



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 20, 2014
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Rachael Woodroffe
Zain Khan
Joe Doria
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Gord Lawson
Elisabeth Tan
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton

Regrets

Gordon Cole
Arup Mukherjee
Joseph Cimer
Ken Deering

Staff:

Brian Lee, Sr. Manager, Special Projects
Taskin Shirazi, TDM Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency Members:

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services
Teresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Lindsay Taylor, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
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. AGENDA

Moved by Dan Gilligan
Seconded by Joe Doria

That an update on metrics counts and gap subcommittee be added under New Business.

Carried

2. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 16, 2014

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the October 16, 2014 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

3. NEW STAFF MEMBER

David Rawcliffe welcomed and introduced Taskin Shirazi advising that she is the new TDM Coordinator during the maternity leave of Fion Ho.

4. GUEST PRESENTATIONS

Caroline Grech, CAA delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "CAA Cycling Advocacy."

There was brief discussion regarding intersection safety for on-boulevard MUP and cycle tracks relative to cyclists, and CAAs' interest in collaborating on a joint video.

It was suggested that CAA be invited to participate in the Markham GIRO and/or Tour de Markham event.

Brett Lucyk, Public Realm Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Shared Places our Spaces Markham's Public Realm." He left some brochures and surveys for the Committee requesting them to please fill out the form and return it to the Civic Centre by November 30th.

There was discussion regarding completed City projects that have elements of the Public Realm strategy.

5. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

Catchbasin Grates and Cyclist Safety

Brian Lee, Sr. Manager, Special Projects advised that he followed up with Operations staff regarding catchbasin grates throughout the City. He indicated that the City does not currently have a list of location of the catchbasins with grates that are not bike-friendly. It was noted that when catch basins are repaired they are replaced with ones that do not pose a hazard to cyclists (eg. herring bone).

There was discussion regarding ways to improve the existing catch basins. It was suggested that catch basins in established bicycle infrastructure should have bike-friendly alternatives.

Moved by Paul Salvo
Seconded by Joe Doria

That the City of Markham give priority to replacing catch basins with grates which are not bike-friendly on established bicycle infrastructure, and as a secondary priority to roads with edge lines.

Carried

The Committee suggested that when the catch basins are cleaned out to request that a report/list be compiled of the locations of the catchbasin with grates which are not bike-friendly.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton
Seconded by Gord Lawson

That a report and/or list be compiled of the location of all City catch basins with grates which are not bike-friendly when they are being cleaned out.

Carried

Cycling on Sidewalks - An Update

Rachael Woodroffe and Elisabeth Tan delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Cycling on Sidewalks.

It was suggested that the presentation be sent to all committee members and that the item be placed on the December agenda for discussion.

Project-Specific EA's Design

Staff provided a brief update regarding the 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter Park MUP advising that a PowerPoint presentation is anticipated to be delivered to Development Services Committee on January 13, 2015.

It was suggested considering a better name for the MUP.

York Region Master Plan

Staff advised that there is an elaborate survey on the York Region Transportation Master Plan website and encouraged all members to fill out the survey.

Neighbourhood Walkability Audit

Staff advised that they have received two proposals relative to performing a walkability audit. It was suggested that the proposals be provided to the subcommittee members (Gord Lawson, Gordon Cole, David Rawcliffe and Dan Gilligan) to review the proposals and set up a meeting with City staff to discuss which one would be the best choice. The information will be e-mailed to members of the committee for their agreement. Copies of the proposals were distributed to Gord Lawson, David Rawcliffe and Dan Gilligan.

6. NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION SUPPORT

Elisabeth Tan delivered a brief presentation regarding surface for off road cycle tracks on boulevard and shared pathways suggesting that the City consider asphalt rather than concrete.

Engineering staff will consult with Operations regarding the construction, operation maintenance and capital replacement of asphalt rather than concrete along cycle tracks on boulevards and report back.

7. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Outreach to Schools

Staff advised that a bicycle training session took place at St. Patrick Catholic School

Markham Cycling Map

Staff advised that they met with the subcommittee members to review the suggested changes to the Markham Cycling Map and that those changes were e-mailed to all members. It was noted

that if no further comments are received the map will be finalized. The finalized map will be circulated for final comment prior to printing.

Award for Walk Friendly Ontario

Staff advised that they applied, but unfortunately did not receive any award this year.

York Region Bike Summit - November 19, 2014

Peter Miasek presented a summary including learning and new ideas. The summary will be circulated to all CPAC members.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Pedestrian Safety Subcommittee

Gord Lawson advised that the sub-committee has met and obtained some statistics relative to the number of pedestrian collisions in York Region. Pedestrian collisions are three times higher than cycling collisions. The pedestrian safety subcommittee will meet again and come back with some recommendations to be considered.

Metrics

Joe Doria provided some statistics collected over the summer relative to bicycle parking spots. It was noted that there are overflow conditions at some of the high school, suggesting that more racks and access infrastructure required. Peter will send a letter to Sonia Sanita.

It is anticipated that CPAC will be the 2014 metrics to Development Services Committee early in 2015 which will require finalizing the 2014 data. Joe to circulate data needs.

Cycling Gaps

Joe Doria asked for an update regarding progress on the gap/edge line initiative as per the September 18th City presentation. It was suggested that this be on the December agenda.

Councillor Howard Shore

The Committee thanked Councillor Howard Shore for his time on the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and wished him all the best in the future.

9. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

It was suggested that the following items be placed on a future agenda for discussion and/or consideration:

- Riding on sidewalks
- Metrics
- Cycling Gap update

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:20 p.m.