



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 19, 2012
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Chair
Peter Miasek, Vice-Chair
Gordon Walter
Regional Councillor Gord Landon
Councillor Howard Shore
Rachael Woodroffe
Elizabeth Tan
Arup Mukherjee
Joseph Cimer
Philip Chan

Regrets:

James Lin (MEAC representative)
Winston Stewart

Guest

Paul Salvo

Staff:

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering
Alida Tari, Committee Clerk

Agency Members:

Jennifer Wong, York Region
Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiewicz, York Region
Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill

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

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING - NOVEMBER 24, 2011

It was noted that page 3 paragraph two should read "...a 2.5 times increase in ridership on roads with cycling facilities."

Moved by Gord Walter
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the minutes of the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee held on November 24, 2011 be approved.

CARRIED

2. LETTER FROM THE OFFICE OF THE CHIEF CORONER

Members of CPAC were provided with a copy of the letter from the Office of the Chief Coroner.

3. BICYCLE VALET

There was discussion regarding having bicycle valet service at a few Markham events. It was noted that CPAC should endorse this project and request that staff report back on the cost. There was discussion regarding what the associated costs would be (rental of canopy, bicycle mechanic).

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Arup Mukherjee

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee work with the Town of Markham Sustainability office to facilitate communications, funding, etc with respect to Bicycle Valet Service at the Unionville Festival, Taste of Asia and the Markham Children's Festival.

CARRIED

4. NINTH LINE & 407 WESTBOUND RAMP

Gord Walter reviewed the proposed recommendations to improve pedestrian and cycling safety issues at the ramp crossings. He advised that he forwarded a letter to York Region, local Councillors, Regional Councillors on York Region Transportation Committee and copied the Ontario Coroner's Service.

Arup Mukherjee advised that the Ministry of Transportation is currently working on a study looking at ways to improve crossings and he will try to obtain the name of the contact for CPAC.

It was suggested that Gord Walter forward a letter to the Ontario Coroner's Office on behalf of CPAC.

5. SIDEWALKS AS MULTI-USE PATHWAYS

Councillor Shore advised that when the November 24, 2011 CPAC minutes are being received by General Committee he will pull the item to discuss CPAC's proposal with respect to permitting cyclists to ride on sidewalks.

York Region representatives advised that the Region would have to approve any such facility on a Regional road. There was brief discussion with respect to considering municipal roads such as Birchmount, Denison and Greenlane.

**6. ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUTER TRANSPORTATION OF CANADA
CONFERENCE SUMMARY**

Regional Councillor Gord Landon addressed the Committee and briefly summarized the discussions and presentations from the ACT Conference 2011. He pointed out the importance of segregated bicycle lanes on arterial roadways.

There was discussion regarding the opportunity for segregated bicycle lanes along roadways such as Highway 7 and Kennedy Road.

7. 2012 BUDGET FOR CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITIES

Alan Brown, Director of Engineering, advised that the 2012 Cycling Facility budget was about \$3 million, largely to be for the 16th Avenue to Bob Hunter MUP, plus some gap closures on Don Cousens Parkway and 9th Line.

Alan Brown suggested that one or two representatives from CPAC work with Town staff to work on 2012 Business Plan. The Committee suggested that Gord Walter and Peter Miasek be the CPAC representatives to work with staff.

8. LIST OF SIDEWALKS BEFORE GO TO TENDER

Mr. Brown distributed a draft 2012 sidewalk program and advised that not all programs have been finalized.

**9. CPAC REPRESENTATIVES ON OTHER TOWN OF MARKHAM
ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

It was suggested that if there are any other Town Advisory Committees that could benefit having a CPAC representative to raise it with the Committee Clerk.

**10. PROPOSAL TO HAVE GIL PENELOSA (8-80 Cities) SPEAK TO
YORK REGION COUNCIL**

It was suggested having Mr. Gil Penelosa present to York Region when they are considering reports with related information.

11. YORK REGION "GREENLAND SYSTEM TRAILS CONCEPT PLAN"

Peter Miasek briefly summarized the purpose of the York Region Greenland System Trails Concept Plan and advised that York Regional Council has directed staff to work with local municipalities, the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority and Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority to develop a Terms of Reference for a Greenlands Trails Strategy.

12. "I SHARE THE ROAD" STICKERS

Elizabeth Tan distributed "I Share the Road" stickers to CPAC members and suggested having a representative come and present to this Committee.

13. NOTES FROM CYCLING MEETING WITH YORK REGION

Peter Miasek summarized the details outlined in his e-mail regarding the meeting with York Region staff and representatives from CPAC regarding detailed road designs for Highway 7, 9th Line and Warden Avenue.

14. MARKHAM GIRO

It was suggested that this item be added to an agenda when Ken Deering is available to attend.

15. REVIEW OF THE CPAC MANDATE

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

16. MARKHAM CENTRE CYCLING FACILITY PLAN

This item was deferred to the next meeting.

17. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 9:00 PM.