

# Active Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Thursday, February 11, 2016**

**Ante Room at 6:00 pm**

### **Attendance:**

Robert Hillier, Committee chair  
Dave Wyllie  
Jim Hunter  
Mike Sullivan  
Peter Warwick  
Eric Klassen  
Councillor Bill Phillips  
Jackie Gervais, Region Niagara

### **Absent:**

Cindy White, NRPS  
Graham Morrison, St. Catharines Transit

### **Staff Liaison:**

Peter Leyser, Transportation Technologist

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
The meeting was called to order at 6:10 pm.
2. **Additions/Deletions to the Agenda**  
None.
3. **Motion to approve the agenda**  
None.
4. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**  
One correction was noted by Peter Warwick, p. 2 (omit section referring to Waterfront Trail passing through a school property)  
Moved by Peter Warwick, seconded by Jim Hunter, carried.
5. **Presentations (invited guests)**  
None.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

None.

7. **Business**

**7.1 Selection of Future Meeting Dates-** The second Thursday of the month is preferred. Discussion followed with a desire to have 5 meetings over the 10 months of the year from September to June. For the present time, it was decided that the next meetings of the ATAC will occur on April 14, 2016 and June 9, 2016.

**7.2 Review of the 2016/2017 construction schedule-** The Committee was given a copy of the proposed 2016/2017 construction schedule for review. Mike Sullivan asked what the term “semi-urban resurfacing” means. It is a term used to describe the type of paving done with no changes to drainage or road platform (ie. No curb and gutter, no widening). Committee members were invited to comment on the construction schedule. Special note was made to advocate for accommodation of cyclists at traffic signals in the Queenston Street project coming up in 2017.

**7.3 Facilitator (Paul Young): Committee Member engagement-** Members of the Committee were invited to participate in a conference call on Friday, February 19 at 2 pm with Paul Young. Mr. Young will be facilitating a future workshop to guide some of the work of this Committee. David Wyllie and Robert Hillier will be participating in this call, as well as Peter Leyser and Councillor Bill Phillips. The committee identified the following items as priorities for the workshop:

-wayfinding

-street sweeping/sidewalk clearing

-identifying a work plan

A conference call will occur on Friday, February 19<sup>th</sup> regarding the formation of a steering committee for the workshop. David Wyllie, Councillor Britton, Councillor Phillips and Robert Hillier are to be involved in this conference call.

**7.4 Potential Federal Funding: priority setting-** Discussion followed on what should be priorities if/when federal funding is granted to municipalities as referenced recently by the federal government.

Peter Warwick - trail connectivity, pedestrian connections to malls, long term planning developed

David Wyllie- connectivity, long term plan, education about what opportunities St. Catharines has to offer, emphasize year round opportunities to walk places

Jim Hunter- bike parking opportunities, emphasis on east-west routes

Mike Sullivan- active transportation incorporation at traffic signals, education on enforcement re. e-bikes

Eric Klassen- would like to see bike sharing program (similar to Hamilton's Sobi), increased wayfinding signage for active transportation

Robert Hillier- connectivity between routes, long term vision to acquire future lands for active transportation routes

**7.5 Ontario Street Public Information Centre-** February 17, 2016, information item

**7.6 Niagara Cycle Tourism Workshop-** February 24, 2016, information item

**7.7 New business:** Mapping- committee members would like to see a map of city owned properties with a view to aid connectivity opportunities between neighbourhoods, trails, roads, etc. Staff agreed to present this at a future meeting.

8. **Date of next meeting**  
Thursday, April 14, 2016

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Made by general consensus, at 7:55 pm.