



CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2011
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Vice-Chair
Gordon Walter
Rachael Woodroffe
Carole Robertson
Peter Miasek
Adam Poon
Gerald Corbett
Winston Stewart
James Lin (MEAC representative)

Regrets:

Winston Stewart
Arup Mukherjee
Winston Stewart
Lorenzo Mele, TDM Coordinator
Nancy Letman, Recreation
Silvana Farrace-Perry, York Region

Guest:

Tom Fiore, President, Toronto Trails Festival

Agency Members:

Wincy Tsang, Smart Commute Markham,
Richmond Hill
Michelle Holmes, Rouge Park
Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiwicz, York Region

Staff:

Alida Tari, Committee Clerk

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:07 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON FEBRUARY 10, 2011

The following amendments were made to the February 10, 2011 minutes:

Include the following sentence under 2011 Sidewalk Program (discussions) "That Lorenzo Mele, TDM Coordinator and Alain Cachola, Manager Infrastructure & Capital Projects will meet in the Spring 2011 to align the sidewalk and pathway plans."

Include the following sentence under Outreach and Rewards Program "Arup Mukherjee is going to take the lead on the rewards program."

Amend item #5 as follows: amend "Bob Hunter Park" to "Bob Hunter Memorial Park" and that the second sentence should "Gord Walter, **Peter Miasek** and Christopher Sauer advised....."

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Gord Walter

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

CARRIED

2. ONTARIO WALKS PROGRAM

Mr. Tom Fiore, Momentum 1, was in attendance to provide the Committee with an overview of "Momentum 1 Community in Motion" and "Ontario Walks Programs" which are non-profit organizations. He is seeking support to host an event at the Toogood Pond in the end of May or early June 2011.

There was discussion regarding how the events get organized. It was suggested that Mr. Fiore also contact Deputy Mayor Jack Heath who is in the process of hosting a similar type of event at Rouge Park.

Moved by Peter Miasek

Seconded by Carole Robertson

That the Cycling and Pedestrian Committee support the concept of an Ontario Walks in Markham and that the representatives of Ontario Walks Program work with the Deputy Mayor Jack Heath; and,

That staff be requested to prepare a proposal regarding an Ontario Walks Program in Markham for Council consideration.

CARRIED

3. STATUS OF DESIGN OF VIVANEXT CYCLING LANE ALONG HIGHWAY 7

Ms. Yvonne Kaczor Liszkiwicz, York Region advised the Committee that the Region has retained a consultant, MMM Group, that will be working with the Region's Transportation Services. The consultant has been retained to see if there are any possible improvements regarding the cycling lanes along Highway 7.

The Committee suggested that a representative from MMM Group and the Region's Transportation Services be invited to a future CPAC meeting to provide an update.

Moved by Gord Walter

Seconded by Adam Poon

That staff invite the Region's Transportation Services and MMM Group to a future CPAC meeting to provide an update regarding the status of cycling lanes along Highway 7.

CARRIED

4. **TOOGOOD POND TO BOB HUNTER MEMORIAL PARK PATHWAY ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT - UPDATE**

Mr. Peter Miasek advised the Committee that the Community Liaison Committee had their second meeting and provided some highlights of the meeting.

5. **2011 BUSINESS PLAN IMPLEMENTATION**

The Committee was advised that staff anticipate presenting the 2011 Business Plan to the Development Services Committee on April 5, 2011.

Mr. Adam Poon advised the Committee that on April 22 to 25, 2011 there is going to be Community Health Fair at the strip plaza south of Highway 7 off of Kennedy Road (formally Hy&Zels Plaza) and he is proposing that CPAC have a booth at the event (there is no cost for the booth) to promote information regarding our cycling program such as network map, CAN-BIKE program and display materials. The Committee stated their support of this event and Mr. Peter Miasek volunteered to assist Mr. Poon.

The Committee made the following suggestions regarding the 2011 Business Plan Implementation:

- Slide 13 York Region: Kids CAN-BIKE Festival the date should be June 4, 2011
- Slide 20 Outreach Event Program - remove the Spring Home Show and add the Community Health Fair, April 22 -25, 2011, South of Highway 7 off Kennedy Road

PROGRAM	CPAC LEAD	NEXT STEPS
'Bicycle Friendly Community' Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald Corbett will be the CPAC lead and assist staff with submitting the application. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gerald to meet with Lorenzo
Community Events (SEE BUSINESS PLAN)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adam Poon and Peter Miasek will be the CPAC leads for the "Community Heath Fair" taking place from April 22-25, 2011. • Peter Miasek will be the lead for the Unionville Festival 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Get materials that can be distributed • Get a large map of the Town's multi-use pathways and cycling trails
Feasibility of Car free Sundays on select roadways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Peter Miasek will be the CPAC lead 	

Markham Giro	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rachael Woodroffe and Michelle Holmes will volunteer for the day of the event	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Meet with Lorenzo to discuss what is required for the day of the event
Reward and Recognition Program, i.e. positive tickets	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Arup Mukherjee will be the CPAC Lead	

6. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Carol Robertson advised the Committee that the Accessibility Committee had some representatives set up an information booth at Markville Mall (there was no charge for the booth) and suggested that if representatives of CPAC are interested in doing a similar event to contact Warren Rupnarain, Town of Markham Accessibility Coordinator for further information.

Mr. David Rawcliffe advised the Committee that at the last meeting a member questioned why the Ministry of Transportation had an objection to the mid-block crossing, a bridge that goes over Highway 404. Staff looked into this and unfortunately there is no update to report at this time.

Mr. Adam Poon presented the Committee with some pictures of a recent trip to China depicting the various types of bike lanes there.

Ms. Michelle Holmes, Rouge Park provided the Committee with a brief update advising that two Public Open House sessions regarding the Rouge have taken place; the Tour de Greenbelt event will take place again this year and the Rouge Days event is scheduled for June 8 to 11, 2011.

7. NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The Committee suggested that the following items be included on the next agenda:

- Any progress on the use of Tandem Bike program in Markham
- Update on Rouge Park, Michelle Holmes
- Vision for Separate Bike Lanes where possible

The Committee suggested that the Clerk confirm with Lorenzo Mele whether the next meeting date should take place on March 31, 2011 or April 28, 2011.

8. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 9:05 PM.