



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 18, 2013
CIVIC CENTRE – BUILDING BOARDROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Councillor Howard Shore
Councillor Don Hamilton
Rachael Woodroffe
Elisabeth Tan
Joe Cimer
Ken Deering
Paul Salvo
Arup Mukherjee
Joe Doria

Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Special Projects
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets

Gerald Corbett

Agency Members:

Herbert Drummond, York Regional Police
Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham

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 FEBRUARY 21, 2013**

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the Minutes from the February 21, 2013 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) be approved.

CARRIED

2. SONIA SANITA, YORK REGION DISTRICT SCHOOL BOARD

Ms. Sonia Sanita, York Region District School Board delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Active & Safe Routes to School.

There was brief discussion regarding the importance of having bike racks available at the schools for children that do ride.

3. CPAC 2013 BUSINESS PLAN

Peter Miasek advised the Committee that the CPAC 2013 Business Plan was presented to Development Services Committee on March 19, 2013 and was well received by Council. He indicated that one item that was brought up was a pedestrian education program and suggested that it be included in the 2014 Business Plan.

4. STANDING ITEMS FROM 2013 BUSINESS PLAN

Markham's Draft Official Plan

There was discussion regarding the importance of this policy and ensuring that the road crossings at highways (such as Highway 404 and Highway 407) are improved for cyclists and pedestrians. It was suggested that staff meet with Joe Cimer to review these crossings.

Multi-Use Pathway Infrastructure Phasing

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering provided a project overview regarding the MUP Infrastructure phasing. He advised that he will be presenting this to the Development Services Committee on April 23, 2013.

The Committee inquired what type of surface will be used for the Bob Hunter Trail. Staff advised that it will be mostly granular.

York Region Master Plan Update

Peter Miasek advised the Committee that the York Region Transportation Master Plan (TMP) is in the process of being updated to ensure that future transportation decisions achieve an integrated network along with the development trends and legislative requirements.

5. OTHER INFRASTRUCTURE SUPPORT

Baseline Metrics

Staff advised that they can send out the article regarding the electronic bicycle counter installed in Montreal which registers each cyclist that pass over the structure. Staff will forward the article to the Committee members and it was suggested that this item be further discussed at the May meeting.

Peter Miasek reviewed a list of "Helpful Cycling Metrics" and suggested that a subcommittee be established to work on this matter.

Location of Bike Racks

It was suggested that if Committee members have any recommendations regarding where bicycle racks are required to forward the recommendation to the Public Realm Advisory Committee.

MUP Signage

Staff advised that they will have engineering students going out to measure the MUP on Major Mackenzie Drive so that the signage issues can be finalized. It was noted that if any Committee members see any other signage issues relative to MUP's to advise staff so that the issue can be addressed.

6. EDUCATION & OUTREACH

Sixth Annual GIRO

Staff advised that on March 21st, 2013 they had a meeting with representatives from Honda to discuss holding the GIRO event at their location and advised that the idea was very well received. Staff also advised that Honda will be paying for the tent rentals, t-shirts and possibly catering as well. They are hoping to have a bicycle challenge with the Mayor and the President of Honda.

It was noted that volunteers will be required on the day of the event from approximately 8:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

There was discussion regarding whether it would be worth while holding a press conference to advertise the event. It was suggested that notices be placed in schools prior to the summer recess.

Bike Valet

Elisabeth Tan provided an update regarding the proposed festivals that they will be providing bicycle valet service. She indicated that Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL) could use two more A-frame signs. The Committee agreed that the Markham Village Music Festival which takes place on June 15, 2013 would be a great festival to also provide bicycle valet.

There was discussion regarding the importance of ensuring the bicycle valet is well advertised.

Adult Cycling Classes

Staff provided an update relative to offering Adult Cycling Classes as a pilot project. The three vendors approached were: CAN-BIKE, JoyRide 150 and Berger Cyclefit Coaching.

The Committee endorsed having Berger Cyclefit Coaching as the vendor to offer the Adult Cycling Classes.

7. RESEARCH & NEW DIRECTION

Sidewalk as MUP

Staff advised that they have hired an engineering design company to assist with the design for converting sidewalks to MUP's. It was noted that Denison Street (from Kennedy Road to Milliken Pond) is being considered as a pilot project and it is anticipated that an opinion letter will be available for the May meeting. Staff pointed out that funds from the CPAC budget will not be required for this project.

Other Encouragement Idea

Peter Miasek advised that part of the presentation made to Development Services Committee March 19, 2013 there was discussion regarding "Encourage Active Transportation" and the four ideas suggested by Members of Council are: Councillor Bike Rides; Tour de Markham; Car Free Festival and Cycloviva.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:55 p.m.