

Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes
June 9, 2022 - 4:00 PM
Virtual Meeting

Present: Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair
Ron Lalonde
R. Bruce MacDonald
Peter Phillips, Chair
Mary Jo Sitter
Terry Von Zuben
Lewis Williams
Nicola Windrem

Also Present: Aimee Pugao, Planner II, Parks Planning
Deanna Schlosser, Planner II, Long Range
Tara Painchaud, Staff Liaison, Senior Manager, Transportation Services
Heather Ellis, Council and Committee Coordinator (Recording Secretary)

Regrets: Sorin Lutz
Matt Parfitt

Call to Order

1. Disclosures of Interest
2. Approval of Previous Minutes

2.1 Minutes - May 12, 2022

Recommendation:

Moved By Ron Lalonde

That the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee minutes of May 12, 2022 be approved.

Carried

3. Presentations

3.1 Steve Walo, Supervisor of Facilities, Town of Whitby
Re: Whitby Sports Complex

Steve Walo provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Sports Complex. Highlights of the presentation included:

- estimated project timelines;
- project stages including project initiation, community engagement, additional programming, upcoming final design, construction, and opening of the facility;
- facilities within the sports complex such as two ice pads, pool, gym, walking track, and meeting rooms/multi-purpose spaces; and,
- outdoor facilities including a multi-use sports field, tennis courts, pickleball courts, an all wheels facilities, family zone, and events plaza.

3.2 Michele Cotton, Accessibility Coordinator, Town of Whitby
Re: Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study Update

Michele Cotton provided a presentation regarding the Accessible Signage and Wayfinding Study. Highlights of the presentation included:

- guidelines for implementing wayfinding and signage;
- signage priorities including interior signage, parks and trails, pedestrian and sidewalk, building and road right-of-way, and parking lot signage; and,
- an overview of staff report CMS 06-22 included on the June 13, 2022 Committee of the Whole agenda.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- what was included in the parks and trails signage and wayfinding; and,
- whether signage would include distance and estimated travel time to specific locations.

It was the consensus of the Committee to amend the agenda and receive a presentation from Jade Schofield and Eleri Davies regarding the Whitby Climate Change Plan, at this time.

3.3 Jade Schofield, Project Manager, Sustainability and Climate Change Town of Whitby, and Eleri Davies, Consultant, Sustainable Solutions Group
Re: Whitby Climate Change Plan

Eleri Davies provided a presentation regarding the Whitby Climate Change Plan. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the spatial analysis, temporal analysis, financial analysis, and implementation guide for climate change adaptation;
- five key areas of implementation including an adapted town, adapted buildings and infrastructure, adaptive neighbourhoods, natural spaces, green infrastructure and trees, and heat management; and,
- the mitigation plan which includes Whitby's current greenhouse gas emissions, forecasted energy use and emissions to 2050, and recommended net zero pathway for 2045.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.3, Parks, Waterfront Trail, and Trails Update, at this time.

4. General Business and Reports

4.1 Mary Street: Audit/Improvements Proposal

Peter Phillips provided a presentation regarding suggested Mary Street improvements. Highlights of the presentation included:

- an opportunity to extend the Active Transportation component from Mary Street to Giffard Street;
- painting and signing an advisory bike lane through High Street to Euclid Street, and Cochrane Street;
- extending a multi use path through the Fairview Lodge grounds to connect with Giffard Street and the urban paved shoulder on Cochrane Street;
- keeping traffic volumes down by not connecting Mary Street to Cochrane Street, and High Street to Dundas Street, as outlined in the Downtown Whitby Secondary Plan;
- temporarily eliminating Sunday parking from Euclid Street to Centre Street, and eliminating parking east of Byron Street;
- installing short-term bike lane signage and road symbols through all intersections along Euclid Street to Brock Street, and implementing traffic calming and reduced speed limits in this section; and,
- constructing a multi use path through Garden Street to the Canadian Pacific rail tracks at Pringle Creek to connect the Wyndfield Park neighbourhood to the downtown.

4.2 Bike Month Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding Bike Month which included:

- partnering with the Region of Durham;
- the Bike Month Dashboard that provides a summary of each municipality's bike month pledges;
- the Whitby Public Library Bike Month display;
- bike month swag provided by the Region of Durham; and,
- strategies for promoting bike month.

4.3 Parks, Waterfront Trail, and Trails Update

Sean Malby provided an update regarding parks and trails which included:

- the Waterfront Trail boardwalk replacement;
- blind corners along the boardwalk;
- the access gate at Gordon Street to the Ontario Shores property;
- the Harbour Street and railbridge detour from Watson Street to Water Street; and,
- the multi use path on the southern end of the Hydro One Power Corridor.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.1, Mary Street: Audit/Improvements Proposal, at this time.

4.4 Data Reviews

Inventory of On-Road Cycling

Peter Phillips requested volunteers from the Committee to conduct an inventory of on-road cycling route signage.

Tara Painchaud provided a timeline for completing the inventory. Ms. Painchaud requested that members complete their inventory by September 1, 2022.

Crossride Needs Summary

Tara Painchaud requested volunteers from the Committee to conduct a survey to identify gaps in crossrides.

Centreline Network Prioritization

Gary Carroll stated that he prepared a prioritized list regarding the centreline network on multi use paths and major trails.

4.5 2022 Active Transportation Construction Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the 2022 Active Transportation construction projects which included:

- installing the 2021 speed humps;
- working with the consultant on the Dryden Street road diet; and,
- the pedestrian cross walks and centrelines were in the planning and drawing design stage.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- whether cyclists would be impacted by the speed humps; and,
- the multi use path project on Taunton Road.

4.6 Advisory Committee Recruitment Process for 2022-2026 Term

Heather Ellis provided an update regarding the Advisory Committee recruitment process for the 2022-2026 term which included:

- current Committee responsibilities for the remainder of the term;
- timelines for accepting applications; and,
- timelines for Council's appointments, orientation sessions for new members, and expected start dates for the 2022-2026 term meeting cycle.

4.7 Development Subcommittee Update

Mary Jo Sitter provided an update regarding the Development Subcommittee which included:

- recommendations for raised crosswalks and sidewalks, privacy fencing, and enclosed covered bike racks for the 314 to 316 Colbourne Street East apartment building plan;
- recommendation to locate the multi use path on the east boulevard at the 1615 Brock Street development;
- recommendations for bike parking and a bike lane for Town Brewery's proposed new location; and,
- recommending additional vehicular parking, bike parking, and extra lighting in the parking lot for Highway of Heroes Vimy Memorial Park.

5. Council Update

5.1 There was no Council update.

6. Other Business

6.1 Committee Notices

Peter Phillips provided two reminders for the Committee which included:

- comments were being received for the 2023 Budget; and,
- an email would be sent regarding a social event for Committee Members and Town Staff.

6.2 Google Map Update

R. Bruce MacDonald suggested that the Region of Durham reach out to the Waterfront Trust to update the Waterfront Trail on Google Maps. Mr. MacDonald stated that Committee Members could assist by re-recording sections of the Waterfront Trail.

6.3 Anderson Street Boulevard

Mary Jo Sitter expressed concerns regarding the elevation drop on the east side of the sidewalk into the creek along the Anderson Street boulevard.

6.4 Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Annual Report

Gary Carroll suggested that he and Peter Phillips create a draft of the Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Annual Report to submit to Town Staff.

7. Next Meeting

7.1 To Be Determined

8. Adjournment

8.1 Motion to Adjourn

Recommendation:

Moved By Gary Carroll

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:02 p.m.