



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MAY 22, 2014
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

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

Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Brian Lee, Sr. Manager, Special Projects
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Agency Members:

Shawn Smith, York Region
Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services
Teresa Ko-Cheung, York Region Health Services
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

Regrets

Zain Khan

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:02 p.m. with Mr. Peter Miasek presiding as Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 17, 2014**

The April 17, 2014 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) meeting minutes were approved as presented.

2. HIGHWAY 7 CYCLE TRACK PROJECT UPDATE

Cynthia Martin, Project Manager, York Region delivered a presentation providing an update for the Highway 7 Cycle Track Project.

There was brief discussion regarding whether the median will have planters and the speed limit for this area.

3. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2014 BUSINESS PLAN

Parking in Bicycle Lanes

Dan Gilligan presented the Committee with pictures of various bike lanes throughout the City of Markham. He believes not having consist style bike lanes makes it confusing for the cyclist and motorists. Staff advised that some older communities have been retrofitted with bike lanes and there are many constraints that do not permit segregated bike lines.

Staff noted that currently the City does not have a by-law to prohibit cars from parking on bike lanes. Engineering staff are working with By-law staff to amend the By-law. Staff advised that they anticipate bringing back further information regarding this issue in September 2014.

Project-Specific EA's/Design

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering provided an update regarding the Church Street Environmental Assessment and two Environmental Assessments for the 404 Crossings.

It was noted that staff will try to incorporate segregated bike lanes on these projects. Staff will provide more details at a later date.

MUP Signage

Staff advised that they are developing guidelines to standardize the signage throughout Markham and they anticipate completing the guidelines in the fall, and completing the signage on one MUP by year end.

Bike Valet

Elisabeth Tan provided an update regarding the bike valet service being offered at some of the City's festivals. She advised that Canada Day Festival will have bike valet this year.

Joe Doria volunteered to assist with the posters for the Unionville Festival. Paul Salvo volunteered to assist with the posters for the Main Street Markham Festival. Peter Miasek will be the contact person for the Unionville Festival.

There was brief discussion regarding issues related to paid duty officers at the various festivals.

Outreach to School Boards

The Committee suggested that Paul Salvo incorporate the suggested edits into the letter and circulate the final version to CPAC for endorsement. It was suggested that the letter be re-sent to the School Boards in September 2014.

Pilot test Jane's Walk

Joe Cimer delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing a summary of the outcome of Jane's Walk.

Other New Ideas

Peter provided an update with respect to the proposed Tour de Markham. He noted that there is a meeting scheduled with City staff on June 6, 2014 to review all required applications. Peter advised that they have a route mapped out and will review that with staff.

There was discussion regarding whether to obtain sponsorship money. It was suggested that Peter try to contact Sara Sterling.

The Committee was advised that there are funds available to assist with the Integrated Approach to Pedestrian Travel (walkability audit) study. Fion Ho and David Rawcliffe will meet to discuss this further.

4. NEW BUSINESS

Ontario Cycling Strategy

Staff advised that when they update their cycling strategy they will incorporate a similar format. It was suggested that staff e-mail the link to the Committee members.

2015 Capital Budget

Staff advised that they need to submit their Capital Budget by June 2014.

Cycling Infrastructure Gaps

Joe enquired whether paved shoulders can be included when roads are being widened. Staff suggested producing a map outlining the areas with cycling gaps to assist in prioritizing projects. York Region staff advised that when roads are being rehabilitated bicycle facilities are always incorporated.

Joe Doria, Peter Miasek, Elisabeth Tan and Dan Gilligan have volunteered to review the cycling gaps with staff.

June is Bike month

It was noted that June is bike month and there were posters and calendars available.

Master Plan Update

Staff advised that the RFP would issue in the Fall and that staff are proposing to use the same format as the Ontario Cycling Strategy.

5. ADJOURNMENT

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