



## **CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 22, 2011  
CIVIC CENTRE – YORK ROOM**

### **MINUTES**

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#### **Attendance**

##### Committee:

David Rawcliffe, Vice-Chair  
Gordon Walter  
Gerald Corbett  
Michelle Holmes, Rouge Park  
Councillor Don Hamilton  
Ken Deering  
Peter Miasek  
Arup Mukherjee  
Carole Robertson

##### Regrets:

James Lin (MEAC representative)  
Adam Poon  
Winston Stewart  
Silvana Farrace-Perry, York Region  
Rachael Woodroffe  
Councillor Howard Shore  
Megan Lui, York Catholic and York Region District School  
Boards

##### Staff:

Brian Lee, Manager of Development Engineering  
& Transportation  
Rachel Prudhomme, Manager Special Projects Engineering  
Department  
Alida Tari, Committee Clerk

##### Agency Members:

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

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:05 p.m. with Mr. David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

#### **1. ACCESSIBILITY REPRESENTATIVE**

Ms. Carole Robertson advised the Committee that she will no longer be the accessibility representative for the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee and that a new representative will be appointed. She thanked everyone for their support during her time serving on the Committee.

## **2. AGENDA ITEMS**

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Gord Walter

That the following items be added to the September 22, 2011 Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) agenda:

- Yonge Street Streetscape
- Highway 7 Design Review by CPAC (Town Centre Blvd. to Sciberras)
- Markham Cycles
- GIRO
- Markham Road Detailed Design
- Social Media

CARRIED

## **3. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON JUNE 16, 2011**

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Peter Miasek

That the minutes of the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting held on June 16, 2011, be adopted.

CARRIED

## **4. QUESTIONS FOR THE TOWN SURVEY**

The Committee had before them the four questions that Peter Miasek and Gord Walter prepared for the resident survey questionnaire.

The Committee discussed whether there should be a question to determine the skill level of cyclists in Markham.

The Committee suggested that the questions be amended as follows:

1. How often do you cycle?
  - Everyday, about once a week, about once a month, about once a year, never
2. What do you use your bicycle for?
  - Travel to/from school, travel to/from work, shopping, errands or recreation
3. What prevents you from using your bicycle more often for commuting or errands?
  - Will provide a selection list

The Committee suggested that if a forth question will be permitted that the following question be added:

4. What is your cycling ability?
  - Novice, experienced beginner, intermediate, advanced or expert

#### **5. ECO TRANSPORT FAIR AT THE TASTE OF ASIA (JUNE 25, 26, 2011)**

Mr. William To, Toronto Chinese Ecological Living (TCEL) delivered a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Eco Transport Fair at the Taste of Asia event that included a bicycle parking area.

There was discussion regarding whether TCEL would be interested in setting up a booth at other Markham festivals such as the Unionville Festival.

Jennifer Wong, York Region suggested that Mr. To contact her for next years event to obtain information on "Active Healthy Communities" that can be distributed at their booth.

#### **6. YONGE STREET STREETScape - PROPOSED CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN FACILITY**

Mr. Peter Miasek advised the Committee that York Region held public information sessions to inform residents about plans to transform Yonge Street from Steeles Avenue to Bantry Avenue (in Richmond Hill) into a vibrant, engaging street that will include 1.5 metre bike lane with buffer.

#### **7. HIGHWAY 7 - DESIGN AND REVIEW**

Mr. Peter Miasek advised the Committee that York Region has agreed to review the proposed design for Highway 7 from Town Centre Blvd. to Sciberras Road. It was suggested that two Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members be appointed to participate in that review and have their names forwarded to Steve Kemp, York Region.

Moved by Councillor Don Hamilton  
Seconded by Gerrald Corbett

That Peter Miasek and Elisabeth Tan be the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members to work with York Region staff to review the Highway 7 design from Town Centre Blvd. to Sciberras Road; and,

That this information be forwarded to Steve Kemp, York Region.

CARRIED

#### **8. MARKHAM CYCLES**

Ms. Elisabeth Tan advised the Committee that "Markham Cycles" is a new organization that is still evolving. There are a few volunteers and five Markham Councillors who meet to discuss ways to encourage Markham residents to use their bikes in place of their cars.

The website is [www.markhamcycles.wordpress.com](http://www.markhamcycles.wordpress.com)

**7. MARKHAM GIRO - AUGUST 7, 2011**

Gord Walter provided the Committee with a brief overview of the Markham GIRO event advising it was a great success. He emphasized the need for more volunteers mainly during the registration period. Gord indicated that the breakfast was very successful however there may be a need to change the serving location of the food for next years event.

The Committee thanked the Town of Markham staff that assisted and volunteered their time at the GIRO event.

**9. MARKHAM ROAD DETAILED DESIGN**

There was discussion with respect to some Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee members reviewing the detailed road design for Markham Road and Birchmount Road.

Moved by Peter Miasek  
Seconded by Gord Walter

That the Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee (CPAC) request the Town of Markham to permit the participation of CPAC representatives during the cycling and pedestrian design review for Markham Road (16th Avenue to Major Mackenzie Drive), Birchmount Road and all other future road design reviews.

CARRIED

**10. SOCIAL MEDIA**

Councillor Howard Shore sent in a memo with Councillor Don Hamilton advising that he has opened up a Cycling and Pedestrian Facebook page.

**11. MULTI-USE PATHWAY ALONG MAJOR MACKENZIE DRIVE**

There was brief discussion regarding the signs and road markings along the Multi-use pathway on Major Mackenzie Drive.

**12. NEW BUSINESS**

Ms. Michelle Holmes, Rouge Park advised the Committee that the Tour de Greenbelt took place on Saturday September 17, 2011 and had about 400 participants.

**13. NEXT MEETING**

The next Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 20, 2011 at 7:00 PM.

**14. ADJOURNMENT**

The Cycling and Pedestrian Committee adjourned at 8:40 PM.