

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes  
January 14, 2021 - 4:00 PM  
Virtual Meeting

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

**Also Present:** Councillor Mulcahy, Mayor's Designate  
Matt Powers, Senior Manager, Parks, Parks Planning and Culture  
Chris Potvin, Staff Liaison, Supervisor, Active Transportation  
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager, Transportation  
Services  
Heather Oerlemans, Council and Committee Coordinator  
(Recording Secretary)

**Regrets:** None noted

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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, 2021 to December 31, 2021 term would take place at this time.

Chris Potvin called for 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.

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

Ron Lalonde nominated Gary Carroll for the position of Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee.

Gary Carroll accepted the nomination.

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 on December 31, 2021.

**Carried**

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That Gary Carroll be appointed Vice-Chair of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee for a term ending on December 31, 2021.

**Carried**

2. Disclosures of Interest

- 2.1** Rick Batty made a declaration of pecuniary interest regarding Item 6.1, Draft Active Transportation Plan Report Update, as proposed routes within the Active Transportation Plan cross through his property. Mr. Batty did not take part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

- 3.1** Minutes - September 10, 2020

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of September 10, 2020 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 Draft Active Transportation Plan Report Update

Having previously declared a conflict of interest, Rick Batty did not take part in the discussion or voting on this matter.

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the Draft Active Transportation Plan (ATP). Ms. Painchaud advised that the ATP would be available for a 60-day public review and then would go to Council for final approval. She further advised that the ATP would soon be accessible through the Connect Whitby website. She stated that anyone wishing to review the document now could request that a copy be sent to their email address.

6.2 Budget: Timing and Update

Tara Painchaud advised that a Budget Report was going to Council on January 18, 2021. Ms. Painchaud further advised that the public could provide input on the Budget Report at the February 8, 2021 Public Budget Meeting, and that final approval of the Budget was scheduled for February 25, 2021.

Ms. Painchaud provided an overview of projects and budget items for 2021, which included:

- Items included in the Active Transportation Plan;
- working with Durham Region to continue on-road cycling to the south of the Taunton Road/Anderson Road intersection;

- adding bike lanes to Annes Street between Dundas Street and Burns Street;
- data collection through pedestrian or cycling counters and radar message board;
- route signs for the Waterfront Trail;
- purchasing bike parking and bike repair stands; and,
- general funds for traffic calming throughout the municipality.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether there would be a crossride at Garden Street and Taunton Road;
- whether the multi-use paths at the Shoppers Drug Mart/No Frills Plaza on Garden Street and the commercial entrance into the Region of Durham's headquarters would be marked this year;
- where the multi-use path would be located on Dundas Street; and,
- when the Committee could review the budget document.

### **6.3 Bike Friendly Community Application Update**

Chris Potvin provided an update on the Bike Friendly Community Application through Share the Road. Mr. Potvin advised that the application had been sent and Share the Road would determine the Town's level of bike friendliness and rating.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding whether the Members of the Committee could receive a copy of the application.

### **6.4 Ontario Bike Summit Summary**

Ron Lalonde provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Ontario Bike Summit 2020. Highlights of the presentation included:

- a report from the Co-operators Insurance company indicating that motorists were not properly watching for pedestrians and cyclists while turning;
- presentations on community advocacy work, bike friendly communities, building support and overcoming challenges, municipal active transportation success stories, transit supporting active transportation, and cycle tourism benefits; and,
- the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 updates which included types of cyclists, designing for a wide range of ages and abilities, universal accessibility design considerations at pedestrian/cyclist intersections, and bicycle support features.

A brief question and answer period ensued regarding when the Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 updates would be finalized.

**6.5** Durham Active Transportation Committee Update

Ron Lalonde provided updates which included:

- an E-Mobility By-law to regulate and standardize e-mobility throughout the Region of Durham;
- the safe travel program which focused on safe transportation to schools;
- the 2020 and 2021 Work Plans and updated Terms of Reference; and,
- a Regional Cycling Plan update.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether the Committee could provide feedback on the Region's Active Transportation Plan; and,
- what would be included in an E-Mobility By-law.

**6.6** Active Transportation and Safe Roads Committee Work Plan Update

Tara Painchaud advised that she was currently editing the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Committee Work Plan and that she would recirculate the draft document to the Committee for final input prior to sending the document to Council. Ms. Painchaud further advised that the Work Plan highlighted successes of 2020 and provided a focus for the Committee for 2021. She stated that the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Committee Work Plan should be ready for the March 1, 2021 Committee of the Whole agenda.

**6.7** Development Subcommittee

Tara Painchaud advised that the Development Subcommittee was still in the early stages of development. Ms. Painchaud further advised that the purpose of the Subcommittee was to meet once a month to review and provide comments on development applications. She confirmed that Gary Carroll, Mary Jo Sitter, and Matt Parfitt would be serving on the Subcommittee.

R. Bruce MacDonald asked whether all members of the Committee would see the applications or be provided a summary from the Subcommittee.

**6.8 Bus Rapid Transit, Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan, and Active Transportation Plan Coordination**

Peter Phillips requested information regarding how the Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan, and Active Transportation Plan (ATP) were being coordinated.

Tara Painchaud advised that the ATP highlighted areas of improvement within the downtown and that the Town was moving forward with this plan. Ms. Painchaud further advised that staff would provide a presentation on the Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan at the next meeting. She stated that information from the ATP would be considered in the Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan. She further stated that the Town was waiting for more information from Metrolinx before determining the impacts from the Metrolinx BRT.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- what the relationship was between the Committee and the Metrolinx BRT; and,
- whether the Committee could provide feedback to Council regarding the Metrolinx BRT.

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the ATSRAC provide comments on the Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit proposal, as appropriate, through Town staff for Council's consideration as part of the overall undertaking of the Metrolinx Bus Rapid Transit plan.

**Carried**

**6.9 Google Maps Update**

Peter Phillips requested information regarding the process for updating Google Maps with new walking and cycling infrastructure.

Chris Potvin advised that images of newly built infrastructure had been submitted to Google Maps. Mr. Potvin suggested that the Committee continue to monitor Google Maps for updates.

**6.10 Waterfront Trail Construction Update**

Matt Powers provided updates regarding construction plans along the Waterfront Trail which included:

- improvements along the link at the south end of South Blair Street to the Waterfront Trail;
- markings along the trail;
- finishing up items from 2020; and,
- plans for 2021 such as extending the Hydro Trail from Longwood Park east to Thickson Road.

#### **6.11 'Closing the Gaps' Update**

Peter Phillips requested an update regarding items listed on the 'Closing the Gaps' memorandum.

Tara Painchaud advised that she would provide a formal written response to the Committee next week highlighting the current and future plans for crossings, multi-use paths, bike racks, and other active transportation projects.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- what was the status of pedestrian and cyclist access to Brooklin Highschool;
- whether there was an update regarding the bridge construction on Brock Street South and the Waterfront Trail; and,
- whether there was an update regarding the intersection at Consumers Drive, Brock Street South, and the on/off ramps to Highway 401.

#### **7. Correspondence**

##### **7.1** There was no correspondence.

#### **8. Council Update**

##### **8.1** Councillor Mulcahy provided updates regarding:

- the upcoming budget review; and,
- the February 1, 2021 Public Meeting and proposed subdivisions at Columbus Road and Thickson Road, and Columbus Road and Ashburn Road.

Councillor Mulcahy suggested that the Committee provide input to Council regarding the Metrolinx BRT as soon as possible.

#### **9. Other Business**

##### **9.1** There was no other business.

#### **10. Next Meeting**

**10.1** Thursday, March 11, 2021 - 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 6:02 p.m.

**Note: These minutes were approved by the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee on March 11, 2021.**