

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
April 26, 2018 -4:00 pm  
Committee Room One  
Whitby Municipal Building

**Present:** Rick Batty  
Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Scott Duncan  
Alexander Georgieff (left at 5:00 p.m.)  
Ron Lalonde  
Sorin Lutz  
R. Bruce MacDonald, Chair  
Jim McGrorey  
John Patte  
Nicola Windrem (left at 5:26 p.m.)

**Also Present:** Mayor Mitchell (left at 5:26 p.m.)  
Lara Scott, Lead, Special Events (left at 5:35 p.m.)  
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:** None noted

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1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - March 8, 2018

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee  
minutes of March 8, 2018 be approved.

**Carried**

3. Presentations/Deputations

**3.1** R. Bruce MacDonald, Committee Chair  
Re: Bold Planning

Bruce MacDonald, Committee Chair, presented information regarding Bold Planning and its objectives, including:

- the importance of connecting subdivisions and waterways through Active Transportation (AT) paths;
- AT initiatives that had been successful such as Cullen Park and the Dockside Waterfront Trail; and
- how to include business locations in AT discussions and how to improve AT to and from business centres such as shopping malls.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- how to incorporate AT into future subdivision planning;
- suggestions for way-finding signage and branding along AT paths; and
- engaging businesses to obtain support for AT paths.

4. General Business and Reports

**4.1** Follow-up on DRPS Education/Enforcement on Active Transportation

Bruce MacDonald advised that DRPS was unable to attend the meeting, and as such, would not be presenting on this matter.

Bruce MacDonald advised that this years' DRPS bike safety blitz would include bicycle patrols in Whitby and would be focused on enforcing the one-metre passing distance.

**4.2** Bike Display Education and Enforcement

Bruce MacDonald provided information regarding the static displays that would be used to advertise and educate the public on the one-metre rule and what that looks like. The static displays would be similar to road cycling safety posters.

**4.3** Follow-up on Bike Valet Parking Service in 2019

A brief discussion ensued regarding the bike valet parking service at community events, in particular at the Whitby Canada Day Celebration.

#### **4.4 Discussion on E-Bikes and E-Scooters**

Discussion ensued regarding:

- establishing municipal rules for e-bikes and e-scooters; and
- the importance of defining e-bikes and e-scooters.

#### **4.5 Go For Gold - ATSRAC subcommittee - 3 E's (Education, Enforcement, and Encouragement)**

John Patte provided an update regarding the subcommittee's objectives to encourage, educate, and enforce active transportation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the Go For Gold philosophy and how to change current attitudes towards AT;
- promoting cycling as a method of transportation rather than recreation;
- the opportunity to promote cycling at community events such as the Brooklin Spring Fair;
- coordinating events with other advisory committees such as the Ethno-cultural and Diversity Advisory Committee, and the Accessibility Advisory Committee;
- promoting AT within schools with a focused target group such as Grade 5 students; and
- promoting the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee by participating in the Spring Fair parade.

#### **4.6 Follow-up on Future Approvals for AT Routes across Private Property**

Tara Painchaud advised that approvals to create an AT route across private property required an easement that would then be registered on property deeds. Ms. Painchaud further advised that this process was not ideal for establishing AT routes across private property.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- contacting trail associations in order to draft a consent template for trails across private property; and
- providing tax breaks for property owners who allowed trail access across their property.

#### **4.7 Whitby AT Plan Update**

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding the Whitby AT plan and advised that he had submitted a route map to the Region and was waiting for comments.

#### **4.8 Improving Local Walking/Cycling to School Programs**

Chris Potvin provided information regarding the Local Walking/Cycling to School Program and suggested options for reaching out to the community, including:

- contacting community partners such as local scout groups to set up a bike rodeo;
- targeting a specific group of students, such as Grade 5, as a way to increase participation; and
- emailing schools a 'report card' that would be used to compare each schools' level of participation to create friendly competition.

Due to a previous appointment, the Mayor advised that he would have to leave the meeting early. Thus, it was the consensus of the Committee to hear a presentation by Lara Scott at this time.

#### **4.9 Open Streets Whitby**

Lara Scott appeared before the Committee to present information regarding Open Streets Whitby, which included:

- the proposed date and time options for the event;
- the objectives and concept of the project such as encouraging physical activity and community-building;
- the details and requirements of the two proposed route options including the 1.6 km option and the 1.2 km option;
- feedback received by the development team; and
- the next steps in the project.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the overall preference of the Committee for holding the event on Saturday and commencing at 10:00 a.m.; and
- adding a cycling group ride from a central Brooklin location to the event in downtown Whitby.

#### **4.10 New and Existing Park Trails and Creek Bed Under Bridge Connections**

Discussion ensued regarding the possibility of creating a "Linear Park" that follow along Lynde Creek and Pringle Creek, including:

- how to link the existing parks along the creek beds;
- the use of culverts as connectors underneath roadways; and
- the use of signage to indicate potential flood areas.

#### **4.11 Requirements of Cycling/Walking Paths through New Subdivisions and Business Developments**

A discussion ensued regarding strategies to encourage developers to incorporate bold planning into new subdivision and business development plans.

**4.12** Update regarding MUP Markings and Cross-rides

A discussion ensued regarding multi use path (MUP) and cross ride markings at intersections and how the markings would be distinguished from one another for By-law Enforcement officers.

5. Correspondence

**5.1** There was no correspondence.

6. Council Update

**6.1** Mayor Mitchell was in attendance, however there was no Council update.

7. Other Business

**7.1** Chris Potvin advised the Committee that the ongoing cycling hazard located on the south east corner of Winchester and Ashburn had been fixed.

**7.2** Chris Potvin advised the Committee that eight "Commute to Work" events had been scheduled for Bike Month and that the Town would be handing out muffins and swag bags to encourage participation in the event.

8. Next Meeting

**8.1** June 14, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.  
Committee Room One, Whitby Municipal Building

9. Adjournment

**9.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:14 p.m.

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H. Oerlemans, Council/Committee  
Coordinator

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R.B. MacDonald, Committee Chair