



## Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes

May 8, 2025, 4:00 p.m.

Hybrid Meeting

Whitby Town Hall

Present: Ana Duff  
David Johnston, Chair  
Liam Lacy  
Brad Mavins  
Swathi Miriyala  
Lewis Williams

Regrets: Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair

Also Present: Councillor Shahid, Mayor's Designate  
Peter Angelo, Director of Engineering Services  
Liam England, Planner I, Development Planning - Development Control  
Mattson Meere, Supervisor of Parks Planning  
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager of Transportation Services  
Lalita Thakali, Staff Liaison, Transportation Engineer  
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

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1. Call to Order
  2. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Recommendation:

Moved by Lewis Williams

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of March 13, 2025 be approved.

**Carried**

4. Presentations

4.1 Jon Retter, Manager, Municipal Construction, Town of Whitby

Re: Construction Projects, Active Transportation Facilities Maintenance

Jon Retter provided information regarding construction projects and maintenance of active transportation facilities. Mr. Retter provided detailed information about Construction Management Plans submitted by developers and the expectations for maintaining active transportation facilities during the construction phase.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- timelines for restoring active transportation facilities once construction activity has been completed;
- concerns with construction equipment blocking paved shoulders;
- whether construction companies were subject to receiving fines for not maintaining active transportation facilities during construction; and,
- the process for reporting construction sites where the developer has neglected to remove dirt and debris from road surfaces entering and exiting the construction site.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

6.1 Winter Maintenance of Active Transportation Facilities

Lewis Williams raised concerns regarding winter maintenance for two sections along active transportation trails. Mr. Williams stated that the bridge over Pringle Creek that connects the trail to Pringle Drive, and the trail east of the water purification ponds between Pringle Creek Park to Pringle Drive, were not maintained and pose a safety concern.

Staff addressed various winter maintenance concerns and stated that bridge weight restrictions and the slope of trails were factors considered when delivering winter maintenance services.

#### 6.2 Signalized Intersections and Pedestrian Pushbuttons

Ana Duff requested information regarding signalized intersections with pedestrian pushbuttons. Ms. Duff stated that intersections with pedestrian pushbuttons limited pedestrian traffic flow. She further stated that the time allocated for pedestrian crossing is insufficient at some intersections. Ms. Duff requested clarification regarding the considerations for installing automatic pedestrian crossing versus pedestrian pushbuttons at intersections. She suggested that pedestrian crossings should automatically allow pedestrians to cross during green lights, eliminating the need for a pushbutton.

Staff provided information about how to report concerns with signalized intersections.

#### 6.3 Bike Month - Pop-up Information Centre

David Johnston provided an update regarding the Bike Month Pop-up Information Centre. Mr. Johnston advised that the Pop-up Information Centre would be located at the Whitby Waterfront in the area of the Pump House.

Lalita Thakali advised that the Town would be operating a bike repair workshop in collaboration with a local bike shop at the Whitby Waterfront and Celebration Square on June 14th.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 8, Council Update, at this time.

#### 6.4 Proposed Town of Whitby E-scooter and E-bike By-law Update

Lalita Thakali provided an update regarding the proposed Town of Whitby E-scooter and E-bike By-law. Ms. Thakali stated that public engagement and stakeholder consultations were complete, and the next step would be presenting a Staff Report to Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on June 9, 2025.

Discussion ensued regarding enclosed mobility devices, multi-use paths, and defining mobility devices.

#### 6.5 2025 Active Transportation Project Updates - Engineering

Lalita Thakali provided an update regarding 2025 active transportation engineering projects which included:

- pedestrian crossovers; and,
- the new Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines.

#### 6.6 2025 Active Transportation Project Updates - Parks

Lalita Thakali provided an update regarding 2025 active transportation park projects which included:

- updates to the Active Whitby Map; and,
- multi-use path centreline pavement markings.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- the expected completion date for the bridge over Corbett Creek; and,
- whether there were plans for trail construction in 2025.

#### 7. Correspondence

There was no correspondence.

#### 8. Council Update

Councillor Shahid provided an update regarding:

- a public open house for the new Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines on Wednesday, May 21, 2025 from 6:00 to 7:30 p.m. at Town Hall, Council Chambers;
- the Region's Community Growth and Economic Development Committee marketing campaign for Whitby's tourist destinations and events;
- proposed amendments to the Private Transportation Services By-law regarding accessible taxis;
- the Canada Day fireworks celebration; and,
- the My Whitby Hoody Campaign.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 6.4, Proposed Town of Whitby E-scooter and E-bike By-law, at this time.

#### 9. Other Business

There was no other business.

10. Next Meeting

Thursday, June 12, 2025 - 4:00 p.m.

11. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Liam Lacy

That the meeting adjourn.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.