



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 2014
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Rachael Woodroffe
Joe Doria
Paul Salvo
Dan Gilligan
Ken Deering
Zain Khan
Joseph Cimer

Staff:

Brian Lee, Sr. Manager, Special Projects
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency Members:

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services
Teresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Richard Senior, York Region Police

Regrets

Arup Mukherjee
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Lindsay Taylor, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Gord Lawson
Elisabeth Tan
Gordon Cole

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:10 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 JUNE 19, 2014

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Joe Cimer

That the June 19, 2014 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes be approved.

Carried

2. STANDING COMMITTEE ITEMS

Project Specific Environmental Assessments (EA)/Design

Staff provided an update relative to the Rodick Road EA (14th Avenue to Miller Avenue) advising that not much has changed and that the proposal includes multi-use pathways on both sides of the road. It was suggested that staff consider installing caution signs advising "Heavy Trucks" for this area.

Staff provided an update with respect to the Church Stree EA (9th Line to Bur Oak) advising that there will be segregated cycling lanes. It was noted that east of Country Glen Drive there will not be sufficient space for segregated bike lanes. The Committee suggested that staff consider having a depressed curb and sharrows.

Staff provided an update regarding the Highway 404 Flyover north of 16th Avenue noting that York Region is doing the EA. Staff advised that there will be an off-road cycle track.

Staff provided an update relative to the Highway 404 Flyover north of Elgin Mills advising that there are many challenges to be sorted out and that if possible have an off-road cycle track.

Staff provided an update regarding the Multi-Use Pathway signage advising that the City has retained IBI Group Inc. to assist with creating guidelines. Staff indicated that IBI Group Inc. will be presenting the draft guidelines at the October CPAC meeting and preliminary drawings for Woodbine Bypass MUP.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Dan Gillian

That any future road construction projects including sidewalks be brought to the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee for discussion and endorsement to improve pedestrian and cyclist safety.

Carried

Staff provided an update with respect to the 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter Multi-Use Pathway advising that the project is 80% complete and all issues related to archaeological is cleared. It was noted that the Phase 2 and 3 design is about 90% complete and expected to go to tender in 2015 with construction completed in 2016.

Staff delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation outlining proposed sections for cycling gaps to have edge lines painted. Staff advised that the estimated cost for these edge lines is approximately \$13,000. The Committee suggested that staff investigate if the edge lines along Church Street can continue all the way through (by the High School and Hospital area). The Committee requested that staff e-mail the members a copy of this PowerPoint presentation.

3. OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Joe Doria provided an update relative to the baseline metrics. There was discussion regarding whether the counter from York Region can be used in the spring of 2015. Joe will send an e-mail to Shawn Smith at York Region to find out how to get the counter here in Markham. It was suggested that Reesor Road, 9th Line, Elgin Mills Road and Woodbine Avenue be considered as locations for the counter.

4. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Staff delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation regarding the 7th Annual GIRO event noting it was a great success. There was discussion regarding looking at having food at next years event.

Staff delivered a brief PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Adult Cycling classes advising that there were a total of 45 participants.

Staff advised that they received a call from Unionville Public Elementary School inquiring about whether the City provides any bicycle training programs. Staff has contacted CanBike and Pedal Heads. It was noted that the cost of providing this program will cost approximately \$2,000. The Committee agreed that this is a great pilot project and that it should be pursued.

Moved by Joe Cimer
Seconded by Rachael Woodroffe

That staff be authorized to spend up to \$2000 from the CPAC budget to provide a bicycle training program at Unionville Public Elementary School.

Carried

Staff advised that the Markham Cycling Map requires updating. It was suggested that staff forward a copy of the "draft updated map" to the members so that they can provide any further comments and/or suggestions. It was suggested that cycling-compatible off-road trails, such as 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter MUP be included.

Staff advised the Committee that the Walkability Audit is currently on hold.

5. NEW BUSINESS

2014 CPAC Budget

Staff provided an update relative to the 2014 CPAC Budget and a summary of completed and in progress items from the CPAC business plan. It was noted that there is approximately \$6,000 remaining. The Committee suggested that the remaining money be used to offer other interested elementary schools in Markham the bicycle training program or alternatively use the funds to begin the edgeline painting.

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Dan Gillian

That staff be authorized to spend up to \$6000 of the 2014 CPAC budget to offer the bicycle training program to interested elementary schools in Markham or alternatively use the funds to begin the edgeline painting.

Carried

Tour de Markham

Zain Khan advised that Councillor Howard Shore arranged a meeting with the City's Director of Corporate Communications and the Director of Economic Development to discuss the proposed Tour de Markham. The following suggestions were made:

- Combine the GIRO event with the Tour de Markham
- Have Ken Deering join the sub-committee group
- City staff will assist in obtaining sponsorships
- Consider a date in September
- Hold the event at the Pan Am Centre

Open Streets Toronto

Ken Deering delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the "Open Street Toronto" events that took place this past summer noting it was a great success.

Staff Resources/Coverage for 2015

Staff provided an update with respect to the TDM Coordinator maternity leave position.

6. ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

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

- Does CPAC want to promote MUP's or segregated bicycle lanes
- When streets have sidewalks on both sides of the road can one side be used for pedestrians and one side be used for cyclists

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:10 p.m.