



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2013
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Rachael Woodroffe
Joe Cimer
Paul Salvo
Arup Mukherjee
Joe Doria
Gerald Corbett

Agency Members:

Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services
Herb Drummond, York Regional Police
Shawn Dillon, Manager Traffic Design, York
Region

Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Special Projects
Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Elisabeth Tan
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham
Ken Deering

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:07 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

**1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 18, 2013**

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Joe Cimer

That the Minutes from the April 18, 2013 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) be approved.

CARRIED

2. MARKHAM PUBLIC REALM COMMITTEE

Karen Boniface, Technical Coordinator addressed the Committee and provided information relative to the Markham Public Realm Committee.

There was discussion regarding locations for bicycle racks. Staff advised that there are poured pads for new bicycle racks at Steeles Avenue and Markham Road; Art Gallery and Brimley Road and Steeles Avenue. Staff also advised that the summer students had conducted a study on the bicycles left along Steeles Avenue and will forward a copy of that study.

There was discussion regarding the potential to incorporate public art with the new bicycle racks.

The Committee briefly discussed the process to follow if there is a location to be considered to have a bicycle rack installed. Shawn Dillon, Manager, Traffic Design, York Region advised that they are looking at locations by transit stops and are willing to partner with Markham.

3. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2013 BUSINESS PLAN

Markham's Draft Official Plan

Joe Cimer advised the Committee that he has been in contact with planning staff to ensure that the policies relative to cycling and pedestrian pathways are included in the proposed Official Plan Amendment and that he will continue dialogue with staff.

Community Secondary Plans

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering provided a brief overview regarding the anticipated roll-out schedule for the Markham Centre, Langstaff Gateway, Buttonville, Yonge/Steeles,

Milliken and Whitebelt Secondary Plans. He advised that when the draft plans are available he will bring them to CPAC for review and comments.

Project - Specific Environmental Assessments/Design

- Highway 7 - will be going to tender in 2014
- Midland - will be going to tender Fall 2013
- McCowan - not confirmed to date

Markham Master Plan

Staff advised that the Markham Master plan will be starting this summer and that once the project begins staff will update the Committee and obtain their feedback on a regular basis.

4. SIDEWALK (S/W) NETWORK IMPLEMENTATION

Report Gaps in S/W Network

Staff advised that they will bring a map to the June meeting to review/discuss what is being proposed for 2014. It was noted that if any members come across any issues relative to sidewalks and/or MUP's to e-mail the information to staff and they will address the issue immediately.

There was discussion regarding how staff determines whether there should be a sidewalk or a MUP.

5. OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Baseline Metrics

Staff provided the Committee with the research they obtained regarding the Eco-Counter. Shawn Dillon advised that the York Region will be installing permanent count stations for cycling. It was suggested that Markham obtain the information from York Region when it is available.

There was discussion regarding the need for a subcommittee to come up with a list of baseline metrics.

Moved by Joe Cimer
Seconded by Arup Mukherjee

That a Baseline Metrics Subcommittee be established; and,

That the following members be appointed to the Baseline Metrics Subcommittee: Rachael Woodroffe, Peter Miasek, Paul Salvo and Joe Doria.

CARRIED

6. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Sixth Annual GIRO

Staff advised that the organization for the GIRO event is coming along very well and that Honda is providing a lot of support. It was noted that we will need to provide the food and staff are reviewing a list of caters provided by Honda. It was suggested that staff investigate having Enbridge do a BBQ. The event has been advertised in the Markham Life summer edition.

Bike Valet

Peter Miasek advised that they are already scheduled to provide bicycle valet at four events.

Adult Cycling Classes

Staff advised that they have hired Berger Cyclefit Coaching and that they will be offering 13 sessions.

Award for Cycling Excellence

There was brief discussion regarding the potential to have CPAC members act as Ambassadors and reward individuals with a small token when they are spotted doing a great job cycling within Markham. Staff will investigate whether there are any issues with handing out token rewards such as one day swim pass at a Community Centre.

Monitor School Board Activities

Rachael Woodroffe advised that she has not gotten any further with the School Board regarding bicycle racks. It was suggested that Rachael draft a letter regarding bicycle education, promoting cycling and bicycle racks to be forwarded to the School Boards and consider inviting a representative in the Fall 2013. Staff pointed out that Fion Ho has regular dialogue with representatives at the School Boards.

Monitor Smart Commute Activities and CAN-Bike Courses and Festivals

Herb Drummond, York Regional Police advised he is putting together a cycling education proposal for 5 District that will provide information relative to riding on sidewalks and offering workshops with parents and children.

The Committee requested that Constable Drummond send any proposed public information package or literature to CPAC for comment.

7. RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTION

Sidewalk as MUP

Staff delivered a PowerPoint presentation outlining the results of the opinion letter received by the consultant relative to converting sidewalks along Denison Street to a MUP.

There was discussion regarding the cost and that the majority of the cost is the relocation of utilities.

Public & Cyclists Survey

It was suggested that this item be deferred to the June meeting.

8. ADJOURNMENT

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