



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2012
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Howard Shore
Rachael Woodroffe
Elisabeth Tan
Gerald Corbett
Ken Deering
Arup Mukherjee
Joe Doria
Paul Salvo

Guest

Staff:

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

Regrets

Joseph Cimer
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair

Agency Members:

Jivan Gill, Public Health Nurse, York
Region
Jennifer Wong, York Region Health
Services
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:11 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON – June 14, 2012 (Regular & In-Camera)

Moved by Gerald Corbett
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That the regular and in-camera minutes of the June 14, 2012 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

CARRIED

2A. CONNECTING WITH VAUGHAN & RICHMOND HILL/SUSTAINABLE VAUGHAN BICYCLE PROTEST

Sony Rai addressed the Committee and provided some background information relative to the "Protest Bike Ride" that he is organizing along Highway 7 (west of Jane Street).

There was brief discussion regarding the potential of having a Regional Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee.

3. STATUS OF MARKHAM CENTRE CROSS-SECTIONS

Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Engineering Special Project provided the Committee with a brief verbal update regarding the Markham Centre Cross Sections advising that staff are trying to incorporate as many cycle tracks as possible and that there will be more changes.

4. UPDATE ON MARKHAM'S CYCLING MAPS

Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator distributed a copy of "Markham's Cycling Map." She advised the Committee that Markham's Cycling maps were updated over the summer and that the maps are available on the City's website at www.markham.ca. It was suggested that if anyone notices any incorrect information please advise staff.

There was brief discussion regarding having printed copies of the map. It was suggested that at the next meeting staff will provide the Committee with some options.

The Committee suggested that staff consider the following:

- Include bike rules
- Include bike safety tips
- Can the map be to scale
- Could it be a mobile application
- Could it include an overlap of future additions

5. UPDATE REGARDING MARKHAM'S WEBSITE/MASTER PLAN

Staff advised that the City's website has been finalized relative to the Cycling Master Plan and the Trails & Pathway Master Plan. Staff will forward the link to the Committee members.

6. SIDEWALKS AS MULTI-USE PATHWAY'S (MUP)

Rachel Prudhomme, Manager, Engineering Special Project delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding Sidewalk's as MUP's.

The Committee thanked staff for an excellent presentation.

There was brief discussion regarding whether sidewalk's can be wider. The importance of education regarding cycling was discussed.

It was suggested that the Committee review the presentation and have it listed as a discussion item at the October meeting.

7. SIGNAGE ON MUP

Staff provided a brief verbal update regarding the signage on the MUP. Staff advised that they walked and drove the Major Mackenzie Drive MUP on August 23, 2012 and took note of what is missing. It was noted that York Region will not permit any signage on pathways less than 2.3 metres in width.

8. 2012 SIDEWALK PLAN

Staff distributed a list of the 2012 Sidewalk Program. It was suggested that the Committee review the document and e-mail staff with any questions and/or concerns.

9. MARKHAM'S BRONZE AWARD AS A BICYCLE-FRIENDLY COMMUNITY

The Committee congratulated Fion Ho for this achievement.

The Committee suggested that they review the application to investigate what is necessary to achieve the Silver Award. The Committee suggested that Ms. Eleanor McMahon, CEO Share the Road Cycling Coalition be invited to a future CPAC meeting.

Moved by Paul Salvo

Seconded by Rachael Woodroffe

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee invite Ms. Eleanor McMahon, CEO Share the Road Cycling Coalition to a future CPAC meeting.

CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION WITH YORK REGION - HIGHWAY 7 FACILITIES

It was noted that discussion to have more than just painted lines along Highway 7 are still continuing with York Region.

Arup Mukherjee advised that he will be the Project Manager for the area along Highway 7. Arup advised the Committee that he will have to declare a conflict during discussions and motions relative to this area.

11. STATUS OF LETTER TO MINISTER CHIARELLI

Gerald Corbett briefly reviewed the response letter received by Minister Chiarelli. Staff will e-mail the letter to the CPAC members.

12. 8-80 CITIES

Jennifer Wong, York Region advised that there will be an open forum at the City of Markham on October 17, 2012 in the Council Chamber and everyone is welcome to attend.

14. ITEMS FOR FUTURE DISCUSSION

The Committee suggested that the following items be considered for future discussions:

- Ways to promote cycling education at schools
- Look at the recommendation from the Coroner's report on cycling deaths
- Should cyclists be licensed?
- Should helmets be mandatory?

15. ADJOURNMENT

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