June 18, 2015

Members Present: Kevin Montgomery (Co-Chair)
Anthony Simone (Co-Chair)
City Councillor Jeff Bowman
Alina Grzejczak
Stephen Laidlaw
Dayle Laing
Patrick McLeavey
Gaspard Ndayishimiye
Julius Pokol
George Shepperdley
Lisa Stokes
Pauline Thornham

Staff Present: Planning and Infrastructure Services Department:
Henrik Zbogar, Manager, Long Range Transportation,
Development Engineering Services
Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, Maintenance
and Operations
John Spencer, Manager, Parks and Facility Planning
Corporate Services Department:
Earl Evans, Deputy City Clerk
Tammi Jackson, Legislative Coordinator
Minutes
Cycling Advisory Committee

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. and adjourned at 9:23 p.m.

After due consideration of the matters placed before this Committee, the members beg leave to present its report as follows:

Item    Recommendation
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A. CYC007-2015    Approval of Agenda
B. Declaratons of Interest uneder the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act
C. Previous Minutes
D. Delegations/Presentations
E. Reports/Updates
F. CYC008-2015    Committee Discussion re: Active Transportation Ideas
G 1. CYC009-2015    Renaming of Trails as a Risk Mitigation Strategy (File HX.c)
H 1. CYC010-2015    The Implementation of Bicycle Lanes on Country Court Boulevard (File BC.x)
H 2. CYC011-2015    Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan – Grenoble Boulevard (File BC.x)
I. Question Period
J. Public Question Period
K. CYC012-2015    Adjournment

Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair
Anthony Simone, Co-Chair
A. **Approval of Agenda**

The following motion was considered.

CYC007-2015 That the agenda for the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2015 be approved as printed and circulated.

Carried

B. **Declarations of Interest under the Municipal Conflict of Interest Act** – nil

C. **Previous Minutes**

C 1. **Minutes – Cycling Advisory Committee – May 21, 2015**

The minutes will be considered by Planning and Infrastructure Services Committee on June 22, 2015 and the recommendations are pending approval by Council on July 8, 2015. The minutes were included on the agenda for information.

D. **Delegations/Presentations** - nil

E. **Reports/Updates** - nil

F. **Active Transportation Ideas**

1. **Infrastructure**

Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, provided an update on the Etobicoke Creek Re-routing signage. Temporary signage has been installed to reroute trail users starting at the north end at Eldomar Avenue and to guide trail users along residential roads. In addition, Mr. Cadete indicated a copy of the route will be provided.

Mr. Cadete advised the Committee that counting cycling traffic is not usually undertaken when collecting traffic data. Data is collected to support an improvement or mitigating measure when there is a need. Traffic Engineering analysis is based on vehicular traffic.

Mr. Henrik Zbogar, Manager, Long Range Transportation, Development Engineering Services, advised the Committee that counting cycling traffic
should also be discussed with the Region. The Master Plan included a component regarding a monitoring plan for cyclists.

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Installation of temporary rerouting signage
- Connection concerns regarding Etobicoke Creek Trail and Highway 410
- Trail linkage to Highway 410 estimated completion date
- Committee efforts to increase cycle ridership and education

2. Policy

Kevin Montgomery, Co-Chair noted that the current design of drainage grates at intersections has been an issue. A cyclist lost balance on a grate located at Hurontario Street and Ray Lawson Boulevard. Mr. Montgomery mentioned changes to the Highway Traffic Act, Bill 31 that outline how cyclists are to utilize the roads. He asked the committee for feedback on how bike expectations may be communicated.

Mr. Henrik Zbogar, Manager, Long Range Transportation, Development Engineering Services, advised the Committee that staff was considering sending a crew to the Hurontario Street and Ray Lawson Boulevard location to determine if the gap between the road and drainage grate can be filled. Mr. Henrik noted the suggestion has been relayed from Committee requesting a round drainage grate be used to alleviate future incidents.

Committee discussion of the matter included:

- Opportunities for educating the public
- Implementation of Bill 31
- Possibility of a media release or utilizing the City of Brampton website
- Distribution of pamphlets with tax bills, community booth, recreation centres, libraries
- Possibility of having presentations at Brampton libraries
- Suggestion to develop a communication strategy plan
- Suggestion to invite Rebecca Ravine, CEO of the Brampton Public Library to a future meeting

The following motion was considered.

CYC008-2015 That Rebecca Raven, CEO, Brampton Public Libraries, be invited to a future Cycling Advisory Committee meeting.
3. Programs

Mr. George Shepperdley, Citizen Member, distributed a handout regarding the 2015 Community Rides Schedule.

A member asked about the possibility of having periodic presentations by staff on current and future capital projects to ensure cycling matters are considered.

Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, advised that providing a presentation on current and future capital projects would be extensive. Mr. Cadete suggested that staff provide an update of the City’s progress with cycling today and Brampton policies. This may assist with answering questions and concerns.

Mr. Henrik Zbogar, Manager, Long Range Transportation, Development Engineering Services, advised the Committee that the coordinator position has been upgraded to Project Manager of Active Transportation. The job description is currently being reviewed with Human Resources.

G. Other/New Business/Information Items

G 1. Report from J. Spencer, Manager, Parks and Facility Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated April 8, 2015, re: Renaming of Trails as a Risk Mitigation Strategy (File HX.c)

John Spencer, Manager, Parks and Facility Planning, provided an update on the Fransechini Bridge, the schedule for its reconstruction and the cost for this retrofit.

Committee consideration of the matter included:

- Question regarding how often city staff review or inspect the trails
- Trails are reviewed or inspected on a regular basis. Staff also rely on the public to identify any deficiencies on the trails
- Pathways Wayfinding signs and trailhead signs are intended to reduce risks for the City
- The inspection of multi-use pathways is the responsibility of Roads and Maintenance staff
- Possible factors that affect the cost of signage

The following motion was considered:
That the report from J. Spencer, Manager, Parks and Facility Planning, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated April 8, 2015, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2015, re: Renaming of Trails as a Risk Mitigation Strategy (File HX.c) be received.

Carried

H. Correspondence

H 1. Correspondence from N. Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated June 10, 2015, re: The Implementation of Bicycle Lanes on Country Court Boulevard (File BC.x)

The following motion was considered:

That the correspondence from N. Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated June 10, 2015, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2015, re: The Implementation of Bicycle Lanes on Country Court Boulevard (File BC.x) be received.

Carried

H 2. Correspondence from N. Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated June 12, 2015, re: Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan – Grenoble Boulevard (File BC.x)

Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, provided an update on the Implementation of Bicycle lanes on County Court Boulevard, which included the following:

- The resurfacing of County Court Boulevard
- The implementation of bicycle lanes, pedestrian crossing islands and/or parking, urban shoulder
- Changing the roadway from a four-lane roadway into two through lanes
- Bicycle lanes along County Court Boulevard will connect cyclists to the nearby parkland trail, through Turtlecreek Park, and in the future, will connect to a broader cycling network planned for the city.
- The Transportation Master Plan is currently being updated, with active transportation (e.g. walking and cycling) being a key focus area

Committee consideration of the matter included:
• Question with regard to whether flex posts will be installed within the bicycle lanes
• Staff response that no flex posts will be installed.

The following motion was considered:

CYC011-2015

That the correspondence from N. Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations, Planning and Infrastructure Services, dated June 12, 2015, to the Cycling Advisory Committee Meeting of June 18, 2015, re: Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan – Grenoble Boulevard (File BC.x) be received.

Carried

I. **Question Period**

In response to a question from Committee, Staff outlined the process for the approval of Committee recommendations.

J. **Public Question Period**

1. Mr. David Lange, Brampton resident, asked questions regarding the possibility of rotating drainage grates a half turn to reduce possible injuries for cyclists. If straight line grates are observed should it be reported to the City, and does the Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan (BFIP) have jurisdiction over roadways that are Regional?

   Mr. Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations responded by advising Mr. Lange that staff will look into whether the straight line grates can be rotated a half turn and respond to Committees as information. In addition, Mr. Cadete advised that reporting straight line drainage grates when observed is an option. With respect to BFIP, staff will seek clarification and provide an answer at a future meeting.

2. Mr. Richard Poersch, Brampton resident, asked a question regarding signage from the Etobicoke Path from Centre Street for trails leading to the downtown core.

   Mr. Nelson Cadete, Supervisor, Traffic Operations responded by advising that a number of trails lead individuals from Church Street into the downtown core, and connect pedestrians via a set of stairs at the end of Wellington Street.

K. **Adjournment**
The following motion was considered:

CYC012-2015 That the Cycling Advisory Committee do now adjourn to meet again on Thursday, July 16, 2015, at 7:00 p.m.

Carried