

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
November 11, 2021 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Ron Lalonde  
Sorin Lutz  
R. Bruce MacDonald  
Matt Parfitt (logged on at 4:09 p.m.)  
Peter Phillips, Chair  
Lewis Williams  
Nicola Windrem

**Also Present:** Peter Angelo, Director of Engineering Services  
Matt Powers, Senior Manager, Parks, Parks Long Range Planning and Culture  
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 Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** Mary Jo Sitter

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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 - September 9, 2021

A correction was made to the Roll Call of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of September 9, 2021. Gary Carroll was removed from 'Present' and marked as 'Regrets'.

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of September 9, 2021 be approved, as amended.

**Carried**

3. Presentations

3.1 There were no presentations.

4. Delegations

4.1 There were no delegations.

5. General Business and Reports

5.1 Waterfront Trail Detour Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the Waterfront Trail Detour which included:

- repair work by the Ministry of Fisheries and Oceans on the pier breakwall from December 1, 2021 to March 31, 2022;
- storing equipment in the parking lot and closing the connecting section of the Waterfront Trail northwest of the pier; and,
- establishing a temporary detour for the Waterfront Trail.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- reviewing options for a detour;
- the best alternative route for pedestrians and cyclists;
- using the closed off parking lot for the former water treatment plant along Water Street for parking; and,
- considering using the north end of the parking lot for pedestrians along with signage indicating the closure along the Waterfront Trail.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the closed section of the Waterfront Trail was maintained in the winter;
- whether the northern portion of the parking lot could be used as an east-west connection for the closure; and,
- whether there was a back-up plan if the closure was extended.

Matt Powers provided an update regarding the Waterfront Trail south of the Durham Region Water Treatment Plant. Mr. Powers stated that this portion of the Waterfront Trail would be closed due to renovations on the Plant. He suggested that a detour could run along Water Street.

Lewis Williams requested an update regarding the closure and rebuild of the bridge at Brock Street along the Waterfront Trail.

Peter Phillips requested that staff report back with a summary of Waterfront Trail closures and present the information to the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee to review possible detours.

## **5.2 Autonomous Innovation Vehicle Network: Pilot Launch Update**

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the Autonomous Innovation Vehicle Network Pilot launch which included:

- a practice run in the Iroquois Park parking lot;
- public feedback received thus far; and,
- the route of the shuttle and opening up ridership to the public.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the shuttle was equipped with a bike rack;
- the uptake in ridership; and,
- whether there were rider fees for the shuttle.

## **5.3 Traffic Calming Policy Update**

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the Traffic Calming Policy which included:

- incorporating comments from the subcommittee;
- reviewing the draft Traffic Calming Policy;
- simplifying the Traffic Calming Policy; and,
- working with developers to create a comprehensive Traffic Calming Policy and traffic calming measures.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- simplifying traffic calming measures;
- creating an analysis to determine when and where traffic calming measures would be implemented;
- reviewing traffic calming measures used by Complete Streets and Vision Zero alongside the Traffic Calming Policy review; and,
- establishing an implementation strategy.

#### **5.4 EcoCounter Update**

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding the EcoCounter stations which included:

- a new count station at Taunton Road and Garden Street;
- a distribution analysis of the data;
- growth over time in network usership;
- the hourly, daily and monthly usership counts; and,
- the yearly growth and decline of usership at each count station.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- adding counters on Taunton Road or Lakeridge Road and Henry Street;
- whether the data differentiates between cyclists and pedestrians; and,
- how the data may influence decisions.

#### **5.5 2021 Capital Projects Status**

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding 2021 Capital Projects Status which included:

- multi-use paths on Victoria Street, Brock Street, and along Garden Street from Taunton Road to Dryden Boulevard;
- a pavement marking tender which included crossrides, sharrows, and pedestrian crossings;
- installation of three new bike repair stands; and,
- a road occupancy permit request for pedestrian signalization at the intersection of Brock Street and Colborne Street.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- a multi-use path on Taunton Road between Coronation Road and Baycliffe Drive;
- the locations for pedestrian crossings;
- whether a multi-use path would be established on the Highway 412 bridge at Rossland Road; and,
- whether signage could be installed along the Hydro Electric Power Corridor.

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

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding proposed 2022 Capital Projects which included:

- the signage and pavement marking program for smaller projects such as the addition of pavement markings/signage to connect gaps in the existing network;

- traffic calming on ten (10) streets as directed by Council;
- centrelines and user symbols;
- continued discussions with the Region regarding a pedestrian signalization at Manning Road and the Hydro Electric Power Corridor;
- signalization at Thickson Road and Glengowan Street, Baldwin Street and Canary Street, and Rossland Road and Overlord Street;
- a multi-use path on the north side of the Mid-Block Arterial phase 1 construction from Ashburn Road to Garden Street extension;
- establishing on-road cycling through Coronation Road/Rossland Road to north of Taunton Road; and,
- upgrading the urban paved shoulder to a bike lane on Bonacord Avenue.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- circulating a summary of project updates to the Committee;
- whether updates could be provided on the CN railway crossings on Ashburn Road and Duffs Road; and,
- whether a culvert could be installed under Baldwin Street when the Whitby Sports Complex was constructed.

## **5.7 Grants and Funding Opportunities**

Peter Phillips provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Active Transportation Funding. Highlights of the presentation included:

- various funding opportunities such as the Ontario Active School Travel Fund, the Active Transportation Fund, and the Canada Community Building Fund; and,
- additional funding opportunities such as the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative, Natural Infrastructure Fund, Disaster Mitigation and Adaptation Fund, and Permanent Public Transit Program.

## **5.8 Active and Sustainable School Travel**

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding active and sustainable school travel. Mr. Potvin advised that Colonel J. E. Farewell Public School experienced challenges with vehicle traffic and pedestrian safety. He stated that the Town provided a presentation to the school to educate students on active and sustainable school travel and infrastructure supporting school walkability.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding funding for the Ontario Active School Travel Fund.

**5.9** Development Subcommittee Update

**Note:** This item was deferred to the January 13, 2022 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee meeting.

**5.10** Durham Active Transportation Committee Update

Ron Lalonde provided an update regarding the Durham Active Transportation Committee which included:

- an update from the Town of Ajax;
- safety concerns regarding the Waterfront Trail entrance at Corbett Creek;
- a presentation from E-Mission Durham;
- the Regional Cycling Plan; and,
- the Ontario Active School Travel program.

**6.** Correspondence

**6.1** There was no correspondence.

**7.** Council Update

**7.1** There was no Council update.

**8.** Other Business

**8.1** Rural Paved Shoulders

Ron Lalonde stated that the conditions on the rural paved shoulder along Garrard Road and Conlin Road had become a safety concern. Mr. Lalonde advised that construction activities were creating muddy conditions along the rural paved shoulder. He requested information from staff regarding road maintenance and enforcement of maintaining roads during construction.

**8.2** Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18

Gary Carroll advised that WSP Principal Consultants was hosting a webinar on the new Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18. Mr. Carroll stated the webinar would run from 4:00 to 4:30 p.m. on November 15, 2021.

**8.3** Vacancy on Committee

Tara Painchaud advised that she would be recommending recruitment for the vacancy on the Committee.

9. Next Meeting

**9.1** Thursday, January 13, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
To be determined

10. Adjournment

**10.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on January 13, 2022.**