

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
June 14, 2018 -4:00 pm
Committee Room One
Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Rick Batty
Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair
Scott Duncan
Alexander Georgieff
Ron Lalonde
Sorin Lutz
R. Bruce MacDonald, Chair
Jim McGrorey
John Patte
Nicola Windrem

Also Present: Aimee Pugao, Planner II (arrived at 4:27 p.m.)
Susan McGregor, Principal Planner
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Manager of Transportation and
Parking Services (arrived at 4:05 p.m.)
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Active Transportation Supervisor
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator
(Recording Secretary)

Regrets: None noted

1. Disclosures of Interest

1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.

2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - April 26, 2018

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the Active Transportation & Safe Roads Advisory Committee
minutes of April 26, 2018 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations/Deputations

3.1 Cameron Richardson, Chair, Whitby Sustainability Advisory Committee
Re: Toronto and Region Conservation Authority (TRCA) Meadoway Project

Cameron Richardson provided an overview of the Meadoway Project including:

- utilizing the Hydro Corridor that runs from downtown Toronto to Gatineau, Quebec as a site for meadowland restoration;
- a summary of the Pilot Phase which would connect over 500 acres of land between the Don River Ravine to Rouge National Urban Park;
- building safe crossings over major highways such as the 401; and
- supporting active transportation by providing alternative commuting options and engaging the community with active trails.

Cameron Richardson requested the Committee provide feedback regarding signage, safe entrances, safe crossings, and wayfinding.

3.2 Susan McGregor, Principal Planner
Re: Draft Brooklin Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines

Susan McGregor provided information regarding the Draft Brooklin Urban Design and Sustainable Development Guidelines and requested feedback from the Committee regarding the design principles, including:

- the walkable and mixed use communities;
- a balanced multi-modal transportation network;
- the designs of public spaces such as parks, and parkettes;
- incorporating road networks, active transportation, complete streets, multi-use paths, crosswalks, and streetscape elements into the design principles; and
- bicycle parking, lighting, and wayfinding signage.

3.3 Chris Potvin, Active Transportation Supervisor
Re: Email received from Mr. Goucher, Resident - Active Transportation Improvements

Chris Potvin advised that an email had been received by the Town regarding active transportation concerns. Details from the email

included:

- an inquiry into the implementation of the Whitby Cycling and Leisure Trails Plan from 2010; and
- cycling as a means of transportation and concern regarding lack of bike lanes and vehicle parking in designated bike lanes.

Chris Potvin further advised that the response in reply to the email would confirm that the letter was acknowledged by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

3.4 Andrew Zadra, Technical Sales Representative, The Get Go Inc.
Re: Traffic Signal Cyclist Detection

Andrew Zadra appeared before the Committee to provide information regarding Traffic Signal Cyclist Detection systems. He advised that the Region of Durham would be running a pilot program on traffic signal cyclist detection. Details of the presentation included:

- eliminating the need for cyclists to dismount their bike at intersections;
- monitoring cyclist crossings through the intersection; and
- a signal visible to motorists to indicate the presence of a cyclist.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Corporate Rebrand

Trail Usage Guidelines, Water Front Trail Signage, and Public Map of Active Transportation Networks

A brief discussion ensued regarding trail use guidelines, water front trail signage, and a walkable and bikeable public map. Aimee Pugao advised that the public map would be ready in July 2018.

4.2 Town of Whitby's Active Transportation Website Update

Rural Shoulder Cleaning

Ron Lalonde advised that the active trails would be power cleaned once a month with bi-weekly inspections.

4.3 Multi-use Paths and Intersection Markings Update

Chris Potvin advised that the Staff Report pertaining to the Active Transportation Plan would be presented at the June 18, 2018 Operations Committee Meeting.

4.4 June Bike Month Events

- Bike to Work Day
- School Presentations
- Workplace Lunch & Learns
- Pop-up Breakfasts
- Bike Repair Stands

A brief discussion ensued regarding the highlights for bike month including:

- the success of 'bike to work' day;
- 2 school presentations that emphasized social and community benefits of active transportation;
- the success of the workplace lunch and learn at Station Gallery;
- the positive response and feedback from the community for the 'pop-up breakfasts'; and
- installing the bike repair stands at the Whitby Central Library and recreation centres.

4.5 Maintaining Bike Month Momentum

- Canada Day
- Great Water Front Trail Adventure
- Open Street Festival
- Bike Valet

A brief discussion ensued regarding Committee volunteers participating in other events including:

- the bike valet program at the Whitby Canada Day event;
- this year's annual one week long "Great Water Front Trail Adventure Ride" that would begin in Ajax and end in Montreal;
- setting up cycling related activities for the Open Street Festival; and
- the Town leasing the bike valet stations for regional events.

4.6 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee 2019

A brief discussion ensued regarding the process and timelines for applications for the 2019 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

4.7 Complete Streets Update

Gary Carroll advised the Committee that 'complete streets' was a community planning approach that emphasized street safety for all road users, and reduction of vehicular traffic. He further recommended that

the Committee take an active approach to complete streets by advocating the complete streets planning approach to Council.

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee request that Council direct staff to investigate and report back on the feasibility of implementing a 'complete streets' policy across the Town having regard for the Provincial 'Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe' directive to ensure the needs and safety of all road users are considered and appropriately accommodated.

Carried

4.8 Provincial-Municipal Minimum Maintenance Standards Updates

Gary Carroll provided an update regarding the Provincial-Municipal Minimum Maintenance Standards for Municipal highways which came into effect May 5, 2018. He advised that two new definitions, namely bicycle facility and bicycle lane, had been added to the standards. He further advised that standards addressing potholes, cracks, debris, lighting, signs, or sidewalks were not included in the minimum standards.

5. Correspondence

5.1 There was no correspondence.

6. Council Update

6.1 Mayor Mitchell was not in attendance, therefore there was no Council update.

7. Other Business

7.1 There was no other business.

8. Adjournment

8.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

H. Oerlemans, Council/Committee
Coordinator

R.B. MacDonald, Committee Chair