

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
March 8, 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
Nicola Windrem (arrived at 4:15 p.m.)

Also Present: Mayor Mitchell
Susan McGregor, Principal Planner
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Manager of Transportation and
Parking Services
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Active Transportation Supervisor
Rebekah Noseworthy, Special Events Assistant
Laura MacDougall, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording
Secretary)

Regrets: John Patte

The meeting began at 4:06 p.m.

1. Disclosures of Interest
 - 1.1 There were no disclosures of interest.
2. Approval of Previous Minutes
 - 2.1 Minutes - December 14, 2017

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the Active Transportation & Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of December 14, 2017 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations/Deputations

3.1 David Repol

Re: Correspondence from David Repol Regarding Concerns with the Use of Stop Control in Whitby Neighbourhoods

David Repol, 303 Prince of Wales Drive, appeared before the Committee and advised that Town Staff have answered his inquiries related to the correspondence previously submitted, but noted that no action had been taken. He stated that the mandate of the Committee was to move traffic safely, noting that traffic is not moving due to the abundance of stop signs in Whitby. Mr. Repol further stated that the constant stopping and starting of vehicles uses more gas and is not environmentally friendly. He raised concerns regarding two stop signs located on a bend in the road at Lupin Drive and Harding Street. He inquired about the lack of bicycle lanes on Hopkins Street when crossing over from Burns Street, why yield signs have been replaced with 4-way stop signs and why there was still signage on Nichol Avenue indicating that it was an unassumed road. Mr. Repol raised safety concerns related to vehicles not stopping at stop signs and the lack of parking at various park locations.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and staff regarding:

- the stop signs located on Lupin Drive and Harding Street and their appropriateness at this location and the feasibility of removing stop signs;
- the installation of 4-way stop signs in Whitby to address concerns raised about speeding;
- the use of roundabouts as an alternative to stop signs and the associated challenges for navigating emergency services and road maintenance vehicles;
- the rationale for no exit signs on cul-de-sacs and whether signage was mandatory;
- concerns about vehicles parking on both sides of the street adjacent to Prince of Wales Park during sports events and whether staff would consider constructing a parking lot in the nearby green space;
- the rationale for the provision of parking lots at some parks and consideration of providing angled on-street parking; and,
- communicating parking requirements adjacent to parks to park permit users and visitors and promoting other modes of

transportation.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 5.1, Correspondence from David Repol, at this time.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Status of Whitby's 2018 Approved Budget Items (Parks/On-Road)

Chris Potvin provided a summary of various trail connections in the Town of Whitby and the Region of Durham's 2018 Budgets.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Staff regarding:

- whether the Garden Road multi-use path gap at Dundas Street would be closed in 2018;
- access routes to the GO Station;
- the status of the Winchester Road construction from Cachet Boulevard to Thickson Road;
- the potential for an active transportation route across Taunton Road to Lake Ridge Road;
- the timing and phasing of the Brock Street interchange; and,
- status of the construction on the trail to connect St. Thomas Street under the Highway 407 overpass.

4.2 New and Unfinished Business Review – 2016 and 2017

The Chair advised that an outstanding list was compiled for items that had not been resolved for 2016/2017. The Committee reviewed and discussed items on the list. Information and updates were provided as necessary and direction was given on specific items including:

- providing staff with clear direction with respect to Item AT1, UOIT/DC Input;
- the removal of Item AT4, E-Scooters, from the list;
- the difference between E-scooters and E-bikes and monitoring the use of E-Bikes on the trails over the summer;
- continued regular dialogue regarding the potential implementation of multi-use path line markings to improve safety (Item 4.2); and,
- referral of the concerns raised regarding maintenance of cycling lanes to the Public Works Department (Item 5.7, Rural Cycling Lanes and Cycling Routes Maintenance).

4.3 Go For Gold - ATSRAC Subcommittee – 3 E's (Education, Enforcement and Encouragement)

In the absence of John Patte, Chair of the subcommittee, Ron Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Active Transportation subcommittee's objectives to encourage, educate and enforce active transportation.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- participation in the Brooklin Spring Fair and Brooklin Harvest Festival in 2018;
- the future implementation of a process to ensure that permit holders are aware of the opportunity to secure a bicycle parking valet service;
- featuring active transportation at the Open Streets event and suggestions for the Committee's participation;
- providing a bicycle valet service and partnering with Bicycles Plus to provide a bicycle mechanic at the Canada Day event;
- hosting an event focused on cycling at Celebration Square in the summer; and,
- the possibility of providing portable bicycle racks for the 2018 Whitby Ribfest.

4.4 Whitby's Data Gathering on Active Transportation (AT) Users

Chris Potvin provided an update regarding:

- monthly bicycle parking counts for utilitarian cyclists at numerous locations within Whitby to obtain a sense of the current market penetration and future growth;
- the installation of pavement counters on Ashburn Road as well as a request for counters to be installed in the new multi-use path along Victoria Street;
- the 2-year renewal of the Strava Data Licence; and,
- the agreement with the Town of Ajax to place mobile trail counters on the Waterfront Trail adjacent to Whitby and the use of Strava for data comparisons half a kilometer into Ajax and Oshawa.

A question and answer period ensued between Members of the Committee and Staff regarding:

- whether any of the Town of Ajax's mobile trail counters had been lost and/or damaged;
- whether a cost comparison for in-road versus overhead counters had been undertaken; and,
- counting of all users of the trail or only bicycles.

4.5 Follow-up on DRPS Enforcement/Education on Active Transportation

Bruce MacDonald requested that staff invite representatives from Durham Region Police Services' Traffic Safety Division specific to Whitby to discuss traffic enforcement and active transportation enforcement at the next meeting scheduled to take place on April 26, 2018.

A brief discussion ensued regarding how to encourage enforcement of standard safety rules, the percentage of vehicles that do not stop at stop signs and stop signs functioning as yield signs.

4.6 Planning for the Recognition of the 25th Anniversary of the Waterfront Trail in 2020

Bruce MacDonald advised that the 25th Anniversary of the Grand Opening of Whitby's Waterfront Trail would take place in 2020 and inquired whether there was an opportunity to have a Grand Re-opening.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- including funding for a celebration in future budgets;
- suggestions for the type of celebration that could take place; and,
- whether a celebration could be arranged in conjunction with the Town of Ajax and/or the City of Oshawa.

Tara Painchaud advised that she would consult with the Corporate Communications Division and report back to the Committee.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Correspondence from David Repol
Re: Concerns with the Use of Stop Control in Whitby Neighbourhoods

A brief discussion ensued between Members of the Committee regarding the lack of stopping at stop signs.

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the correspondence from David Repol be received for information.

Carried

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.1, Status of Whitby's 2018 Approved Budget Items (Parks/on-Road), at this time.

6. Council Update

6.1 There was no Council update.

7. Other Business

7.1 Committee Participation at Events

Jim McGrorey requested confirmation that Members of the Committee would participate in the parade at the Brooklin Spring Fair and would be present at the Canada Day event.

The consensus of the Committee was to refer Committee attendance/participation at these events to the next meeting scheduled to take place on April 26, 2018.

A brief discussion ensued regarding whether the Mayor's Bicycle Ride would take place on Canada Day and the organization of the Mayor's Bicycle Ride at the Open Streets event.

7.2 Access to Private Land

Rick Batty requested that the matter of crossing private land(s) with trails be placed on the agenda for the next meeting scheduled to take place on April 26, 2018.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- the potential need for trail connections over private property and the establishment of a process;
- the use of easements for multi-use paths and sidewalk connections;
- the resistance of landowners to enter into an easement agreement; and,
- investigating an encroachment agreement where the Town would assume the liabilities, but the owner could cancel at any time.

Tara Painchaud advised that she would investigate this matter and report back to the Committee.

7.3 Brooklin Spring Fair

Nicola Windrem encouraged Committee participation at the Brooklin Spring Fair, noting that many residents live outside walking distance and the congestion of vehicles on Winchester Road.

Bruce MacDonald advised that he would arrange a meeting with

Members of the Committee next week to discuss the Committee's participation at upcoming events.

A brief discussion ensued regarding advertising the bicycle parking valet service through social media and the Town's Website in advance of the event.

8. Next Meeting

8.1 April 26, 2018 - 4:00 p.m.
Committee Room One, Whitby Municipal Building

9. Adjournment

9.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Alexander Georgieff

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.

Laura MacDougall, Council and
Committee Coordinator

Bruce MacDonald, Chair