

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
January 13, 2022 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

**Present:** Ron Lalonde  
Sorin Lutz  
R. Bruce MacDonald  
Matt Parfitt  
Peter Phillips, Chair  
Mary Jo Sitter  
Lewis Williams  
Nicola Windrem

**Also Present:** Regional Councillor Mulcahy, Mayor's Designate  
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:** Gary Carroll, Vice Chair

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Call to Order

1. Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair

- 1.1** 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, 2022 to November 14, 2022 term would take place at this time.

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

Ron Lalonde nominated Peter Phillips for the position of Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Peter Phillips accepted the nomination.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

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

R. Bruce MacDonald nominated Gary Carroll for the position of Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Gary Carroll accepted the nomination as per an email submitted as correspondence.

There were no further nominations and the nominations were closed.

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That Peter Phillips be appointed Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending November 14, 2022.

**Carried**

Recommendation:

Moved By R. Bruce MacDonald

That Gary Carroll be appointed Vice Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending November 14, 2022.

**Carried**

2. Disclosures of Interest

**2.1** There were no disclosures of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

**3.1** Minutes - November 11, 2021

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of November 11, 2021 be approved.

**Carried**

4. Presentations

**4.1** There were no presentations.

5. Delegations

**5.1** There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

**6.1** 2021 Projects Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the 2021 projects which included:

- construction projects such as sidewalk repair and installations;
- the multi-use paths and cycling facilities program; and,
- delaying traffic calming measure installations to 2022.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- when the delayed traffic calming measures would be installed;
- when the multi-use path segment along Rossland Road between Des Newman Boulevard and Brock Street would be completed; and,
- which roads were selected in the 2021 traffic calming measures list.

**6.2** 2022 Draft Capital Budget Items

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the preliminary 2022 Budget items which included:

- the multi-use path and cycling facilities program including urban mobility amenities, downtown Whitby reduced speed limit review, cycling facility improvements, centrelines and user symbols, pedestrian crossovers, traffic calming measures, and traffic signals; and,
- the sidewalk program.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- the differences between a pedestrian crossover and pedestrian crossing;
- whether there were considerations for pedestrian crossings in the downtown; and,

- whether the sidewalk replacement program on the north side of Rossland Road beginning at the Rossland Road and Garrard Road intersection to Oshawa would be a future multi-use path.

### **6.3 Winter Maintenance of Active Transportation Trails**

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the winter maintenance of active transportation trails which included:

- a review of maintaining additional kilometers of active transportation trails throughout the winter;
- online mapping of the active transportation trails; and,
- constructing new trails with winter maintenance in mind.

### **6.4 Waterfront Trail Updates**

Tara Painchaud requested feedback from the Committee regarding closures along the Waterfront Trail due to construction by Fisheries and Oceans Canada.

Lewis Williams advised that the trail was not closed at this time.

### **6.5 2022 Events: Bike Month**

Chris Potvin advised that the Region of Durham would be hosting its own bike month programming activities. Mr. Potvin stated that the Town was meeting with Cycle Toronto to discuss support of activities at a local level. He provided an update regarding outreach to local organizations for bike month activities.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- partnering with the Whitby Public Library;
- creating activities for students throughout 'Cycle to School Week';
- running a 'photo safari' for kids to encourage cycling; and,
- hosting an inter-regional bike month challenge with other municipalities.

### **6.6 Development Subcommittee Update**

Mary Jo Sitter provided an update regarding a review of development plans by the Development Subcommittee which included:

- a residential development on the northwest corner of Ashburn Road and Columbus Road West; and,
- interim intersection pavement markings and signage proposed for the Conlin Road and Garrard Road intersection.

**6.7** Durham Active Transportation Committee Update

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

- highlights of the Committee's activities in 2021;
- an update and review of Active Transportation, Active and Sustainable School Travel Plan, and Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit Plan; and,
- the 2022 Durham Active Transportation Committee Work Plan.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the Region of Durham had plans in the Durham Meadoway within the Hydro Electric Power Corridor; and,
- whether alternative uses such as Christmas Tree Farms could be established in the leased-out sections of the Hydro Electric Power Corridor.

**7.** Correspondence

**7.1** There was no correspondence.

**8.** Council Update

**8.1** Councillor Mulcahy provided an update regarding:

- the Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan Update on the upcoming Committee of the Whole agenda; and,
- the Autonomous Shuttle vehicle.

**9.** Other Business

**9.1** Active Transportation and Safe Roads Concern

Lewis Williams advised that 'no parking' signs were installed at the east end of Lyndebrook Road, east of the main gates at the Heber Downs Trails. Mr. Williams stated that this reduced access to the Central Lake Ontario Conservation Authority (CLOCA) trails, and caused safety concerns due to parking on the side of the road.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the safety concerns that led to the no parking signage; and,
- whether the CLOCA parking lots could be changed from seasonal to year-round.

**9.2** Whitby Climate Change Master Plan

Tara Painchaud requested that Members sign up for the ISeeChange app as well as provide comments on the Whitby Climate Change Master Plan through the Connect Whitby website.

**9.3** Taunton Road and Cochrane Street

R. Bruce MacDonald requested an update regarding active transportation plans for the Taunton Road West and Cochrane Street area.

**9.4** Lakeridge Health Hospital Location

Nicola Windrem requested an update regarding plans for active transportation at the new Lakeridge Health hospital location.

**10.** Next Meeting

**10.1** Thursday, March 10, 2022 - 4:00 p.m.  
Virtual Meeting

**11.** Adjournment

**11.1** Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on March 10, 2022.**