

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
September 10, 2020 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

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

**Also Present:** Mayor Mitchell  
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:** 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 - June 11, 2020

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of June 11, 2020 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** Bike Month Activities and Opportunities Update

Chris Potvin advised that staff were working on a potential closure between Henry Street from Lynde Creek Trail south to Victoria Street as a late September mobility activity.

**5.2** Distribution of Bike Data Update

Chris Potvin advised that there were three Bike Data locations. Mr. Potvin further advised that the average bike count per day was 200, with the highest bike traffic on Victoria Street.

**5.3** Active Transportation Plan Update

Tara Painchaud advised that comments received on the Active Transportation Plan had been reviewed and incorporated into the draft plan. Ms. Painchaud further advised that the final draft would be sent to the Committee for final review and feedback on October 19, 2020.

**5.4** Budget Update

Tara Painchaud advised that the capital budget was due at the end of day September 11, 2020. Ms. Painchaud further advised that items identified in the Active Transportation Plan would be included in the budget.

**5.5** Future Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Meeting Schedule and Recruitment

Tara Painchaud advised that recommendations for recruitment would be going forward to Council in September.

Tara Painchaud requested that the Committee consider having bi-monthly meetings.

A brief discussion ensued regarding:

- revising the Committee's Terms of Reference to reflect changes to the number of meetings held per year; and,
- reviewing the meeting calendar to incorporate the addition of meetings for 2021.

## **5.6 Safe Road Considerations and Project Updates**

Tara Painchaud provided an update on safe road considerations and project updates including:

- investigating lowering speed limits in the downtown core, parks, schools districts, individual locations, and best practices of other municipalities;
- forwarding a request for a protected advance green traffic signal pilot project on Taunton Road in Whitby;
- the Pringle Creek environmental assessment would be available for public comment;
- Town initiated traffic calming measures along Scott Street would be removed in October for winter maintenance; and,
- installing two traffic calming measures along Robert Attersley Drive later this month.

A brief discussion ensued regarding:

- investigating alternative measures to reduce traffic speed such as road design;
- forwarding comments to staff regarding the Pringle Creek environmental assessment; and,
- an opportunity for a raised crosswalk at Garden Street and Taunton Road.

## **5.7 Current Active Transportation Initiatives Update**

Tara Painchaud advised that the need for centre lines along multi-use paths would be addressed in high conflict areas. Ms. Painchaud further advised that staff were investigating 'triggers' for determining where to install centre lines such as type of user and number of users.

Tara Painchaud provided updates regarding:

- completing crossrides along Garden Street between Kenneth Hobbs Avenue and Region of Durham Headquarters;
- creating more room for cyclists along Henry Street;
- completing the Dryden Boulevard bridge;

- the traffic signal and crossride at the Highway 401 and Brock Street interchange;
- following up with standards such as broken asphalt; and,
- identifying mid-block crossing opportunities.

#### **5.8 Parks Initiatives Update**

Aimee Pugao advised that the Waterfront Trail repaving tender submission had closed and would be reviewed.

#### **5.9 Region of Durham's Cycling Report**

Ron Lalonde provided an update on the Region of Durham's Cycling Report. Mr. Lalonde advised that Phase 1: Background Review, was complete and the project is now entering Phase 2: Updating the Region of Durham's Cycling Network and Overall Strategies, which included:

- incorporating the five Regional goals, including, supporting strategic directives, integrate new cycling trends, establishing support for coordination between upper and lower tier municipalities, aligning with design guidelines and standards, and establishing public buy-in to determine local priorities and needs;
- utilizing new guideline standards;
- considering five cycling groups such as every day, sport, recreation, vulnerable, and attentive cyclists;
- analyzing the data from the Region of Durham's Cycling survey; and,
- incorporating the Durham Meadoway proposal into the plan.

### **6. Correspondence**

#### **6.1 There was no correspondence.**

### **7. Council Update**

#### **7.1 There was no Council update.**

### **8. Other Business**

#### **8.1 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Photos**

A brief discussion ensued regarding taking Committee photos along the Highway 401 noise wall along the multi-use path between Brock Street and Annes Street for advertising mobility activities.

**8.2 Cullen Park Trail System Clean-up**

Bruce MacDonald requested volunteers for the Cullen Park Trail System clean-up on Saturday, September 19, 2020.

**8.3 Cullen Park Intersection and Crossride**

Bruce MacDonald requested an update regarding the Cullen Park intersection at Cochrane Street and Taunton Road.

Chris Potvin advised that as the development moves ahead the improvements would follow. Tara Painchaud advised that the design plan was to include bike lanes that would be pulled off the road to go through the intersection at the crossrides.

**8.4 Development Application Review Subcommittee**

Tara Painchaud requested the Committee consider a plan to review development applications. Ms. Painchaud advised that the Committee may want to create a Development Plan Subcommittee that would meet monthly.

**9. Next Meeting**

**9.1 To be Scheduled**

**10. Adjournment**

**10.1 Motion to Adjourn**

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:24 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on January 14, 2021.**