



## Active Transportation and Safe Roads Advisory Committee Minutes

March 13, 2025, 4:00 p.m.  
Hybrid Meeting  
Whitby Town Hall

Present: Gary Carroll, Vice-Chair  
Ana Duff  
David Johnston, Chair  
Liam Lacy  
Brad Mavins  
Lewis Williams

Regrets: Swathi Miriyala

Also Present: Councillor Shahid, Mayor's Designate  
Justin Malfara, Principal Planner, Zoning and Regulation  
Mattson Meere, Supervisor, 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 January 9, 2025 be approved.

## **Carried**

### **4. Presentations**

#### **4.1 Gene Chartier, Vice President and Chief Development Officer, Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited**

Re: Town of Whitby's Future Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines

Gene Chartier provided a presentation regarding the Town of Whitby's Future Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines. Highlights of the presentation included:

- the goals of Whitby's future Traffic Calming Policy and Guidelines;
- using data-driven processes to assess and prioritize traffic calming requests;
- details about the process for developing the policy and guidelines;
- information about stakeholder and community engagement strategies;
- details about the proposed Traffic Calming Policy;
- examples of traffic calming measures; and,
- including a statement about traffic control devices in the policy.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- other municipalities Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited has completed similar studies for;
- whether any municipalities have fully implemented recommended Traffic Calming Policies and Guidelines;
- information about classifying stop signs as traffic control devices rather than traffic calming measures;
- defining traffic calming; and,
- embedding the method for collecting and monitoring data within the policy and guidelines.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 6.1, Visitor's Centre - Whitby Waterfront - Shirley Scott Park Update, at this time.

4.2 Lori Tesolin, Principal Planner, Policy and Heritage Planning, Town of Whitby

Re: Town of Whitby's Official Plan Review

Lori Tesolin provided a presentation regarding the Town of Whitby's Official Plan Review.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- information about the four Focus Areas of the Official Plan Review;
- details about the two alternative land use concepts for Focus Area 3;
- an overview of Focus Area 4, General Policy Updates; and,
- the next steps in the Official Plan Review.

A question and answer period ensued regarding whether the Active Transportation Plan in Brooklin would be modified.

5. Delegations

There were no delegations.

6. General Business and Reports

6.1 Visitor's Centre - Whitby Waterfront - Shirley Scott Park Update

Lara Toman provided a review of the proposed temporary Waterfront Visitor's Centre plans which included:

- details about the proposed temporary Visitor's Centre, including the proposed hours of operation; and,
- details about amenity features including a limestone path, tables and chairs, bike racks, bike repair stand, and an accessible kayak dock.

A question and answer period ensued regarding:

- information about the Rowe House and the adjacent gravel parking lot;
- details about the life expectancy of the temporary Visitor's Centre; and,
- information about the accessible kayak dock.

It was the consensus of the Committee to hear Item 4.2, Town of Whitby's Official Plan Review, at this time.

## 6.2 Conlin Road and Garrard Road Intersection Update

Tara Painchaud provided an update regarding the Conlin Road and Garrard Road Intersection. Ms. Painchaud stated pavement markings, sidewalk, and pedestrian connection construction was still required.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- pedestrian safety concerns for employees accessing the industrial facility at Conlin Road and Garrard Road; and,
- improving public transportation and pedestrian connections to industrial areas.

## 6.3 Equitable Active Transportation Development

Tara Painchaud provided information regarding Equitable Active Transportation Development planning which included considering all road users and abilities in active transportation planning and development.

Discussion ensued regarding:

- interest in E-bike and E-scooter rentals to provide affordable transportation options;
- residents' concerns about safety on active transportation trails;
- perceptions among residents pertaining to equitable transportation development planning; and,
- researching best practices from other municipalities.

## 7. Council Update

Councillor Shahid provided updates from the Durham Active Transportation Committee which included:

- active transportation infrastructure projects for 2025; and,
- proposed upgrades to existing traffic signals with bicycle signals on the south, east, and west legs of the Rossland Road and Brock Road intersection.

## 8. Other Business

There was no other business.

9. Next Meeting

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

10. Adjournment

Recommendation:

Moved by Lewis Williams

That the meeting adjourned.

**Carried**

The meeting adjourned at 6:05 p.m.