

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
May 12, 2022 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Ron Lalonde (logged off at 5:12 p.m.)  
R. Bruce MacDonald  
Matt Parfitt (logged off at 5:58 p.m.)  
Peter Phillips, Chair  
Mary Jo Sitter  
Lewis Williams  
Nicola Windrem

**Also Present:** Peter Angelo, Director, Engineering  
Sean Malby, Supervisor, Parks Development  
Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning  
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range  
Sarah Peris, Summer Student, Transportation Services  
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager, Transportation Services  
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Sorin Lutz

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Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - March 10, 2022

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of March 10, 2022 be approved.

## **Carried**

### **3. General Business and Reports**

#### **3.1 Dryden Boulevard Resurfacing and Waller Street Intersection Treatment Updates**

Tara Painchaud stated that road resurfacing of Dryden Boulevard between Thickson Road and Oshawa boundaries was planned for 2022. Ms. Painchaud advised that plans included creating a road diet to reduce the road to two through lanes and two bike lanes. She stated that signalization or a round about was planned for the intersection at Waller Street.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding the consultant's designs.

#### **3.2 Mary Street Update**

Peter Phillips stated that Mary Street was currently designated as a priority project in the Active Transportation Plan. Mr. Phillips advised that the Committee would prefer the future active transportation corridor on Mary Street to include bike lanes that would be approved in the fall 2022 and budgeted for work in 2023, prior to the Bus Rapid Transit construction and anticipated increase in traffic volume. He stated that the Committee would like a similar review of the Dunlop Street corridor. Mr. Phillips advised that this matter would be brought forward at the June Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee meeting.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- how to manage on street parking concerns; and,
- whether the connection between Mary Street and Dunlop Street along Garden Street would be part of the plan.

Tara Painchaud stated that there was a short term opportunity to add signage and symbols for signed bike lanes between High Street and Garden Street. Ms. Painchaud further stated that there was a long term opportunity to install a bi-directional cycle track or protected bike lanes.

#### **3.3 Dunlop Street Update**

**Note:** Item 3.3 was discussed under Item 3.2, Mary Street Update.

#### **3.4 Bike Month**

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding Bike Month activities which included:

- maps and handouts from the Region of Durham;
- virtual activities such as bike bingo, a cycling pledge and regional challenge, and a scavenger hunt that would include campaigns, missions, and photo submission;
- Open Street events on Manning Street for two Sundays throughout June; and,
- using the Whitby Public Library display case.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- using the Brooklin Community Centre and Library's display case;
- whether the Manning Street Open Street lane closure could maintain two-way traffic; and,
- contacting the Durham Regional Police Service regarding the Manning Street Open Street events.

### **3.5 Ontario Bike Summit Recap**

Peter Phillips provided an overview of the Ontario Bike Summit which included:

- the Ontario Bike Summit theme, Resilience through Bike Friendly Communities; and,
- highlights of the summit such as designing better intersections and bicycle friendly communities, cycling policy, active school travel, cycle tourism, reallocating street space for active transportation, and bikeway planning and design.

### **3.6 Lake Ridge Road and Fothergill Court Bus Rapid Transit Design**

Tara Painchaud stated that Metrolinx finalized their design and environmental assessment for the Bus Rapid Transit project. Ms. Painchaud stated that comments were submitted on the preliminary detailed design between Lake Ridge Road and Fothergill Court and additional detailed designs would be circulated for comment when they were available.

### **3.7 Traffic Calming Policy Update**

Tara Painchaud stated that the Traffic Calming Policy would be re-circulated to the Committee for additional comments once revisions were completed.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding benefits of reviewing previous comments or waiting for the updated draft to be circulated.

### **3.8 Multi Use Path Signage and Marking Standard Update**

Gary Carroll requested an update regarding multi use path signage and marking standards in the Town of Whitby. Mr. Carroll further requested feedback from the Committee regarding a recommendation outlining what the Committee considers appropriate.

Tara Painchaud stated that when a multi use path is adjacent to a development the Town requests that the developer install a solid centre line and user symbols in the intersections and along the corridor. Ms. Painchaud advised that the Ontario Transportation Manual recommends fewer signs. She stated that the Town would continue using separated user symbols at signalized intersections and mixed user symbols at unsignalized intersections and driveways.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- standardization of the types of crossrides used at intersections; and,
- whether there was an opportunity to use high visibility paint on multi use paths that cross intersections and driveways.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.10, Waterfront Trail Update, at this time.

### **3.9 Walk and Roll to School**

Nicola Windrem provided a presentation regarding the Walk and Roll to School Program. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the history of the event;
- the program option selected by the Region of Durham, Walk and Roll to School Week;
- collaborating with the Region of Durham and other municipalities; and,
- promoting the event at Town events.

### **3.10 Waterfront Trail Update**

Sean Malby stated that the Corbett Creek Marsh Boardwalk design was moving forward and that work on the boardwalk and bridge would begin in 2023.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether there would be a bypass for the bridge while it was under construction;
- whether the blind corners along the boardwalk would be addressed; and,
- whether concerns at the access gate at Gordon Street to the Ontario Shores property would be addressed.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 3.9, Walk and Roll to School, at this time.

### 3.11 Inventory and Trail Condition Report

Sean Malby stated that the summer student would be reviewing the Town's asset condition rating for all parks and trails for assessment. Mr. Malby further stated that the review would determine what areas require maintenance due to degradation.

Tara Painchaud advised that a preliminary assessment and inventory of on road cycling had been completed.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the active transportation sign inventory;
- prioritizing and surveying locations where crossrides were required for 2023;
- educating pedestrians through a communication blitz on properly crossing at intersections; and,
- asking Durham Regional Police Service about a road safety campaign, enforcement, and pedestrian safety.

### 3.12 Active Transportation Signage Inventory

**Note:** Item 3.12 was discussed under Item 3.11, Inventory and Trail Condition Report.

### 3.13 Intersections and Crossrides: Priorities and Budget

**Note:** Item 3.13 was discussed under Item 3.11, Inventory and Trail Condition Report.

### 3.14 2022 Active Transportation Construction Update

Tara Painchaud stated there were no new items added to the 2022 Active Transportation Construction plans. Ms. Painchaud advised that

updating all-way stops, level two pedestrian crossovers, and centre lines and user symbols would be tendered in the summer for fall construction.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding whether the signage and pavement marking budget funds could be used to develop the line painting design on Mary Street and Dunlop Street.

4. Council Update

4.1 There was no Council update.

5. Other Business

5.1 Development Subcommittee Update

Mary Jo Sitter provided an update for the Development Subcommittee. Ms. Sitter stated that the Subcommittee reviewed four plans which included:

- suggestions to include a bike path and sidewalk at the proposed 1-storey steel building at the southwest corner of Wentworth Street and McEwen Drive;
- concerns regarding truck traffic, noise, and sightlines at the two industrial buildings located at 5455 Ashburn Road;
- concerns regarding the proximity to a signalized intersection of proposed townhouse units at 1902 Rossland Road; and,
- concerns with the road design within the plan of subdivision at 7613 Ashburn Road.

5.2 Accessibility Committee - Rest Areas

Tara Painchaud stated that she was working with the Accessibility Advisory Committee to establish rest areas along multi use paths. Ms. Painchaud further stated that the draft design included rest areas no greater than 300 metres apart on alternating sides of a multi use path. She advised that rest areas would not be installed in residential areas or major corridors with larger bus stops.

5.3 Accessibility and Wayfinding Signage Study

R. Bruce MacDonald requested an update regarding the Accessibility and Wayfinding Signage Study.

Tara Painchaud stated that an update would be provided at the June Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Meeting.

**5.4** Commemorative Benches

Lewis Williams requested an update regarding commemorative benches.

Sean Malby stated that the memorial bench program was on hold and the Town would be requesting public feedback on bench dedications during the summer.

**6.** Next Meeting

**6.1** Thursday, June 9, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

**7.** Adjournment

**7.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on June 9, 2022.**