



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MAY 26, 2011
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Vice-Chair
Gordon Walter
Rachael Woodroffe
Arup Mukherjee
Gerald Corbett
Peter Miasek
Adam Poon
Councillor Don Hamilton

Regrets:

James Lin (MEAC representative)
Carole Robertson
Megan Lui, York Catholic and York Region District School
Boards

Agency Members:

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Lindsay Rosien, York Region Health
Services
Michelle Holmes, Rouges Park

Staff:

Brian Lee, Manager of Development Engineering
and Transportation
Alida Tari, Committee Clerk

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 AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON APRIL 28, 2011

Moved by Gord Walter
Seconded by Gerald Corbett

That the minutes of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held on April 28, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. TOOGOOD POND TO BOB HUNTER PARK

Peter Miasek provided the Committee with a brief update regarding the May 12, 2011 Community Liason Committee meeting. He advised that a Public Meeting is anticipated to take place in September 2011 and anticipating to begin construction in June 2012.

3. ROUGE PARK TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Michelle Holmes, Rouge Park delivered a PowerPoint presentation providing an update regarding the Rouge Park Trails Master Plan. She advised that there will be a Public Open House on June 14, 2011 at the Toronto Zoo.

The Committee suggested that Ms. Holmes contact Bill Goulding from Sustainable Trails to discuss sustainable alternatives.

4. CYCLING FACILITIES DEPUTATION TO YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION SERVICES COMMITTEE

Gord Walter reminded the Committee that he and Peter Miasek will be presenting their deputation on June 15, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the Regional Centre (17250 Yonge Street, Newmarket) and encouraged anyone who is available to attend and support them that it would be greatly appreciated.

There was brief discussion with respect to obtaining input from the urban design department on ways to enhance street separation options.

5. 2011 BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

The Committee was advised that Lorenzo Mele has accepted an opportunity with the City of Mississauga and his last day with the Town of Markham is June 3, 2011. Brian Lee, Manager of Development Engineering and Transportation advised that he will provide the Committee with an update at the next meeting regarding a transition plan for Mr. Mele's position.

Moved by Rachael Woodroffe

Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the Town of Markham find a suitable replacement for the TDM Coordinator position in a timely matter to ensure that the 2011 Business Plan is delivered and completed; and,

That the Town of Markham provide staff assistance in the interim.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed the need to prioritize the action items listed in the 2011 Business Plan and assign representatives from CPAC to take the lead. The following Committee members have agreed to take the lead on:

- Research opportunity for Car Free Sundays - Peter Miasek
- Award Recognition Program - Arup Mukherjee
- Markham Giro - Rachael Woodroffe

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Optimizing Bicycle Facilities in Markham Centre and Physical Separation

Mr. Miasek advised the Committee that he believes Markham Centre would be an ideal opportunity to incorporate the following general principles:

- 2 lane roads and quite 4 lane roads have on-street route with bicycle signs
- Busy 4 lane roads incorporate physical separation, via multi-use path or cycle tracks

There was discussion regarding sections of Birchmount Avenue. Staff advised that they are considering a section of Birchmount Avenue with a raised boulevard to provide a physical distinction.

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Gord Walter

Whereas the bicycle facilities in Markham Centre are at the design stage;

Therefore be it resolved,

That the Town of Markham Engineering Department consider the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) principles when reviewing trails and pathways within Markham Centre and report back.

CARRIED

CPAC Materials for the Unionville Festival

Peter Miasek advised that he will have a booth at the Unionville Festival and suggested having CPAC materials available to hand out. Lindsay Rosien will provide materials on Ontario Cycling Skills. Brian Lee will provide any left over 2011 York Region Cycling Maps.

Signage along Major Mackenzie Drive along the Multi-Use Pathway

Staff advised that they will follow up with MMM Group and report back at the June 16, 2011 meeting.

Lorenzo Mele

The Committee expressed their great appreciation for all the work that Mr. Mele has done and that he will be missed. The Committee sends their congratulations on his new job and wishing him well as he moves on to his new position.

7. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 8:50 PM.