the sub-committee has met and developed some action plans and will report back at a future meeting.

#### **5. NEW BUSINESS**

##### 2015 Business Plan

The Committee reviewed the proposed 2014 Business Plan put together by Peter Miasek and suggested the following:

- GIRO - follow up with Corporate Communications regarding potential sponsorship
- Bicycle Valet - increase the budget to \$8,000
- Add "attendance to conference and/or workshops"
- Remove "improve web presence"

Peter will draft a PowerPoint presentation with the suggested changes to be presented to DSC and will work with staff to finalize.

##### Capital Budget Update

Staff briefly reviewed their proposed Capital Budget for CPAC related items:

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| • Education and Outreach/Research | \$25,000 |
| • MUP Signage                     | \$15,000 |
| • Signage Improvements            | \$20,000 |
| • Gap-filling Edge Lines          | \$20,000 |

The Committee inquired about the Cycling Master Plan update and staff will report back.

Advisory Board Committee Information Session

The Committee was advised that on January 22, 2014 there is an information session scheduled at the Markham Civic Centre and there will be a booth for CPAC. Booth will be staffed by David Rawcliffe and Peter Miasek and any other member is welcome.

**6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA**

- Project Specific EA's/Design (list of YR and Markham projects)
- Neighbourhood Walkability Audit
- Beginner Commuter Cyclists (Lindsay's request)
- Cycling Master Plan Update (is there a budget for it)
- 2015 CPAC Business Plan
- Surface Type for MUP and Cycle Tracks

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:15 p.m.