



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, APRIL 28, 2011
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Vice-Chair
Gordon Walter
Rachael Woodroffe
Arup Mukherjee
Gerald Corbett
Ken Deering
James Lin (MEAC representative)
Councillor Don Hamilton

Regrets:

Peter Miasek
Winston Stewart
Adam Poon
Carole Robertson
Nancy Letman, Recreation
Silvana Farrace-Perry, York Region

Agency Members:

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Megan Lui, York Catholic and York
Region District School Boards
Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiewicz, York Region

Staff:

Lorenzo Mele, TDM Coordinator
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 MARCH 10, 2011

Moved by Gord Walter
Seconded by Gerald Corbett

That the minutes of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held on March 10, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. ONTARIO WALKS PROGRAM

Staff advised that the date has been moved to May 28, 2011.

**3. TOOGOOD POND TO BOB HUNTER PARK
PATHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT (EA) - UPDATE**

Staff provided a brief update regarding the Toogood Pond to Bob Hunter Park Pathway EA. Staff advised that they are targeting for a Public Information Centre (PIC) to be held in June 2011.

4. YORK REGION UPDATE

2012 PEDESTRIAN & CYCLING MUNICIPAL PARTNERSHIP PROGRAM

Ms. Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiewicz, York Region delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding York Region's Pedestrian and Cycling Municipal Partnership Program that provides funding for local municipal projects. The adopted policy allows York Region to share up to 50% of the eligible construction costs for qualifying local municipal and agency pedestrian and cycling projects that serve a regional context. It was noted that this program does not deal with cycling lanes on Regional Roads and that the project must already be approved by the municipality.

There was brief discussion regarding whether the York Region schedule to submit the application to receive the funding and the various municipality budget schedules align.

HIGHWAY 7 BICYCLE LANES

Ms. Liszkiewicz presented the Committee with the original design for bike lanes along Highway 7 and the updated design. She indicated that there is an on-going review together with a consultant.

There was brief discussion with respect to the possibility of having bollards installed in the future.

5. ROUGE PARK TRAILS MASTER PLAN - UPDATE

This item has been deferred to the May meeting.

**6. CYCLING FACILITIES - DEPUTATION TO YORK REGION TRANSPORTATION
SERVICES COMMITTEE**

Gord Walter presented the Committee with the deputation entitled "Safe & Attractive Cycling on Regional Roads" that he and Peter Miasek will be presenting to the York Region Transportation Services Committee in June 2011.

The Committee thanked both Gord and Peter for all their work in putting this presentation together.

Moved by James Lin

Seconded by Gerald Corbett

That the Cycling and Pedestrian Committee supports and endorses the deputation entitled "Safe & Attractive Cycling on Regional Roads."

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There was discussion with respect to having a survey done to obtain input from Markham residents regarding whether they feel safe cycling on roads without any physical barriers.

7. 2011 BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

Staff provided a brief update regarding the implementation of the 2011 Business Plan.

The Committee discussed the following:

- Bicycle Racks on Steeles Avenue Pilot Project - will carry out site survey
- Education Outreach (York Region bicycle route maps were distributed)
- School Safe Cycling Education Program Pilot Program - staff will send out the schedule to CPAC members
- Markham Giro - light breakfast in place of bbq lunch
- Bicycle Friendly Community Award Program - need to do counts and have intercept interviews
- Residential Satisfaction Survey and Transportation Survey - add some questions to one of these surveys regarding rider preference (off/on road)

Staff advised that they will forward the Bicycle Friendly Community application to the CPAC members and requested that the responses be forwarded to Alida Tari or Lorenzo Mele via e-mail by May 9, 2011.

Moved by Arup Mukherjee

Seconded by Rachael Woodroffe

That staff investigate the feasibility of incorporating 2 to 3 questions to the Residential Satisfaction Survey that can assist in determining the cycling ability of cyclists in the Town of Markham.

CARRIED

8. OTHER BUSINESS

The Committee inquired when the signage will be installed along the multi-use pathway on Major MacKenzie Drive. Staff will provide an update at the next meeting.

9. NEXT MEETING DATES

The next meeting dates will be:

- May 26, 2011
- June 16, 2011

9. ADJOURNMENT

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