

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
May 9, 2019 - 4:00 PM
Meeting Room 1A, Whitby Central Library
405 Dundas Street West

Present: Gary Carroll
Ron Lalonde, Chair
Sorin Lutz
R. Bruce MacDonald
Matt Parfitt, Vice-Chair
Allyson Partridge-Rios (left at 5:53 p.m.)
Peter Phillips
Mary Jo Sitter
Lewis Williams

Also Present: Mayor Mitchell
Matt Powers, Manager of Parks, Long Range Planning and Culture
Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range
Mekael Wasti, Transportation Co-op Student
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Manager of Transportation and
Parking Services
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Active Transportation Supervisor
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Rick Batty

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - March 14, 2019

Recommendation:

Moved By Bruce MacDonald

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee

minutes of March 14, 2019 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Steven Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Regional Municipality of Durham
Re: Durham Vision Zero

Steven Kemp provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Durham Vision Zero. Highlights of the presentation included:

- reducing fatalities and injuries on the road;
- the three pillars of safety including no one should be killed or injured by a collision, safety plans should anticipate human error, and that every collision should be preventable;
- the goal of reducing fatal and injury collisions by 10% over a five year period; and,
- eight identified priority areas including intersections, aggressive driving, distracted driving, young drivers, pedestrians, impaired driving, cyclists and commercial vehicles and, developing strategies to reduce collisions for each of these areas.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Workshop Charette

Downtown Whitby and Whitby Waterfront Trail

Chris Potvin requested input from the Committee regarding focus areas for walking and cycling in Downtown Whitby and the Waterfront Trail. Members of the Committee identified key areas for improvement along the Whitby Waterfront Trail including:

- improved wayfinding signage;
- removal of hazards such as barbed wire;
- adding reflective tape on gates;
- marking tight turns;
- adding yellow crossing markings; and,
- structural improvements to the boardwalk.

The Committee provided suggestions for improvements to Downtown

Whitby which included:

- reducing the turning radius at all intersections;
- increasing active transportation parking locations;
- increasing the number of pedestrian crossings; and,
- adding pedestrian scramble crossings (vehicular traffic is paused for pedestrians to cross an intersection in any direction for a set amount of time) to intersections.

5.2 Education

Community Outreach and Education

Chris Potvin advised that there were two community outreach and education initiatives regarding active transportation in the month of May including a planned visit with the local Guide Troop, and school visits with Durham Regional Police Services. He requested that Members of the Committee should send additional outreach and education ideas to him via email.

5.3 Encouragement

Bike Month Work Plan

Chris Potvin requested that the Committee review the Bike Month Work Plan and provide feedback regarding the scheduled activities and events. He advised that volunteers would be needed for the Trail Tales event scheduled to take place on May 16, 2019.

Chris Potvin advised that volunteers would be required for the Family Story Rides. He requested the Committee to review the Bike Month Work Plan and email him with questions and events that they would like to volunteer for.

Parks Adopt-A-Trail Program

Chris Potvin requested that the Committee email their questions or requests for information regarding the Adopt-A-Trail Program directly to him.

5.4 Engineering

Whitby Active Transportation Plan Update

Chris Potvin advised that the Town's Advisory Committees were invited to attend a meeting to provide input on the Active Transportation Plan. He further advised that the meeting was scheduled to take place on May 29, 2019 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in Committee Room One at Whitby

Town Hall.

2019 Summer Active Transportation Construction Update

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding the 2019 anticipated summer active transportation construction plans including:

- a multi-use path (MUP) extension along Consumers Drive;
- a multi-use path (MUP) on Rossland Road from Lake Ridge Road to McQuay Boulevard; and,
- updating various sections of trails, and installing rest areas and benches.

2020 Active Transportation Projects and Budget

Chris Potvin advised that the following projects were planned for 2020 including:

- the continued development of the Whitby Waterfront Trail;
- future trail planning in Brooklin to address the Brooklin Secondary Plan;
- ongoing projects to fill in areas to connect current trails such as between Brock Street and Taunton Road to Brock Street and Rossland Road; and,
- Public Works Department projects such as increasing wayfinding signage along trails, a pedestrian signal at Manning Road and the Hydro Electric Power Commission Corridor, cross-rides, and road markings.

Gas Tax Funding Update

Ron Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Gas Tax Fund. He stated that the Gas Tax Fund would provide an opportunity to offset the loss of funds from the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Fund. He advised that allocating 5% of the Gas Tax funds into active transportation funding would offset the loss of the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Fund.

Chris Potvin advised that the Gas Tax Fund would be used as an asset management reserve and would not be used for new active transportation networks. He further advised that he would investigate the possibility of using funds to update and maintain existing active transportation networks.

5.5 Enforcement

Vehicle Encroachment in Bike Lanes and Proposed Vehicle Encroachment By-law

Ron Lalonde provided information regarding improvements on Watford Street and Carnwith Drive including the addition of bike lanes, curbs, and cross-walks and advised that vehicles were encroaching in the bike lanes.

Chris Potvin advised that there was no Town by-law that prohibited vehicular parking in bike lanes and inquired whether this was something the Committee would like to consider as a management tool for vehicular encroachment. He requested that the Committee consider ways to mitigate negative feedback from residents regarding a by-law that would prohibit parking in bike lanes. He advised that the by-law would be introduced before implementing the Active Transportation Plan.

Chris Potvin requested input regarding design methods to mitigate vehicular encroachment into bike lanes.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- communicating parking and bike lane use to residents living on Watford Street and Carnwith Drive;
- increasing enforcement initiatives; and,
- installing no-parking signage.

5.6 Evaluation

New Cordon Count Program

Chris Potvin advised that a new Cordon Count Program would take place along the Burns Street corridor. The program would be used to set baseline user data for active users along the corridor. He further advised that volunteers would be required in order to implement the program.

6. Correspondence

6.1 There was no correspondence.

7. Council Update

7.1 There was no Council update.

8. Other Business

8.1 There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

9.1 June 13, 2019
Committee Room One, Whitby Town Hall
575 Rossland Road East

10. Adjournment

10.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council and
Committee Coordinator

R. Lalonde, Committee Chair