



## **CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2013  
CIVIC CENTRE – BUILDING BOARDROOM**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **Attendance**

##### Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair  
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Howard Shore  
Rachael Woodroffe  
Elisabeth Tan  
Joe Cimer  
Gerald Corbett  
Paul Salvo  
Arup Mukherjee

##### Agency Members:

Herb Drummond, York Regional Police  
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham

##### Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering  
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Engineering Special  
Project  
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator  
Laura Gold, Council/Committee Coordinator

##### Regrets

Councillor Don Hamilton  
Ken Deering  
Pam Lalani, York Region Health Services  
Jivan Gill, Public Health Nurse, York Region  
Joe Doria

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:10 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

### **1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST**

There was no disclosure of pecuniary interest.

**2. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM  
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY  
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JANUARY 17, 2013**

Moved by Elisabeth Tan  
Seconded by Joe Cimer

That the Minutes from the January 17, 2013 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) be approved as presented.

CARRIED

**3. 2012 CPAC YEAR END REVIEW**

Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair, presented the 2012 CPAC Year End Review.

Discussion

It was recommended that bullet three on slide five regarding assisting staff with the sidewalks when the multi use pathway concept is being updated, be revised to say “completed” rather than “underway”.

Staff clarified that the additional funds needed to complete the multi use pathway from 16<sup>th</sup> Avenue to Bob Hunter Memorial Park, mentioned on slide 6, still require Council approval.

There was discussion regarding Markham’s application for the Bicycle Friendly Community Awards Program. Staff advised that the documents are confidential due to competitive advantages and that Share-The-Road will not release them to the public. It was noted that Markham was awarded with bronze status through this program in 2012.

There was a discussion on whether a project like the Can-Bike Course should be promoted by this Committee. Councillor Shore offered to take the item to the School Liaison Committee.

The Committee asked staff to invite the new Active and Safe Routes to School Coordinator from the School Board to the next CPAC meeting.

**4. CPAC 2013 BUSINESS PLAN**

Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair, presented the 2013 Business Plan. The Business Plan will be presented at the March 19, 2013 Development Services Committee meeting by the Vice-Chair. Council will receive the business plan and approve the budget.

### Discussion

The Committee suggested that the presentation on the CPAC 2013 Business Plan be positive/encouraging. Minor changes were recommended to the presentation and it was requested that slide 20 regarding the Cyclovia be generalized. Additionally, it was suggested that the Share the Road Cycling Coalition Bronze Award be displayed to Council during the presentation.

The Committee discussed the need to develop a recognition program to reward cycling and pedestrian initiatives within the Markham community. The Committee suggested sharing Markham cyclist and pedestrian stories to our residents through press releases.

Moved by Peter Miasek  
Seconded Rachael Woodroffe

That the 2013 CPAC Business Plan be approved as amended.

CARRIED

## **5. FORMAT FOR FUTURE MEETINGS**

It was agreed to format future agendas based on the 2013 CPAC Business Plan.

## **6. LETTER TO MINISTRY OF TRANSPORTATION**

Staff advised that the Committee's letter to the Ministry of Transportation has been mailed.

## **7. MEMBER'S CURRENT CONCERNS OR INTEREST**

The Committee was asked if anyone would like to speak about bicycle interaction on Tuesday evening on a Stouffville Radio Station. Elisabeth Tan agreed to speak on behalf of the Committee on the radio station. She will discuss this Committee and what it is trying to achieve.

It was questioned if Markham had any funding for bike racks for schools. Staff advised that this type of funding would typically come from the School Board or from a School Council. Staff advised that, where appropriate, the School Board is requested to install bicycle racks at new school sites through development applications.

It was suggested that this Committee first ensure that bike racks are located in all key City facilities. It was recommended that a representative from Community Services be invited to a future meeting to discuss bike racks at current and future Markham facilities.

It was reported that the MUP located on the west side of Warden Ave. between 16<sup>th</sup> Ave and Major Mackenzie Drive will be to the standard of 3.0 m in width. Therefore, staff does not foresee any signage issues with this pathway.

It was reported that York Region has a policy to pave shoulders on Regional roads whenever possible when repaving the road in order to make more room for cyclist and to improve road operations. A Member advised that this policy has improved the cycling conditions on some Regional roads (e.g. a section of Woodbine Avenue).

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 8:51 p.m.