



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2012
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

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

Guest

Eleanor McMahon, Share the Road Cycling Coalition
Katherine Glowacz, Share the Road Cycling Coalition
William, Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL)

Staff:

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

Agency Members:

Deborah Wood, Manager Active Healthy
Communities, York Region Health
Jennifer Wong, York Region Health
Services
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

Regrets

Jivan Gill, Public Health Nurse, York Region
Councillor Don Hamilton
Yvonne
Arup Mukherjee

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:05 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON September 20, 2012

Moved by Joe Cimer

Seconded by Gerald Corbett

That the minutes of the minutes of the September 20, 2012 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting minutes be approved

CARRIED

2. SHARE THE ROAD PRESENTATION: BICYCLE FRIENDLY COMMUNITY AWARD

Eleanor McMahon, Share the Road Cycling Coalition delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the cycling organization known as "Share the Road, Cycling Coalition." She also provided feedback on the application submitted by Markham for "Share the Road" Bicycle Friendly Communities that rewarded Markham with bronze status.

There was discussion regarding the Healthy Kids panel.

Ms. McMahon suggested that the City of Markham consider passing a motion to endorse the coroners report's on cycling.

There was discussion regarding whether there is a bigger challenge encouraging people to get out of their cars in the suburbs compared to the City of Toronto.

The Committee discussed the importance of a champion within the schools that will continue encouraging children to ride or walk to school.

The Committee thanked Ms. Eleanor McMahon for her presentation.

3. BICYCLE VALET REVIEW (William To/TCEL)

William delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the bicycle valet parking and safety inspection provided by the Toronto Chinese for Ecological Living (TCEL) at various Markham community events.

The Committee briefly discussed whether CPAC wants to continue to pursue it. Staff noted that the CPAC members will need to decide when their business plan is approved whether they want to continue to support this.

The Committee thanked William for his presentation.

4. MARKHAM GIRO EVENT REVIEW

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the 2012 Markham Giro Event.

The Committee thanked Rachel Prudhomme and Fion Ho for all their assistance with the Giro event.

5. 2012 BUDGET & 2013 PROGRAM REVIEW

Alan reviewed the CPAC 2012 Budget and advised that the 2013 Budget will be discussed in January.

6. MARKHAM CYCLING MAP QUOTES

Staff reviewed the quotes received relative to printing the Markham Cycling maps.

The Committee discussed how many maps should be printed (500 or 1,000).

The Committee inquired whether the map would include the pathways inside parks. Staff advised that they will inquire with the municipalities that do include those pathways and report back.

Moved by Peter

Seconded by Elizabeth

That CPAC supports the printing of 1500 maps on regular paper.

CARRIED

There was discussion regarding the messaging to be included with the map. Staff will bring the final draft back to CPAC to receive endorsement prior to getting the map printed.

7. STATUS OF COUNCIL SUPPORT FOR CORONER'S REPORT ON CYCLING DEATHS & PEDESTRIAN DEATHS

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee regarding the suggestion that Markham Council bring forward a resolution to support the coroner's report. Councillor Shore advised that he will bring a motion forward relative to this to a future Council meeting.

Staff advised that they are working with York Region regarding complete streets.

It was suggested that the Committee members review the report and bring back any recommendations.

8. MARKHAM CENTRE CROSS-SECTION

Alan provided an update regarding the Markham Centre Cross-Section. Staff anticipate providing further information in January/February 2013.

9. STATUS OF THE BOB HUNTER TO 16TH AVENUE MULTI-USE PATHWAY (MUP)

Alan provided an update regarding the status of the Bob Hunter to 16th Avenue MUP. He advised that no objection was filed to the Environmental Assessment and that a consultant has been hired. Alan suggested sending out an e-mail to the CPAC group to do site walks in the seven areas to provide comments relative to materials, grading, etc.

10. SIDEWALKS AS MUP'S DISCUSSION

Staff advised that they anticipate coming back with the Capital Projects regarding opportunities to widen certain sidewalks. The Committee discussed the importance of moving forward with this type of a pilot on municipal and Regional Roads.

There was discussion regarding the potential implications of encouraging individuals cycle on sidewalks. It was suggested that this discussion be considered on a future CPAC agenda.

11. TRAIL PROJECTS UPDATES

Fion Ho provided an update regarding to trail projects - Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail within York Region and Greenbelt Cycling Route.

It was suggested that if any Committee members have comment so forward those comments to York Region.

12. SUMMARY OF "SHAPING ACTIVE, HEALTHY COMMUNITIES IN YORK REGION (8-80 Cities)" WORKSHOP ON OCT 17

Fion Ho provided a brief update regarding the October 17, 2012 Workshop.

Peter advised that he attended the night session and unfortunately it was poorly attended. He suggested that CPAC should investigate the possibility of "cyclovias."

Deborah Wood, Manager Active Healthy Communities, York Region Health advised that were 80 participants in the day workshop with Gil Penalosa and the workshop steering committee will review the recommendations.

13. NEW BUSINESS

City Cycling

Elisabeth advised the Committee that the book entitled "City Cycling" is an excellent book that emphasizes that bicycling should not be limited to those who are highly trained, extremely fit and daring enough to battle traffic on busy roads.

Paperless

Staff suggested that for the next agenda if any members of the Committee would like to have any of the materials printed off to please advise the Clerk and she will ensure hard copies are provided.

December Meeting

Staff suggested that the December meeting begin at 6:00 p.m. and that dinner will be provided.

AGENDA ITEM

It was suggested that the December agenda include meeting dates from January to June 2013.

ADJOURNMENT

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