Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee
No 3 - 21

AGENDA

Wednesday, November 24, 2021
Virtual
7:00 p.m.

Meeting Called to Order

Disclosure of Interest

Presentations

Jason Leach, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator on the projects being undertaken by the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee (CCTAC)

Delegations

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting
PP. 003

Wednesday, October 27, 2021

Recommendation:

THAT the decisions contained in the October 27, 2021 minutes be considered for errors or omissions.

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Recommendations:

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the October 4 and November 1, 2021 meetings of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the CEAC minutes for distribution.

Please Note: If you cannot attend the meeting or if you have added agenda items please contact Karin Stieg-Drobig:
519-621-0740 Ext. 4816 or by e-mail: stiegdrobigk@cambridge.ca
Correspondence

Information Items

2. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee (CCTAC) PP. 018
   - October 14, 2021 minutes

3. Regional Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC)
   - October 25, 2021 agenda

4. Waterloo Airport Runway Project
   - Notice of Impact Assessment Decision with Reasons

Other Business

Next Meeting

Date & Time: Wednesday, December 15, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. (Tentative)

Location: Virtual

Close of Meeting

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at ___ p.m.

Distribution:

Allison Robson, Connie Cody, Jonas Duarte, Kathryn Hogan, Kelly Pritchard, Kevin Hiebert, Lisa Grbinicek, Lorri Detta, Nicole Semper, Tom VanAarsen and Councillor Wolf
MINUTES

Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee
No. 2-21
Wednesday, October 27, 2021
Virtual via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Alison Fraser, Connie Cody, Jonas Duarte, Kelly Pritchard, Lisa Grbinicek, Lorri Detta, Nicole Semper, Tom VanAarsen and Councillor Wolf (left at 7:15 p.m.)

Regrets: Allison Robson, Kathryn Hogan, Kevin Hiebert

Staff in Attendance: Kathy Padgett, Senior Planner – Environment and Karin Stieg-Drobig, Recording Secretary

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) was held virtually via Zoom. Chair, Jonas Duarte, welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the year after an 8-month hiatus due to COVID-19 and the meeting was called to order at 7:06 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations NIL

Delegations NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Councillor Wolf
Seconded by: Nicole Semper

THAT the decisions contained in the January 27, 2021 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Reports

Subcommittee Reports

1. City Green Subcommittee

Kelly Pritchard thanked Paul Willms for providing a synopsis of the City Green meeting minutes. She noted that while the spring cleanup event was cancelled this year, they had recently held an autumn cleanup event that was tied to World Cleanup Day on September 18, 2021 where they
had approximately 300 participants. The spring cleanup will be held in April 2022. Tree planting has been put on hold as they wait for more available sites and replace broken and stolen equipment. Stewardship of the Ancient Mariners Canoe Club Pollinator Preserve continues and will be planted again in 2022. She further noted that Cambridge is now designated as a Bee City; signs are available to promote and showcase pollinator gardens.

The City Green Meetup page continues to provide information to the public on various events and initiatives. This includes making the Cambridge Natural Heritage Booklet available as an online resource and ‘Treemendous’ which allows the public to look up a tree at any location and receive information regarding that tree and what that tree provides to the environment. They are also looking to take a live walking tour and provide a self-guided online tour. Lastly, she noted that they continue to work at partnering with other community groups such as Idea Exchange and to engage youth through the Youth Advisory Committee.

a) Subcommittee Meeting Notes

Moved by: Tom VanAarsen
Seconded by: Connie Cody

THAT the Cambridge Environmental Advisory Committee (CEAC) receives the meeting notes from the January 11, February 1, March 1, April 12, May 3, June 7, and August 25, 2021 meetings of City Green;

AND FURTHER THAT they be appended to the CEAC minutes for distribution.

CARRIED

Correspondence

2/3. Letter and response regarding waste disposal

A letter from a Cambridge resident regarding waste disposal and the response letter from City staff were shared for information.

Information Items

4. Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee (CCTAC)

The September 9, 2021 minutes were shared for information.

5. Regional Ecological and Environmental Advisory Committee (EEAC)

The January 25, February 22 and April 26, 2021 minutes were shared for information.

6. Natural Heritage Trust Fund

Kathy Padgett provided an update on the large spade tree plantings to be undertaken at City-owned splashpad and/or playground locations with the Natural Heritage Trust Fund. A total of nine trees consisting of Swamp White Oak and Sugar Maple will be planted.
Other Business

Member Lisa Grbinicek requested a recap of active sub-committees; staff will provide an update to members via email.

Next Meeting

The next meeting of CEAC will be held virtually on November 24, 2021.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Connie Cody
Seconded by: Tom VanAarsen

THAT the CEAC meeting does now adjourn at 7:39 p.m.

CARRIED

Jonas Duarte Karin Stieg-Drobig
Chairperson Recording Secretary
CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Cambridge CITY GREEN
Meeting Notes
Monday October 4, 2021  6:30 – 8 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Nichole Bonner, Paul Willms, Kelly Pritchard, Sandy Forsyth, Debbie Robinson, Elaine Bloomfield, Diane Day, Jennifer Huber, Holly Fernandes

Regrets: Dennis Samulak, Bonnie Wheeler, Linda Simpson, Danielle Glendinning, Laura Pritchard

Welcome Guests / New Members:
   Jennifer Huber
   Holly Fernandes

Jennifer and Holly provided some background on their interests and the City Green members introduced themselves.

1. Review of Meeting Notes and Action Items
   The group reviewed the June Meeting Notes. The July-September Meeting Notes concentrated on specific tasks associated with World Clean Up Day. The June Meeting Notes resume the Actions around the ongoing projects.

2. City Green in the Community
   Bee City Team Update
   o Bee City signs are available for City Green members
   o Member organizations will meet in November (TBD) to discuss annual reporting, etc.
   o Ancient Mariners will likely plant at their Cambridge Pollinator Preserve May 2022
   o Bee City Canada has a number of resources including a Native Plant Nursery Directory

   ACTIONS:
   ➢ City Green members to contact PW for a Pollinator sign and he will connect you with Sandy Forsyth as Sandy has some signs for pick up from her house in Hespeler. For anyone else, please refer them to PW and he will get a sign to them.

   Jane’s Walk Self-Guided Tour of Mill Creek
   o Need a volunteer to look at the files, do the walking tour themselves, take the 10-12 locations of the walking tour, apply the text that AR prepared to each location, and provide a WORD file (and any image files) to PW (there are six main locations and this could be done as “phase 1”...other locations can be
brought in as time permits). AR has provided the in-person tour for several years and the CG group wanted to turn it into an online self-directed tour. A few years ago, Cambridge Galleries hosted a similar exhibit and it currently “lives” at this [website](#). The City Green group built on that CG tour but added its own topics. Examples include Toronto’s “lost creeks” tours. This is an example of the format for the text and pictures – check out Cambridge’s [Historic Downtown Walking tour](#). The tour seems to be mostly about human heritage, can we also add ecological info.

**ACTIONS:**
- Jennifer H. and Holly F. have volunteered to walk the tour with PW and complete the text paragraphs and assemble some images in order to produce a similar walking tour to [Historic Downtown Walking tour](#)
- PW to send the files to CG members
- Suggest this as a project for the YACC group

**TREEmendous Cambridge**

- DR was working on the outcomes page and PW was working on culling/reviewing the 800 trees in the database (i.e. over 1m in diameter) to make sure they are truly “tremendous” and not simply a multi-trunk cedar hedge that happens to make 1m because the trunks are added.

**ACTIONS:**
- PW and Debbie to explore “what’s great about trees” relatable terms and metrics and finalize the outcomes page
- PW to continue to cull the list of 800 trees and remove those that are not really “treemendous” (e.g. cedar hedges that have twenty 5-cm trunks that add up to the threshold of 100cm diameter trunk which is our definition of a tremendous tree)

**City Green presentation to Youth Advisory Committee of Council – October 14**

- any suggestions for Linda and Paul to present to the group for how youth in Cambridge can become involved or how City Green can work with YACC (e.g. at Idea Exchange March booths or Community Clean Up?)

**ACTIONS:**
- PW and LS to provide the presentation to YACC and report back to CG in November. CG members to send any ideas to LS/PS

3. **Cambridge Community Clean Up**

- Existing and Proposed Clean Up events for discussion / ratification:
  - Digital Clean Up Day – March 20 This year there were no participants registered in Canada – next year should we have a campaign and promote this?
  - Early Birds and Lone Wolves (not a new Country & Western group but a way to clean up just after the snow melts and reveals all the litter) – City Green Idea Exchange booths month of March
Cambridge Community Clean Up Day – third Saturday in April
World Clean Up Day – September 18th
Organize Your Own (supplies for groups, schools, etc. any time of the year)

- World Clean Up Day Discussion – September 18th
  - What worked well, what would you change?
  - This was the first clean up in several years (have not done April Community Clean Ups). Change of locations (Riverside Park, Riverbluffs Park, Hespeler Arena). Beautiful day, but new locations, some signs stolen, mobile signs were only out for a week before, participation numbers were low (e.g. 16, 15, 30 at the three locations). The early September/busy time of year for families plus COVID also did not help in getting people out. Partner with Idea Exchange and other partners to distribute supplies (also good for bad weather). Need longer advertising period. Establish locations, like Idea Exchange, “permanently”. Article in CambridgeToday.ca was good with the photos.

**ACTIONS:**
- Have the Idea Exchange as distribution locations for April. Explore a partnership for “Early Birds and Lone Wolves” as well as for Cambridge Community Clean UP Day.
- Longer advertising lead time (3 weeks minimum)

- Ancient Mariners Canoe Club Clean Up – Oct.19th (for info)

**ACTIONS:**
- PW to provide supplies

4. Other Business

5. Information Items
- 334 members registered at [www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca)
- Check out and share.....
  - the [Cambridge Natural Heritage Sites website](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca) This is the digital version of the 50-page booklet that City Green used to distribute at workshop and other events.
  - [This version of the Cambridge Natural Heritage Sites Tour](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca) also includes a preamble summary of geological history of Cambridge that you scroll through before getting to the tour. Same link / site as above just with the added bonus of the preamble.
  - the [Tree Canopy/Street Tree Inventory](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca) – is a combination of our canopy mapping that is updated every 5 years and includes the City-wide canopy,
38 neighbourhoods canopy, individual properties canopy, and then our Urban Forest Inventory (UFI) of individual street trees as you continue to zoom in

- Cambridge City Green Calendar (see below)

6. Adjournment 8 pm (NEXT MEETING): Monday, November 1st, 6:30-8pm (ZOOM)

Cambridge City Green CALENDAR

- City Green Meetings: (usually the first Monday of the month; if there is a statutory holiday we meet the next Monday; we do not meet in July/August).
- Digital Clean Up Day – March 20
- Early Birds and Lone Wolves (not a new Country and Western group but a way to clean up just after the snow melts) – City Green Idea Exchange booths month of March
- Cambridge Community Clean Up Day – usually 3rd or 4th Saturday in April
- Organize-Your-Own (“Don’t FOMO, OYO!!”) – we provide litter clean up supplies (bags and gloves) to groups for cleanups any time but usually April with some groups in September (and some Community Association camps in the summer)
- Earth Day – April 22 (Idea Exchange usually requests City Green to contribute a display booth to their Earth Day event)
- City Nature Challenge - April 30-May 3
- Jane’s Walk – May 7-9
- Cambridge Stewardship planting events (mid-May-mid-June)
- June 19-26 – pollinator week (possible signs, seeds give-aways) – TBC – Saturday June 26th, 9-12 Kitchener Auditorium
- World Clean Up Day – Saturday, September 18
- Ancient Mariners Autumn Clean Up (all rivers, all three historical community shorelines)
- Various Reep Green Solutions events and webinars occur throughout the year on topics such as tree planting, native plants, etc. and these are posted on www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca
CAMBRIDGE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Cambridge CITY GREEN
Meeting Notes
Monday November 1, 2021  6:30 – 8 p.m.
Zoom Virtual Meeting

Attendance: Paul Willms, Sandy Forsyth, Debbie Robinson, Jennifer Huber, Holly Fernandes, Debbie Robinson, Kathryn Hogan, Kelly and Laura Pritchard, Linda Simpson

Regrets: Dennis Samulak, Bonnie Wheeler, Diane Day, Nichole Bonner

Welcome Guests / New Members:

1. Review of Meeting Notes and Action Items
   The group reviewed the October Meeting Notes and Actions.

2. City Green in the Community

   Bee City Team Update
   
   - Bee City signs are available (contact Sandy Forsyth for City Green members and for others contact Paul Willms)
   - Member organizations will meet in November to discuss annual reporting, event, etc.
   - Ancient Mariners are planning to plant at their Cambridge Pollinator Preserve May 2022
   - Bee City Canada has a number of resources including a Native Plant Nursery Directory

   ACTIONS:
   - City Green members to contact PW for a Pollinator sign and he will connect you with Sandy Forsyth as Sandy has some signs for pick up from her house in Hespeler. For anyone else outside of City Green members, please refer them to PW and he will get a sign to them.

   Jane’s Walk Self-Guided Tour of Mill Creek
   
   - JW and HF will meet with PW November 3rd to walk the route and discuss an initial six locations. This is an example of the format for the text and pictures – check out Cambridge’s Historic Downtown Walking tour. Other points of interest can be added after the initial six are done (e.g. the environmental story is not as well known as the heritage aspects of the tour).

   ACTIONS:
   - Jennifer H. and Holly F. have volunteered to walk the tour with PW and complete the text paragraphs and assemble some images in order to produce a similar walking tour to Historic Downtown Walking tour.
TREEmendous Cambridge

- This project aims to create a resource whereby someone can find out basic information (e.g. size/diameter and species) about some of the spectacular trees on our streets and the benefits they provide (rainwater capture, GHG sequestration, air pollution mitigation, etc.). DR was working on the landing page information and PW was working on culling/reviewing the 800 trees in the database (i.e. over 1m in diameter) – see map on page 6 of the agenda for distribution of trees across the city.

- First step is to put generic messages (Debbie and PW to work on this) and then ask for “memories of the tree” or experiences to achieve the relatability of the experience of the trees and build this into the database and substitute for the “generic” tree info over time….. Offer an invitation to hug the tree and send a photo.

- Use “tree tags” at a park to promote the new resource once it is launched.

- The group reviewed the Barrie example of Sunnidale Park.

**ACTIONS:**

- PW and Debbie to explore “what’s great about trees” relatable terms and metrics and finalize the outcomes page. PW to set up a meeting with Debbie to discuss as a subcommittee.

- Debbie to investigate the Barrie Sunnidale Park tour and report back to the group in December.

- PW to cull the list of 800 trees and remove those that are not really “treemendous”.

- PW and Debbie to check out [www.treetrust.ca](http://www.treetrust.ca) and the local Reep Green Solutions aspect of this program [https://treetrust.ca/partner/waterloo-region/](https://treetrust.ca/partner/waterloo-region/) and report back to the group on how City Green can co-promote this as part of TREEmendous Cambridge.

**City Green presentation to Youth Advisory Committee of Council – October 14**

- Presentation was expanded from “three suggestions on how to become involved” to also include other volunteer opportunities (e.g. with [Rare Charitable Research Reserve volunteer opportunities](https://www.rare.ca/volunteer-opportunities)) as well as links to City environmental and sustainability master plans, documents and other resources (e.g. [videos about local climate change modelling](https://www.youtube.com/results?search_query=climate%20change%20modelling%20local)) that may aid with school projects or just understanding what is happening at the City (e.g. with respect to climate emissions and adaptation planning). This last item will also comprise a new City webpage and offer all of the resources in one location.

**ACTIONS:**

- PW to send the link for new Environment & Sustainability webpage to City Green members

3. Cambridge Community Clean Up

- **Existing and Proposed Clean Up events for discussion / ratification:**

  - Digital Clean Up Day – March 20  *This year there were no participants registered in Canada – next year should we have a campaign and promote this?* Post on [www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca)

  - **(Early Bird) Community Clean Up Day**

    Possible configurations:
a. “Self Serve” - It is not certain that “self-serve clean up supplies” would be possible (or would work) and City Green volunteers may be needed to staff booths. This didn’t appeal to the group, would lead to supplies be taken etc.. This was tried in the past at City Hall and all that resulted was the supplies were taken but no way to know by whom or if they were used in litter clean ups.

b. Idea Exchange Staff provide supplies (bags and gloves only, no pickers) – this may not be possible / is a request that would need to be discussed / is an imposition.

c. City Green staff one booth at one branch location on Saturdays in March from 10 am-12 noon. This is FLEXIBLE = If the ground is covered in snow no booths at the branches. Bags and gloves only would be available (pickers?)

- Saturday, March 5th, 10-12pm
- Saturday, March 11th
- Saturday, March 19th
- Saturday, March 26th

d. PREFERRED = City Green staff at all 5 Idea Exchange branches, March 26th only, 10am-12pm (** for consistency with the April 23rd “traditional” Community Clean Up, PW is suggesting that this time be 9-12 noon, same as the other event but this point is made after the meeting discussion upon review of these notes)

- Cambridge Community Clean Up Day
  - Saturday April 23rd
  - Locations for City Green booths – Idea Exchange branches (outdoor if the weather is nice?)
    - 1. Hespeler
    - 2. St. Benedicts
    - 3. Preston
    - 4. Queens Square
    - 5. Old Post Office

- Cambridge Community Clean Up Day – May?

- World Clean Up Day – September 17, 2022. 9am-12noon at the five Idea Exchange branches

- Reep Green Solutions Zero Waste Challenge (happens over the month of October and involves trying to fit all your waste into a mason jar – City Green can co-promote this with any Clean Up event with a focus during World Clean Up Day promotion) https://reepgreen.ca/zerowastechallenge/

- Organize Your Own (supplies for groups, schools, etc. any time of the year). No pickers, only bags and gloves available.

- Organize site specific clean ups at various locations? City Green members would identify hotspots and organize a quick clean up there by bringing supplies and advertising for a certain number (10-15 volunteer) to clean up the area (can be done in May if hotspots still persist after the big Community Clean UP

- Sandy described the Waste Management truck and the value it brought to the Hespeler location. Should the Region (Waste Management Division) be contacted to see if they could provide some value to a booth?
ACTIONS:

➢ A City Green member to post a [www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca](http://www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca) article and invitation to our 300+ members to participate in Digital Clean Up Day March 20th and remind people about the Early Bird Community Clean Up on March 26th.

➢ PW to reach out to Idea Exchange and ask if City Green can set up booths for Community Clean Up Day at five branches:

   1. Hespeler
   2. St. Benedicts
   3. Preston
   4. Queens Square
   5. Old Post Office

   Saturday March 26, 2022   9am-12noon
   Saturday April 23, 2022   9am-12noon
   Saturday September 17, 2022   9am-12noon

➢ PW to reach out to Region Waste Management staff to see if there is a fit with providing some educational materials at the City Green booth (in the same way that the Hespeler location had the Waste Management Inc. truck there).

➢ City Green members to bring further ideas to December meeting.

➢ SF to explore with mobile sign companies located.

➢ For the Early Bird Community Clean Up (March 26, 2022) City Green to revisit the 10-12 timing at the December meeting. PW proposes that it be 9-12 in order to be consistent with the April 23rd event timing at the same locations (Idea Exchange branches).
Ancient Mariners Canoe Club Annual Autumn Clean Up Report
October 19, 2021

We thought the Mariners might like to know the results of our clean-up now that we have tallied up the information sheets collected on Tuesday.

- 60 Mariners came out to pick up garbage, 6 by canoe and 54 on land
- The areas cleaned ranged from Preston right through Galt, down to the Footbridge and even out to Bannister Lake.
- 76 was the approximate total number of garbage bags filled plus other large debris
- many aluminum cans and other recyclables were also collected
- 3 areas where drug paraphernalia and needles were found and reported to the Ambassadors

A huge thank you to everyone who:
- picked up garbage
- organized and cooked the wonderful sausage BBQ
- cleaned up after the meal
- helped with sorting the cans and taking them for recycling

Thanks goes also to the city, Paul Wilms and the Ambassador Team for their assistance with providing supplies, support in dealing with needles and collection of the garbage!

This is a wonderful service to our community and to the river where we all enjoy paddling.

David and Liz Reed
4. Other Business
The group discussed that Community Associations are natural partners with City Green and environmental interests.

**ACTIONS:**

➢ PW to reach out to Rachel Fraser, Manager of Recreation, Executive Directors of Community Associations and provide a presentation similar to YACC of how City Green can partner with Community Associations at their Annual Meeting or similar function. SF and LS can also provide the presentation.

PW noted that projects have evolved (Mill Creek, TREEmendous) from their original early days and that some ideas should be retained and brought forward later as part of the evolution of a project as they could be lost in the Meeting Notes or to memory.

➢ LS to cut and paste Meeting Note ideas for Mill Creek tour and TREEmendous Trees in order to create “project sheets” and not lose past ideas.

Kelly noted in the Chat that she gave an update to CEAC on City Green projects but there wasn’t enough time in this meeting to give details

➢ Kelly to give the CEAC City Green update at the December meeting.

5. Information Items

  - Barrie creates new guided tree walk at Sunnidale Park

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**BARRIE**

**City creates new guided tree walk at Sunnidale Park**

October 29, 2021

The City of Barrie has created a new, guided tree walk at Sunnidale Park. The tree walk takes users on an interactive tour of the park’s forests. Users will learn about the unique and diverse ecosystems in Barrie, how to identify tree species, and the importance of forests for wildlife.

"Sunnidale Park is home to a number of tree species that are vital to Barrie's ecosystem, pollinators and local wildlife," says Kevin Rankin, Manager of Parks & Forestry Operations. "Through the tree walk, we invite residents and visitors to engage with nature, learn about the importance of trees, and discover how to identify them."

The tree walk, accessible via the QR code or by visiting the Discover Barrie website at discover.barrie.ca, features 12 different species of native trees. Its aim is to educate and engage users with tree facts and interactive activities. While at the park, users can scan the QR code using the camera tool on their mobile device and follow along on the walk as they visit each tree species location. On-site signage will also be installed in the coming weeks for those who don’t have access to mobile devices, or who didn’t bring their device to the park.

Sunnidale Park is a 48-acre park located at 227 Sunnidale Road in Barrie.

Visit barrie.ca/UrbanForestry to learn more about the city's parks and trails, and about programs that are helping to build a greener Barrie while mitigating and adapting to climate change.
- 336 members registered at www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca

- Check out and share.....
  - the Cambridge Natural Heritage Sites website. This is the digital version of the 50-page booklet that City Green used to distribute at workshop and other events.
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  - the Tree Canopy/Street Tree Inventory – is a combination of our canopy mapping that is updated every 5 years and includes the City-wide canopy, 38 neighbourhoods canopy, individual properties canopy, and then our Urban Forest Inventory (UFI) of individual street trees as you continue to zoom in

- Cambridge City Green Calendar (see below)

6. NEXT MEETING: Monday, December 6th  6:30-8pm (ZOOM)
Cambridge City Green CALENDAR

- City Green Meetings: (usually the first Monday of the month; if there is a statutory holiday we meet the next Monday; we do not meet in July/August).

- Digital Clean Up Day – March 20 – post this to www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca

- Early Bird Cambridge Community Clean Up – Saturday, March 26, 2022, 9am-12 noon, five Idea Exchange branches

- Cambridge Community Clean Up Day – Saturday April 23, 2022, 9am-12noon, five Idea Exchange branches

- Organize-Your-Own – we provide litter clean up supplies (bags and gloves) to groups for cleanups any time but usually April with some groups in September (and some Community Association camps in the summer)

- Earth Day – April 22 (Idea Exchange usually requests City Green to contribute a display booth to their Earth Day event)

- City Nature Challenge - April 30-May 3

- Jane’s Walk – May 7-9

- Cambridge Stewardship planting events (mid-May-mid-June)

- June 19-26 – Pollinator Week

- World Clean Up Day – Saturday, September 17, 2022, 9-12 noon, five Idea Exchange branches

- Reep Green Solutions Zero Waste Challenge (month of October)

- Ancient Mariners Autumn Clean Up (all rivers, all three historical community shorelines)

- Various Reep Green Solutions events and webinars occur throughout the year on topics such as tree planting, native plants, etc. and these are posted on www.CambridgeCityGreen.ca
MINUTES

Meeting of
Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee
October 14th, 2021
7:00 p.m. – Virtual (Zoom)

Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Smith, Victoria Lewin, Stephanie Bangarth, Rebecca Roy, Julie Graham and Councilor Nicholas Ermeta

Regrets: Selwyn Langlois and Kristi Enns

Staff Members in Attendance: Jason Leach, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator and Claire McLoughlin, Landscape Architect

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 7:02 p.m. The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

2) Disclosure of Interest

There was no disclosure of interest.

3) Standing Items

Approval of September 9th, 2021 CCTAC minutes

Motion #1

Moved by: Chris Smith
Seconded by: Victoria Lewin

THAT the CCTAC minutes of Thursday September 9th, 2021 be adopted as printed.

CARRIED

4) Presentations

No presentations.
5) Agenda items

a) Placemaking
Alix Aiken (Manager of Recreation and Culture) joined the meeting to lead the Placemaking discussion. The committee brainstormed Placemaking ideas that Alix will include in an upcoming report to Council.

b) Capital Project Ranking
Jason provided a summary overview of the projects to be ranked. The committee proceeded to discuss and rank the projects on the list. The final ranking has been attached to these minutes.

- Subdivisions and development related trails were not deemed to be high on the priority list as many are already committed through Draft Plan of Subdivision or Subdivision Agreements and they also serve more of a local need rather than contributing to the overall network.
- Addressing barriers (such as bridges over water) and gaps in the network were thought to have more significance.
- Sidewalks and smaller infill projects were considered important as they add to the overall network and increase safety.
- The Hespeler trail was considered to be a more active trail and potentially a commuter trail compared to the North Boxwood Trail which was considered to be more recreational.
- The Dan Springs Trail was considered to be a priority as it is one of the only connections from the Delta to downtown Galt and takes bikes off of Water Street.

Additional, items raised through this discussion were;

- Councillor Ermeta requested an active transportation connection be provided from the Red Wildfong Park to River Road.
- The committee requested that the asset management trail bridges report be shared with members.
- Stephanie noted that the wooden structure on the north side of the Russ Street pedestrian bridge is in rough shape and she has seen people trip on some of the boards.

c) Regional ATAC meeting agendas
Chris noted Maple Grove Road improvements were on the last Region of Waterloo ATAC meeting agenda. Jason will follow-up with the Region on what was discussed.
d) **Project updates**
   Jason mentioned that new signs and markings are being installed on the multi-use trails on Fountain Street from Shantz Hill Road to King Street and on King Street from Fountain Street to Eagle Street.

   Clair noted that North Boxwood trail alignment concepts will be coming to a future meeting.

   Clair also mentioned that Blair Trail and Grand Trunk trail signage has been installed.

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**e) Black Bridge Rd. at Townline Rd bike lane types**

   This item was removed from the agenda. CCTAC will have an opportunity to review the latest plans around the time that the next project public consultation occurs.

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**f) Downtown Cycling Loop (T. Strickland correspondence)**

   The committee has reviewed the latest correspondence from T. Strickland and passed a motion that the email correspondence dated June 25, 2021 be received for information.

   **Motion #2**

   Moved by: Chris Smith

   Seconded by: Victoria Lewin

   THAT the email correspondence received from T. Strickland dated June 25, 2021 be received for information.

   CARRIED

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**g) Cycling and Trail map**

   Jason will take the lead on the creation of a Cambridge cycling and trails map with input from CCTAC. This initiative will begin in early 2022.

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**6) Other News / Business**

   a) As McQueen Shaver Boulevard is still not open it was decided that the end of season ride would be cancelled and instead a spring ride will be planned.

   b) Julie noted a few recent articles in the Cambridge Times regarding cycling in Cambridge.

   c) A discussion was held regarding the implementation of Seasonal Traffic Calming signs and their impact on cyclists. Jason noted that there are several different installation configurations of these signs and some have more of an impact on cyclists than others. Jason will add cyclist considerations to the installation guidelines for when staff are reviewing future installations.
Next Meeting: November 11th 2021, 7pm via Zoom link.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Chris Smith
Seconded by: Rebecca Roy
THAT the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee meeting does now adjourn at 9:00 p.m.
CARRIED

Chairperson
Stephanie Bangarth

Recording Secretary
Claire McLoughlin
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