

Present: Mayor Mitchell (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Drumm (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Leahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Lee (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Mulcahy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Newman (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Roy (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Shahid (Participating Virtually)
Councillor Yamada (Participating Virtually)

Also Present: M. Gaskell, Chief Administrative Officer
S. Beale, Commissioner of Public Works
S. Klein, Director of Strategic Initiatives
W. Mar, Commissioner of Legal and Enforcement Services/Town Solicitor
J. Romano, Commissioner of Community Services
R. Saunders, Commissioner of Planning and Development
D. Speed, Fire Chief
F. Wong, Commissioner of Financial Services/Treasurer
A. McCullough, Director of Finance/Deputy Treasurer
H. Ellis, Executive Advisor to the Mayor
C. Harris, Town Clerk
K. Narraway, Deputy Clerk
K. Douglas, Legislative Specialist (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
 - 1.1 There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
2. Presentations
 - 2.1 Nancy Smith Lea, Director, The Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), Clean Air Partnership
Re: Complete Streets in Canada

Nancy Smith Lea, Director, The Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), Clean Air Partnership, provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding Complete Streets in Canada. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the goal of The Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), being to centralize the Complete Streets movement in Canada;
- visual examples of Incomplete Streets and a description of how Complete Streets differ in terms of safety for pedestrians, cyclists, transit riders, and motorists;
- the goal of Complete Streets policies, being to ensure that transportation agencies routinely plan, design, maintain, and operate the entire right of way to enable safe access for all users;
- Complete Streets policies in Canada, which are primarily adopted through transportation master plans and land use plans;
- Complete Streets research projects completed in partnership with the University of Toronto and Ryerson University, and funded by the Places to Grow Implementation Fund;
- performance indicators for evaluating Complete Streets, such as level of use and sustainability, safety, service levels, and the surrounding environment;
- projects from municipalities throughout the Greater Golden Horseshoe Region, such as Highway 7 East through Markham and Richmond Hill and College Avenue West, Guelph;
- the positive economic impact and improved safety of TCAT's design changes on Bloor Street West, Toronto;
- Town initiatives that align with Complete Streets objectives, such as Whitby's 2019 declaration of climate change as an emergency, the Whitby Green Standard, the draft Active Transportation Plan, and Council's motion regarding traffic calming measures; and,
- next steps for the Town, including developing a Complete Streets policy and guidelines, assuming a proactive approach, building expertise, and engaging the public.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of Council and Ms. Smith Lea regarding:

- whether transportation policies and designs for Complete Streets have evolved throughout the pandemic to prioritize pedestrians and cyclists;
- whether Complete Streets policies support integrating cyclists in mixed-traffic lanes, rather than segregated cycling lanes;
- clarification regarding criticism of the Highway 7 East Complete Street design;

- whether the Highway 7 East Complete Street design improved pedestrian walkability in the surrounding area;
- important information gleaned from research conducted during the pandemic concerning Complete Streets;
- whether a Complete Street design may include bike lanes on adjacent local roads;
- incorporating multi-use paths in a Complete Street design;
- clarification regarding the preferred approach to integrating motor vehicle and cyclist traffic;
- public consultation and engagement efforts of other communities that have implemented Complete Streets;
- how other towns and cities have successfully engaged stakeholders in the development of a Complete Streets policy;
- whether a Complete Streets manual should be prepared prior to developing a policy; and,
- traffic calming strategies for residential neighbourhoods.

3. Adjournment

3.1 Motion to Adjourn

Moved By Councillor Roy
Seconded By Councillor Newman

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

Christopher Harris, Town Clerk

Don Mitchell, Mayor