



MINUTES

**Meeting of
Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee
May 13th, 2021
7:00 p.m. – Virtual (Zoom)**

Committee Members In Attendance: Chris Smith, Victoria Lewin, Selwyn Langlois, Stephanie Bangarth, Kristi Enns, Councilor Nicholas Ermeta

Regrets: Rebecca Roy, Julie Graham

Staff Members in Attendance: Lisa Chominiec, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator

1. Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Trails Advisory Committee of the City of Cambridge was held virtually via Zoom. Stephanie Bangarth, Chair, welcomed everyone present and called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 8:49 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Interest

There was no disclosure of interest.

3. Standing Items

Approval of April 8th, 2021 CCTAC minutes

Motion #1

Moved by: Chris

Seconded by: Victoria

THAT the CCTAC minutes of Thursday April 8th, 2021 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

Presentation #1: Kevan Marshall from the Region of Waterloo gave an update on the public consultation for Micromobility in the Region and the preferred option (Option 4). Chris Smith mentioned that he hasn't seen too many e-scooters or hover boards, but does see a lot of e-bikes and agreed that the preferred option probably landed in the right place. Chris noted that the provincial legislation was strong enough that we didn't see chaos like in other municipalities around the world. Chris also noted that he doesn't see the rentals being that popular, it seems like they've come and gone.

Stephanie Bangarth asked about e-scooters and liability for the city, with the wheels being so narrow, or taking them on a stone dust trail—what happens in that situation? Kevan responded that he's had talks with Legal at a higher level, and it would be the liability/responsibility of the rental companies.

Presentation #2: Chris Aagarrrd gave an update on Cycling into the Future and future plans. Chris is an associate member of CITF. CITF originated at Shepherd Ave Public School, created by Phil Martin. The program runs 6 modules about bicycle safety. A number of updates have happened over the past year: a) Hired a proper executive director, b) received a Trillium grant, c) Completed a Strategic Plan d) Various fundraisers e) and working with other communicates to pass the program along.

CITF is now looking for a permanent space to store bikes, do mechanical repairs and run some programming.

How can CCTAC support the organization? Stephanie suggested that any fundraisers or events can be posted on the CCTAC Facebook page to help promote. Chris A also mentioned that there is a shortage of bikes and parts that are needed for CITF. Chris S mentioned to look into the Regional Police auctions.

Follow up: Lisa to send Chris A the work that SWR did on AT Hubs.

5. Agenda items

a) Staffing Update

Lisa Chominiec announced that she has accepted a new position with the Planning department and will no longer be attending CCTAC meetings. The City will be posting for this new position in the next week or so.

b) Tom Strickland Response

The Committee wanted to officially send a response back in regards to Tom Strickland's presentation the other month. It was suggested that Stephanie will respond to the response to Tom via email and that the response be attached to the minutes of this meeting.

Kristi Enns joined the meeting at 8:07p.m.

c) Myers Road

The Committee discussed the Region's response regarding the Myers Rd crossings that were sent. Chris suggested that the Committee now bring this issue forward to our Council, for them to take a firm stand. Stephanie agreed, as this issue has been raised by CCTAC and CCFAG back in 2013 and nothing has been done since. Councillor Ermeta mentioned that he will bring it forward at a Council meeting, but recommended that we have representation to speak at the meeting as well (someone from CCTAC). The committee suggested a backgrounder be prepared for a motion to be moved in September. Chris S volunteered to do a backgrounder on getting the Region's attention with CCTAC issues which Councillor Ermeta could take as information to Council.

Lisa mentioned that they are still planning to get the MioVision in that area to show the Region the difficulty of crossing here.

Next Meeting: September 2021, 7pm via Zoom link.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Chris S.

Seconded by: Victoria L

THAT the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 8:49 pm.

CARRIED




Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Stephanie Bangarth

Lisa Chominiec