



**CYCLING AND PEDESTRIAN
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 19, 2017
CIVIC CENTRE – CANADA ROOM**

MINUTES

Attendance

Committee:

Peter Miasek, Vice Chair
David Rawcliffe, Chair
Bob Evans
Anthony Ko
Paul Traicoff
Daniel Yeung
Councillor Don Hamilton
Councillor Alan Ho
Elisabeth Tan
Gordon Lawson
Gerry Shaw
Samantha Maurice, Smart Commute

Staff:

Loy Cheah, Acting Director, Engineering
Fion Ho, TDM Coordinator, Transportation
Alida Tari, Council/Committee Coordinator

Regrets:

Zain Khan
Justin Hung
Paul Salvo
Steve Glassman
Janet Jones
Joe Doria
Marc Clark
Sonya De Vellis, Smart Commute
Shawn Smith, York Region
Reena Mistry, City of Markham

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee convened at 7:04 p.m. with David Rawcliffe presiding as Chair.

1. DISCLOSURE OF INTEREST

None disclosed.

2. APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS TO AGENDA

No modifications.

3. REVIEW OF STATUS OF CPAC WORK ITEMS

It was suggested that the CPAC work items be included in the November agenda for review.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MARKHAM
CYCLING & PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY
COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON SEPTEMBER 21, 2017**

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Anthony Ko

That the minutes from the September 21, 2017 Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

5. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE LAST MEETING

Dropbike Update

Staff provided an update on the bike sharing pilot and shared the draft report outline. Staff suggested to develop with York Region a discussion paper/feasibility study and terms of reference for a bike share program in 2018, and a proposed pilot implementation in 2019. Staff pointed out that they are preparing the report as per Council's direction to report on the technologies and opportunities for a bike-sharing service in Markham.

There was discussion regarding the needs to engage York Region as many destinations are along Regional roads, and that the Region should be involved early in the planning process.

Moved by Gerry Shaw
Seconded by Gord Lawson

That staff be directed to fast track the bike-sharing pilot to 2018.

Carried

Cycling Gaps List Review

Staff reviewed and provided comments to the Cycling Gaps list. It was suggested that the PowerPoint be circulated to the CPAC members. The Gaps Committee will meet to review the comments in detail.

Walkability Audit Follow-up – Centennial Community Centre

Staff provided an update of the walkability improvements at Centennial Community Centre. It was noted that they are moving forward the discussions with internal staff and potentially external agencies.

MUP Signage Update

Staff provided an update regarding the MUP signage. The following MUPs have been properly signed: Woodbine Avenue; Warden Avenue and Markham Road. Donald Cousens Parkway will be installed in November 2017. Major Mackenzie Drive is anticipated to be installed by the end of 2017. 16th Avenue and 9th Line are anticipated to be installed in 2018.

Intersection Pilot Update

Staff provided an update on the following intersections:

- Warden and Apple Creek – it was noted that there is no physical cycling facility at this location. It was also noted that Town Centre and Apple Creek is a similar nearby intersection.
- Main Street Unionville and Unionville Gate
- Castlemore Avenue and Markham Road

The Committee suggested that the Gap Subcommittee review the above intersections and report back.

Rouge Valley Trail at 14th Avenue

Staff advised that they have requested that a bike rail be installed. They are waiting to hear back from the consultant for further details such as the cost and schedule.

6. DISCUSSION ITEMS IN PRIORITY ORDER

Highway 7 Cycle Track Update

Staff presented pictures depicting the improvements made to the Highway 7 Cycle Track. The Region will paint a green strip across all driveways and intersections.

It was suggested that the “yield to cyclist” sign be moved to notify cars sooner.

There was discussion regarding the potential conflict between cyclists and pedestrian at the existing bus stop near the Highway 7 and Town Centre Blvd. location. It was suggested that staff to forward the concerns to York Region and that they would review the location of the bus stop, and whether it can be relocated to avoid any conflicts.

Parking on Bike Lane By-law

Staff provided an update regarding how to restrict vehicles (moving or parked) within designated on-street bicycle lanes. It was noted that there are two options:

- Amend the Traffic By-law 106-71 (enforced by York Region Police)
- Amend the Parking By-law 2005-188 (enforced by City of Markham By-law Officers)

There was discussion regarding potential issues and concerns such as reducing on-street parking for residents and businesses, and impacts on school buses and transit operators.

Moved by Gord Lawson
Seconded by Elisabeth Tan

That staff be directed to further investigate amending the Parking By-law 2005-188 to prohibit parking within designated on-street bicycle lanes.

Carried

Pedestrian Policy & Infrastructure Improvement

Staff reviewed the policies within the Markham Official Plan 2014 and Markham Secondary Plans, and sidewalk policy for new developments. Staff provided an overview of design standards, annual infill sidewalk program and various initiatives to improve walking safety throughout the City. It was noted that staff is working to upgrade all (approximately 50) signalized intersection to AODA standards by 2025, and there are still 5 intersections to be upgraded. However, there is currently no City budget allotted for this remaining work.

Trail Project Ideas in Ward 3

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and provided some information regarding three proposed trail projects that would enhance community benefits in Ward 3, and could be funded through Section 37 funding. The first proposal is to connect trails north and south of Highway 7 just east of Unionville Main Street by going under the Highway 7 bridge. This had previously been identified in the City's 2010 Pathways & Trails 5 Year Implementation Strategy (5a). There was discussion of the benefits of this project, and it was suggested that a feasibility study be awarded by end of 2017 at an approximate cost of \$10,000.00. The second proposal is to connect the trail in Quantztown Park under the GO train tracks to Vanessa Road. There was discussion regarding some of the potential challenges with building

under the GO train tracks, and potentially very costly to achieve. It was suggested that a feasibility study be completed in 2018. The third proposal is to connect the trail from Briarwood Park to Carlton Road. It was noted that there may be a petition submitted for this proposal. (See below note regarding 2018 Budget).

Moved by Peter Miasek
Seconded by Gord Lawson

That the Cycling & Pedestrian Advisory Committee endorse the three proposals and that staff confirm if a feasibility study is required with a timeline.

Carried

7. INFO ITEM/NEW BUSINESS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

York Region School Outreach Program

Defer to November agenda.

Paved Shoulder at 9th Line and Donald Cousens Parkway

Defer to November agenda.

Ontario By Bike cycling Tourism Workshop

Staff will email the Committee members information.

Bayview EA

Defer to the November agenda

2018 Budget (Proposed) Update

Peter Miasek addressed the Committee and reviewed proposed 2018 proposed Budget items that are related to Active Transportation. The items are the following:

Account Number	Project Name	Proposed Budget Amount	Notes
18040	AT Master Plan	\$232K	
18042	Cycling Awareness Program	\$86K	\$25K for CPAC, \$40K for consultants for AT improvements, \$20K for MUP

			pavement markings
18044	Intersection Improvements	\$695K.	John/Steelcase, Doncaster/Henderson
18045	John St MUP Design	\$152K.	Detailed design
18049	Rouge Valley Trail Phase 4	\$1181K	
18050	Sidewalk Construction	\$1497K	

It was also noted by Councillor Hamilton that the Public Realm budget item 18261 includes \$32K to construct the Briarwood-Carleton trail.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Councillor Don Hamilton inquired if there will be a Christmas dinner provided at the December CPAC meeting. Staff will report back.

Elisabeth Tan advised the Committee that she attended the Markham Environmental Advisory Committee (MEAC) meeting and provided information relative to the Vision Zero. MEAC is interested in working together with CPAC.

9. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

Follow-ups from this meeting, as well as:

- Vision Zero Presentation
- Markham Cycling Day Summary

10. ADJOURNMENT

The Cycling and Pedestrian Advisory Committee adjourned at 9:08 PM.