



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2012
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

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

Staff:

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

Regrets

Jivan Gill, Public Health Nurse, York Region
Arup Mukherjee

Agency Members:

Herb Drummond, York Regional Police
Jennifer Wong, York Region Health
Services
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiewicz, York Region

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:00 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON NOVEMBER 15, 2012

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the minutes of the November 15, 2012 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee be adopted.
CARRIED

2. WINTER CYCLING WORKSHOP

Staff advised that Smart Commute is hosting a workshop at the City of Markham Civic Centre on December 18, 2012 from 12:00 p.m. to 1:00 p.m. Please e-mail Fion if you plan on attending because lunch will be provided.

3. GIRO:

A) REVISITING THE 2012 EVENT

Staff played a short video of the GIRO 2012 event.

B) VENUE FOR 2013

Staff advised that they will be looking for a larger place to host the 2013 GIRO event. The current location has some issues relative to parking and traffic. Staff will be contacting Honda (off Highway 404) to see if they would be interested in allowing the event to take place there.

4. PROVINCIAL CYCLING STRATEGY

Staff advised that any comments relative to the Provincial Cycling Strategy need to be submitted by January 29, 2013.

It was suggested that a letter providing comments from the Committee would be more effective. Paul Salvo volunteered to draft a letter and he will send it to the CPAC members for their comments and/or suggestions.

There was brief discussion regarding the Ontario Traffic Council Book 18: Bicycle Design Guidelines.

5. CYCLING MAP - BRIEF UPDATE

Staff advised that 1500 copies of the Cycling map are being printed. Staff thanked the CPAC members for all their comments relative to the cycling map.

There was brief discussion regarding the potential to have bicycle shops advertise on future maps.

6. BUSINESS PLAN FOR 2013

Peter Miasek agreed to work with City staff regarding the CPAC Business Plan for 2013. It was suggested that if any members have any ideas and/or suggestions to please e-mail Rachel, Peter or Alida.

The Committee suggested that cyclovias should be added to the 2013 Business Plan.

7. MEETING DATES FOR 2013

The following are the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting dates:

- Thursday January 17, 2013
- Thursday February 21, 2013
- Thursday March 21, 2013
- Thursday April 18, 2013
- Thursday May 16, 2013
- Thursday June 20, 2013

Meeting requests will be sent out to the Committee members.

8. YORK REGION POLICE CONTACT FOR CPAC

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members welcomed our new York Region Police representative Herb Drummond.

Herb Drummond advised that there have been complaints regarding cyclists riding their bikes on sidewalks in Markham. He indicated that he would like to develop an educational flyer campaign program and potentially have it as a joint venture with the City of Markham.

There was discussion regarding the need to widen sidewalks. It was suggested that a teleconference or brief meeting be set-up to further discuss this issue and how to incorporate it into the 2013 Business Plan. Staff suggested that anyone interested in participating in these discussion to please send an e-mail to Rachel or Peter.

9. MAINTENANCE OF CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN INFRASTRUCTURE AND STATISTICS ON THE NUMBER AND TYPE OF CYCLISTS

Joe Doria delivered a presentation regarding maintenance improvements of the cycling & pedestrian infrastructure and the importance of quantifying the cycling progress.

The Committee thanked Joe Doria for his presentation.

Staff pointed out that any deficiencies along the cycling & pedestrian infrastructure in Markham can be reported immediately through the Contact Centre.

The Committee suggested that ways to quantify the infrastructure should be included in the Business Plan 2013 and that a list of key performance indicators should be developed.

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham, Richmond Hill advised that they do have some statistics and will forward that information.

10. SLIDE SHOW OF TRIP TO HOLLAND

Elisabeth Tan delivered a PowerPoint presentation entitled "Cycling the Dutch Way."

The Committee thanked Elisabeth for her presentation.

11. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

It was suggested that the following items be added to a future agenda:

- Cycling and Pedestrian Plan for the Buttonville area
- Update on the Bob Hunter Trail

ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting adjourned at 8:58 p.m.