

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
September 9, 2021 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Ron Lalonde  
Sorin Lutz  
R. Bruce MacDonald  
Matt Parfitt  
Peter Phillips, Chair  
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  
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range  
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Supervisor, Active Transportation  
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording  
Secretary)

**Regrets:** None noted

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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 - June 10, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee  
minutes of June 10, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

3. Presentations

3.1 There were no presentations.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Mid-Block Arterial Trail Crossings: The Hydro-Electric Power Commission Trail

Chris Potvin advised that next steps regarding the mid-block arterial trail crossings along the Hydro-Electric Power Commission Trail would be to provide recommendations for the Rossland Road trail crossing. Mr. Potvin further advised that the Town would be moving forward with pedestrian cross-overs in other locations.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- when the pedestrian cross-over would be installed;
- whether the pedestrian cross-over crosswalk east of Simcoe Street and Rossland Road would be used as a model for Whitby's pedestrian cross-over crosswalks;
- providing examples of alternatives to cross-walks;
- whether a short-term solution could be initiated to address safety concerns along Dryden Boulevard; and,
- introducing a motion to address concerns along Dryden Boulevard.

Recommendation:

Moved By Mary Jo Sitter

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee recommends that Council direct engineering staff to provide the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee a final decision, before year end 2021 for 2022 budget consideration, with a crossing strategy utilizing Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18 guidelines on Dryden Boulevard at the Hydro-Electric Power Commission (HEPC) Trail crossing or an acceptable alternative design, to be followed with design and construction of a permanent cross ride facility in 2022 in

order to address concerns with pedestrian and cyclist safety at this location.

**Carried**

**5.2 Infill Housing Development Supporting Active Transportation**

Ron Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Infill Housing Development Supporting Active Transportation. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the Minto Subdivision at the corner of Thickson Road and Rossland Road; and,
- the active transportation elements in the plan of subdivision such as a cycle supported connecting bridge, intersection cross rides, connecting to trail networks, and connecting to a new 3-metre multi-use path.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether a centre line would be added to the Thickson Road multi-use path;
- whether a cross ride would be added at the Sutcliffe Drive/Thickson Road multi-use path;
- future plans to support cyclists on Dryden Boulevard; and,
- whether the curb at Dryden Boulevard had been contoured and textured.

**5.3 Downtown Whitby Pedestrian Crossings: Brock Street and Dundas Street**

Peter Phillips requested an update regarding the pedestrian crossings at Brock Street and Dundas Street.

Chris Potvin advised that the Brock Street crossing was under design review with Durham Region. Mr. Potvin further advised that the Dundas Street crossing was under review due to the Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit project.

**5.4 Ontario Active School Travel Update: Rolling Forward with Cycling Skills Training in Ontario Schools**

Nicola Windrem provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Ontario Active School Travel Event, Rolling Forward with Cycling Skills Training in Ontario Schools. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the benefits of cycling skills and active school travel such as healthier children, reduced traffic and pollution, safer school zones, and better academic performance;
- the importance of funding and partnerships;
- considering equity and inclusion;
- working with schools to create a cycling culture; and,
- challenges with implementing cycling skills training in schools such as finding cycling trainers, on-road opportunities, cost and availability of bikes, and working with new or non-riders.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the Region of Durham's cycling program funded through the Ontario Active School Travel (OAST) Fund;
- reaching out to the Ontario Cycling Association for instructors;
- contacting the Durham District School Board to review safety standards required for a cycling program such as requiring instructors to be CAN-BIKE Level 5 certified; and,
- Ontario Physical Health Education Association's (OPHEA) guidelines requiring that programs meet the Ontario Physical Activity Safety Standards in Education (OPASSE) for insurance purposes.

#### **5.5 Summary of Minds On Math Presentation to White Oaks Community Youth**

Chris Potvin provided information regarding a Minds on Math Presentation to White Oaks Community Youth. Mr. Potvin stated that the Minds on Math organization created and delivered a summer program to youth that focused on cycling as a means to deliver math lessons. He further stated that the program was well received with 30 in-person students as well as online students participating in the program.

#### **5.6 2022 Capital Budget Projects Update**

Chris Potvin distributed the 2021 and 2022 Capital Project updates to the Committee and requested feedback from Members.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether Burns Street to Consumers Drive would be developed; and,
- whether improvements to legacy multi-use paths would be included in the budget.

#### **5.7 2021 Linemarking Tender, Crossrides, Pedestrian Crossings, Painting on Multi-use Paths, and Accessibility and Wayfinding Signage Update**

Chris Potvin advised that the Linemarking Tender was sent out and bids had been received and were under review. Mr. Potvin stated that a report to Council outlining costing of centrelines was underway. He advised that the Accessibility and Wayfinding Signage study was being developed by Community Services.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether destination signage was included;
- whether businesses would pay for destination signage; and,
- whether the cycle tourist perspective had been considered.

#### 5.8 Waterfront Trail Update

Matt Powers provided an update regarding the Waterfront Trail which included:

- 2021 construction was complete;
- the area between the Region of Durham's Treatment Plant to Boundary Road would be addressed in 2022; and,
- expanding the catwalk bridge as a future project.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- signing alternative routes around Wentworth Street for future closures;
- the benches and rest areas installed along the trail;
- promoting and establishing a user etiquette policy; and,
- blocking off access to Ontario Shores Centre for Mental Health Sciences for public safety.

#### 5.9 Traffic Calming Policy Update

**Note:** This item was deferred to the next Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee meeting.

#### 5.10 EcoCounter Update

**Note:** This item was deferred to the next Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee meeting.

#### 5.11 Autonomous Innovation Vehicle Network: Autonomous Shuttle Update

Chris Potvin advised that the Autonomous Shuttle was in the final stage of testing and would be deployed once testing was complete.

### 6. Correspondence

- 6.1** Office of the Town Clerk, Correspondence: Regular Council Meeting, June 21, 2021  
Re: Centre Line Markings and User Symbols approach on Multi-Use Paths, In-Boulevard Networks, and Trail Core Spine Networks including Intersections, as identified in the Active Transportation Plan

Peter Phillips advised that this correspondence was received by the Committee for information purposes.

**7. Council Update**

- 7.1** Councillor Mulcahy provided an update regarding:
- the Public Meetings on September 13, 2021; and,
  - Council and Committee of the Whole meetings would resume September 20, 2021.

**8. Other Business**

**8.1** Durham Active Transportation Committee Update

Ron Lalonde advised that the Regional Cycling Plan would be presented to the City of Pickering and Township of Scugog next week.

**8.2** Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18 Update

Ron Lalonde advised that the Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18 updates had been approved by the Ontario Ministry of Transportation. Mr. Lalonde further advised that one-third of the updates focus on intersections, crossings, and mid-block crossing improvements.

**8.3** Development Subcommittee Update

Mary Jo Sitter advised that the Development Subcommittee would meet next week. Ms. Sitter further advised that a number of site plans were reviewed in June including:

- Brooklin Concrete;
- a commercial/residential development at Anderson Street and Conlin Road;
- a residential development on the southwest corner of Anderson Street and Conlin Road;
- a storage facility and office on Des Newman Boulevard; and,
- a 12-storey condominium on Dundas Street East and Kathleen Street.

9. Next Meeting

**9.1** Thursday, November 11, 2021 - 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

10. Adjournment

**10.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on November 11, 2021.**