

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
June 10, 2021 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Ron Lalonde  
Sorin Lutz  
R. Bruce MacDonald  
Matt Parfitt  
Mary Jo Sitter  
Lewis Williams  
Nicola Windrem

**Also Present:** Regional Councillor Mulcahy, Mayor's Designate  
Matt Powers, Senior Manager, Parks, Parks Long Range Planning  
and Culture  
Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning  
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range  
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Supervisor, Active Transportation  
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager, Transportation  
Services  
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator  
(Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Rick Batty  
Peter Phillips, Chair

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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 - May 13, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By R. Bruce MacDonald

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of May 13, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

3. Presentations

**3.1** Michele Cotton, Accessibility Coordinator, Town of Whitby  
Re: Accessibility Signage and Wayfinding Study

**Note:** This presentation was postponed to a future Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee meeting.

4. Delegations

**4.1** There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

**5.1** Bike Month

Chris Potvin advised that the Bike Month campaign was underway and included information on bike safety and places to ride. Mr. Potvin further advised that an interactive trail map would soon be available.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether Bike Month programming would be impacted by the ease of COVID-19 restrictions; and,
- whether there was an opportunity to partner with schools to advertise Bike Month activities.

**5.2** Mid-Block Crossings Update

Gary Carroll requested information regarding opportunities for a mid-block crossing pilot project along the hydro corridor. Mr. Carroll stated that the pilot project could include mid-block crossings where Town streets intersect the hydro corridor.

Tara Painchaud advised that the Town was reviewing the Dryden Boulevard corridor from a traffic control perspective. Ms. Painchaud stated that additional items were not planned for this year.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether a mid-block crossing would be completed on the Dryden Boulevard corridor in 2021;

- whether pavement markings and/or signage along sections of Anderson Street could be incorporated into the 2021 Capital Projects;
- whether a wider roadway at Father Leo J. Austin and St. Bernard's Catholic Schools had been considered; and,
- the process for prioritizing projects and spending money on Capital Projects.

Ron Lalonde stated that Ashburn Road had been identified by the Committee as a priority item that required signage due to future development and intensification.

### 5.3 Multi-use Path Paint Centre Lines and Markings Update

Gary Carroll requested an update regarding multi-use path centre lines and markings.

A question and answer period ensued which included:

- the thresholds for deciding where centre lines and markings would be established and the locations for centre lines and markings on multi-use paths;
- whether the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 would be used as a guide to determine markings; and,
- whether the Town would adopt best practices similar to neighbouring communities.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- creating a subcommittee to look into best practices used by neighbouring communities for establishing centre lines and markings on multi-use paths;
- passing a motion for the Town to adopt a marked and marketed standard across multi-use paths;
- establishing the criteria for painting centre lines and markings, and building the standard into projects;
- the safety of centre lines and markings for pedestrians and cyclists, and teaching children to use the right side of the road; and,
- creating a stepped approach that outlines bare minimum standards to best practices standards in order to mitigate budget constraints.

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee request that Council direct Staff to adopt a "marked and marketed" centre line and users symbol approach to our Multi-Use Path, In Boulevard, and Trail Core Spine Network, including intersections, as identified in the new Whitby Active Transportation Plan using Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 Guidelines.

### **Carried**

#### **5.4 Traffic By-law Update Re: Parking in Bike Lanes**

Ron Lalonde stated that the No Parking signs on Watford Street and Carnwith Drive had been installed and infractions had been reduced.

#### **5.5 Capital Projects Update**

Gary Carroll requested that a Capital Projects Update List be provided at each meeting that highlights items requiring discussion.

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding Capital Projects which included:

- multi-use paths that were proceeding such as Taunton Road from Coronation Road to Baycliffe Drive, and Garden Street between Dryden Boulevard and Taunton Road;
- the Sidewalk Program; and,
- active transportation trails, including signage and pavement markings, and bike repair stands.

Matt Powers provided updates regarding several Town projects which included:

- an update on the Waterfront Trail;
- the completion of the trail leading into the off-leash dog park; and,
- the connection through the neighbourhood at Florence Drive, east of Baldwin Street would be tendered for fall construction.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- when crossings would be established on Taunton Road, Meadowglen Drive, and Dryden Boulevard;
- whether separated cross-rides or a mixed cross-ride would be used;
- when the bike repair stands would be installed;
- why a paved path was being installed through Bradley Park; and,
- where the multi-use path would be located in Bradley Park.

**5.6 Rossland Road West Multi-use Path Update**

Gary Carroll requested an update regarding improvements along the Rossland Trail between Brock Street and McQuay Boulevard.

Chris Potvin provided an update which included:

- a widening of the bridge deck and roadway allocation; and,
- the segment from Rossland Road West to Cochrane Street would be included in the Rossland Road and Brock Street intersection improvements.

**5.7 Heber Down Conservation Area  
Re: Parking on Ashburn Road**

R. Bruce MacDonald stated that residents were parking on Ashburn Road to access the Heber Down Conservation Area and requested an update regarding a solution to parking concerns.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- utilizing the parking lot by the dog walking trail;
- converting the trail head to a through-way crossing as part of a larger trail network in the future which would connect users to larger parking lots in the area; and,
- utilizing the land under the hydro towers as a temporary parking lot.

Gary Carroll requested that staff provide an update at a later meeting.

**5.8 Future Improvements  
Re: Halls Road and Lake Ridge Road**

Gary Carroll requested an update regarding pavement markings and signage along the Waterfront Trail between Halls Road and Lake Ridge Road.

Chris Potvin advised that pavement markings and signage were included in the work tender.

Tara Painchaud stated that the Town of Ajax was completing a traffic study prior to opening a connection at Ashbury Boulevard to Range Road.

**5.9 Henry Street Jurisdiction and Future Improvements  
Re: GO Station and Waterfront Trail**

R. Bruce MacDonald stated that there was an opportunity to connect the Waterfront Trail to the GO Station by adding a multi-use path.

6. Correspondence

**6.1** There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

**7.1** Councillor Mulcahy provided updates regarding:

- a new Road Safety group in Whitby;
- the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Annual Report was received by Council at the June 14, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting;
- a presentation from the Hospital Task Force which identified a site for a future hospital in Durham Region; and,
- an opportunity to develop a trail system around the new hospital should the Whitby site be the successful proposal.

R. Bruce MacDonald stated that a new hospital in Whitby would provide a destination opportunity that would support a trail system for hospital staff, visitors, and hospital patients.

8. Other Business

**8.1** Development Subcommittee Update

R. Bruce MacDonald requested an update regarding the Development Subcommittee.

Gary Carroll advised that the Development Subcommittee has reviewed development plans and submitted comments at monthly meetings. Mr. Carroll stated that Development Subcommittee updates would become a regular agenda item to provide the Committee with an overview of any issues noted by the Subcommittee regarding development plans.

**8.2** Regional Update

Ron Lalonde provided an update regarding the Durham Active Transportation Committee which included:

- a presentation by Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit on March 11, 2021;
- a presentation by Brittany Mohammed regarding Trail Safety in Durham;

- the final approval for the Regional Cycling Plan was expected in the fall 2021; and,
- items on the June 10, 2021 agenda including an E-Mobility By-law update, Durham Region Works initiatives, and the Uxbridge Active Transportation Plan.

9. Next Meeting

**9.1** Thursday, September 9, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.  
To be determined

10. Adjournment

**10.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Lewis Williams

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on September 9, 2021.**