

# Transportation Advisory Committee

## Minutes

**Tuesday, December 03, 2019**

**Atrium at 5:30 p.m.**

### **Attendance:**

Diane Dupont, Myda Khatcherian, Matthew Aymar, David Wyllie, Curtis Thompson, Amy Romeo, David Ringler, Jorin Lukings

### **Absent:**

### **Staff Liaison:**

Peter Leyser

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1. **Call meeting to order (Chair)**  
5:40
2. **Recognition of Traditional Territories**
3. **Additions / Deletions to the Agenda**
4. **Motion to approve the agenda**
  - Moved: Amy Romeo    Carried
5. **Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting**
  - Moved: Amy Romeo    Carried
6. **Presentations (invited guests)**
7. **Business arising from the minutes**  
NA
8. **Business**
  - 8.1 Development of the Work Plan

- Discussion ensued regarding the work plan. The major goals of the plan were improving accessibility, financial sustainability, environmental and social sustainability and road safety.
- A summary of the discussion is attached.

9. **Date of next meeting**

Tuesday, January 28, 2020

10. **Motion to Adjourn – 7:25 p.m.**

- Moved: Amy Romeo      Carried

# Notes from Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

## 8. Business

### 8.1 Development of the Work Plan

In order to facilitate the development of the committee's work plan, members began the discussion with a listing of the priority areas that each felt was most important for the committee. They were as follows:

Jorin: Health and Active Transportation; Sustainability; Community Well-being

Amy: Accessibility; Improved Transit (affordable and accessible); Climate Change

David R (?): Parking (especially downtown); How to Pay for Public Parking; Lower cost transit options

Myda: Accessibility (especially for transit); Sustainability

Matt: Increased Sustainable Transportation; Road Safety; Improve Health Through Transport Policy (chronic disease prevention)

David W (?): Promote Green and Active Ways to get around the city; Winter Snow Clearing; Education on Shared Roads; Electric Scooters

Curtis: Safe Livable Streets; Public Health; Sustainability (Environmental, Financial)

Diane: Improved and More Varied Accessibility, Support Sustainability Efforts, and Incentives around More Active Transportation

We then worked together to identify three high level goals. Within each goal we agreed upon a set of more concrete tasks that would assist in achieving the goals. Each task was assigned to likely period of time within which the task could be completed: short term (within 1 year), medium term (2-3 years), and long term (beyond the term of the committee but such that we could set the framework for completing the goal).

#### Goal 1: Improving Accessibility

- a) Increase public education around the use of mobility devices and invisible disabilities (short to medium term); we also noted that we could partner with the Accessibility Committee
- b) Appropriate cleaning of sidewalks (year round) by businesses and property owners/dwellers (medium term); we also noted that this could be done with education awareness efforts
- c) Support older adults with snow clearing (e.g., snow angels). This would assist in making St. Catharines an age-friendly city and there may be other initiatives to help achieve this goal (medium term)
- d) Increase parking in downtown (long term)
- e) Make walking in downtown a safe and desirable activity (e.g., safe, clean, accessible parking garages) and improve street lighting (medium term)

Goal 2a: Sustainability (Financial)

- a) Identify funding agencies that could assist with improving public transit goals (question – what is the role of our committee? For example, could we do a joint application with staffers?) (short to medium term)
- b) Look into public/private partnership best practices in other jurisdictions (short term)

Goal 2b: Sustainability (Environmental/Social/Health)

- a) Increase alternative modes of transportation (active transportation) (medium to long term)
- b) More integrated transit across jurisdictions (e.g., on major routes but need to make distinction between regular bus and para transit) (medium to long term)
- c) Incentives to new users of transit to encourage better use of system that exists (this may include an education component) (medium term)
- d) Comparative study of best practices elsewhere (short term)
- e) Uber model (this is in my notes, but I don't recall what we decided)

Goal 3: Safety on the Road

- a) Reduce the likelihood of collisions between pedestrians/cyclists and vehicles by focusing on certain road users (medium term) (Note – the challenge is missing data on events)
- b) Continue efforts to collect data on collisions (short to medium term)
- c) Share the road education profile (high profile) (short term)
- d) Natural barriers between roads (I think this was intended for cyclists but not sure)
- e) Policies around the use of e scooters, mopeds, scooters and bikes (medium to long term)
- f) Greater adoption of bike lanes (delineate with bollards) (medium term)

9. Date of next meeting

January 28, 2020, 5:30 PM