

Active Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, December 03, 2015

Burgoyne Woods Room at 6:00 pm

Attendance:

Robert Hillier, Committee chair
Dianne Coppola
Dave Wyllie
Jim Hunter
Mike Sullivan
Peter Warwick
Eric Klassen
Councillor Mike Britton

Absent:

Cindy White, NRPS
Jackie Gervais, Region Niagara
Graham Morrison, St. Catharines Transit

Staff Liaison:

Peter Leyser, Transportation Technologist
Brian Applebee, Manager, Transportation Services

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**
The meeting was called to order at 6:12 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**
Moved by Peter Warwick, seconded by Dianne Coppola, carried.
 5. **Presentations (invited guests)**
None.

6. **Business arising from the minutes**

Dianne Coppola asked for an update regarding the review of bike parking requirements mentioned at the August 29th Committee meeting. Staff responded that more information from zoning and planning was required for further discussion at a later date.

7. **Business**

7.1 Roundtable- Brainstorming of what members bring to the Committee and what they would like to see from Committee

Dave Wyllie- comes from a running background, is seeing progress on active transportation issues and would like to see a long term (50 year) plan developed

Peter Warwick- active cyclist and walker, has seen improvement in the past 20 years, wants to see connections made in missing sections

Dianne Coppola- comes from a health promotion background, former Regional Niagara employee, brings a background in strategic planning, policy, and promotion

Jim Hunter- describes himself as a cycle commuter/utilitarian bike user, wants to see connections between the Port Dalhousie area and downtown

Mike Sullivan- involved with the Walkers Creek Neighbourhood Association, sees challenges with a lack of trail rules and rules of the road enforcement, highlight need for compatible traffic signal technology with active transportation

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

Robert Hillier- brings a wealth of experience having lived in Toronto and in Europe, long term vision to acquire future lands for active transportation routes

Councillor Mike Britton- member of Greater Niagara Circle Route committee, sees importance in wayfinding signage

7.2 Mapping Options- A variety of local maps were reviewed by the Committee with thought to a future map development for St. Catharines. The size of 11" by 17" is preferred.

7.3 Gale Crescent proposal- Staff received a resident inquiry with regards to connectivity with the existing road and trail network and the Centennial Park/Gale Crescent area. Staff will review future opportunities for better connectivity.

7.4 Possible Workshop with Paul Young- Correspondence was received from Jackie Gervais regarding a potential opportunity to work with Paul Young, who facilitated a workshop for a new Active Transportation committee in Niagara-on-the-Lake. Staff will pursue this opportunity after further consultation with Jackie Gervais.

7.5 New business- Discussion followed on two projects that present opportunities for bike lanes: St. Paul Street West between Strada Blvd. and First Street Louth and Ontario Street between Lake Street and Welland Ave.

The Committee approved the following recommendations:

“That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee add their support to Council’s recommendation for the inclusion of bicycle lanes on St. Paul Street West between Strada Blvd. and First Street Louth.”

Moved by Dianne Coppola, seconded by Peter Warwick. Carried.

“That the Active Transportation Advisory Committee recommend for the inclusion of bike lanes in the upcoming reconstruction of Ontario Street between Lake Street and Welland Avenue for improved connectivity.” (Region Niagara road, City sponsored project)

Moved by Eric Klassen, seconded by Mike Sullivan. Carried.

8. **Date of next meeting**
Thursday, February 11, 2016

9. **Motion to Adjourn**

Made by Peter Warwick, at 8:15 pm.