



Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes

January 9, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair
Ana Duff
David Johnston, Chair
Liam Lacy
Brad Mavins
Lewis Williams
Swathi Miriyala

Also Present: Councillor Shahid, Mayor's Designate
Peter Angelo, Director, Engineering Services
Mattson Meere, Supervisor, Parks Planning
Justin Malfara, Principal Planner, Zoning and Regulation
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager of Transportation Services
Lalita Thakali, Staff Liaison, Transportation Engineer
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

1. Call to Order
2. Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee was advised that the appointment for Chair and Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for the January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025 term would take place at this time.

Heather Ellis called for nominations for the position of Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Lewis Williams nominated David Johnston for the position of Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

David Johnston accepted the nomination.

There were no other nominations and the nominations were closed.

David Johnston called for nominations for the position of Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Ana Duff nominated Gary Carroll for the position of Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Gary Carroll accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved by Lewis Williams

That David Johnston be appointed Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending on December 31, 2025.

Carried

Recommendation:

Moved by Ana Duff

That Gary Carroll be appointed Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending on December 31, 2025.

Carried

3. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

4. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Brad Mavins

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of November 14, 2024 be approved.

Carried

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

6.1 2024 Active Transportation Accomplishments

Lalita Thakali provided an update regarding the Town's 2024 active transportation accomplishments which included:

- new multi-use path centreline markings throughout the Town;
- the Pedestrian Crossover project;
- designing and constructing a multi-use path on Garden Street;
- the cycle track connecting the paved shoulder on Cochrane Street and multi-use path on Taunton Road;
- the sidewalk prioritization and implementation plan;
- public engagement and a future draft micromobility by-law for e-scooters and e-bikes;
- active transportation education focusing on pedestrian crossovers and cycling safety; and,
- recreational trail construction.

6.2 Active Transportation 2025-2026 Budget Items

Lalita Thakali provided an update regarding the Town's Active Transportation 2025-2026 Budget Items which included:

- a summary of key budget highlights; and,
- a review of itemized active transportation projects in the capital budget.

6.3 Active Transportation Fund Federal Grant

David Johnston requested information regarding the Active Transportation Fund Federal Grant.

Lalita Thakali stated that eligible items included bike month events, education programs, the Active Whitby Map, and bike month giveaways.

6.4 Multi-use Path Cyclist Dismount Signage

David Johnston provided an update on cyclist dismount signage for signalized crossings without crossride markings and inquired whether these crossings could be converted to crossrides with markings.

6.5 Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024

David Johnston requested information about whether Bill 212, Reducing Gridlock, Saving You Time Act, 2024 would impact proposed and future bike lanes in the Town of Whitby.

Tara Painchaud stated that there would be minimal impact to the Town of Whitby.

6.6 Proposed Town of Whitby E-scooter and E-bike By-law

David Johnston requested an update on the consolidated public feedback for the proposed Town of Whitby e-scooter and e-bike micromobility by-law. Mr. Johnston inquired about introducing rental micromobility devices in Whitby for public use.

Ana Duff inquired about measures for enforcing the proposed by-law.

7. Council Update

Councillor Shahid provided information about Regional Council meetings and her role on Regional Advisory Committees. Councillor Shahid advised that she would also serve as the Mayor's Designate on the Town of Whitby's Accessibility Advisory Committee.

8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

Thursday, March 13, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

10. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Lewis Williams

That the meeting adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on March 13, 2025.