

Transportation Advisory Committee

Minutes

Thursday, November 12, 2020

Electronic Participation

Attendance:

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

Absent:

Curtis Thompson

Staff Liaison:

Steve Bittner

1. Call meeting to order (Chair)

5:05

2. Recognition of Traditional Territories

Steve Bittner acknowledged that the land on which the Transportation Advisory Committee meets today is the traditional territory of the Haudenosaunee and Anishinaabe peoples, many of whom continue to live and work here today. This territory is covered by the Upper Canada Treaties and is within the land protected by the Dish with One Spoon Wampum agreement. Today this gathering place is home to many First Nations, Metis, and Inuit Peoples. Acknowledging this is a reminder that our great standard of living is directly related to the resources and friendship of Indigenous people.

3. Amendments to the Agenda

Add discussion on snow removal.

4. Motion to approve the agenda

Moved by Jorin Lukings

That the agenda for the November 12, 2020 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

5. Motion to adopt the minutes of the previous meeting

Moved by David Wylie

That the minutes for the February 27, 2020 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Declarations of Interest

7. Presentations (invited guests)

None

8. Business arising from the minutes

None

9. Business

a. 9.1 – Development of the Work Plan. Work plan notes attached.

b. 9.2 – Discussion on snow removal, primarily related to sidewalks.

10. Date of next meeting

TBD

11. Motion to Adjourn

Moved by David Wylie

That the November 12, 2020 Transportation Advisory Committee meeting be adjourned (7.00 p.m.).

Carried

Notes from Transportation Advisory Committee Meeting
Thursday, November 12, 2020
Virtual meeting via Zoom

2020-22 Work Plan

Title:

Provide Comments/Feedback on Policies, Environmental Assessments, and Guidelines

Description:

The Transportation Advisory Committee will provide comments on an as needed basis on city-wide strategic priorities relating to policies and guidelines that impact the transportation system. These priorities include active transportation, parking, pedestrian initiatives, operational policies, road reconstruction projects and crossing guards.

For the upcoming years remaining in its mandate, the committee will provide comments on the Transportation Master Plan, as well as various Environmental Assessments as they become available. This is a high priority item since it relates directly to one of the two main purposes of the committee.

Strategic Alignment:

The current revamping of the Transportation Master Plan is timely since the previous one was completed more than half a century ago and much has changed since then. Several perspectives inform the committee's work: a focus on accessibility needs, inclusivity, active transportation, mental health and the role of COVID-19 might have on altering transportation needs and services. In particular, the committee has identified three overall areas of importance: improve access, improve sustainable transportation, and improve safety on the road.

Involvement with other Advisory Committees / Public:

Accessibility, Transit

We will invite members of other committees to a meeting to discuss overlapping issues.

Project Risks:

Insufficient resources and/or timely receipt of material to allow for informed commentary.

Schedule and Resources:

1. Step: Meet with Master Plan consultants for briefing on Master Plan.

Tentative Schedule: Meeting scheduled for December 7, 2020

Resources Required: Staff time for meeting

2. Step: Meet with Public Works to ask about preparations for snow removal

Tentative Schedule: Hope to schedule for late November/early December 2020

Resources Required: Staff

3. Step: Draft commentary on Master Plan

Tentative Schedule: January 31, 2021

Resources Required: Staff

4. Step: Review and comment on Environmental Assessments

Tentative Schedule: As they come in

Resources Required: Staff

5. Step: Examine Transportation during COVID-19 with a focus upon impacts on vulnerable populations

Tentative Schedule: March 31, 2020

Resources Required: Staff

Title:

Advocate for Improvements to Assist Getting Around the City

Description:

This task focuses upon efforts to make improvements to accessibility and ease of getting around the city with particular recognition of how COVID-19 may have altered needs and impacted different groups. Our goal is to better understand the nature of change using available evidence.

Strategic Alignment:

We are anticipating that Council will be interested in having input/recommendations relating to how other municipalities are preparing for alterations in transportation due to COVID-19.

Involvement with other Advisory Committees / Public:

Accessibility, Transit

We will invite members of other committees to a meeting to discuss overlapping issues.

Project Risks:

Insufficient resources and/or timely receipt of material to allow for informed commentary.

Schedule and Resources:

1. Step: Discuss with Public Works how best to communicate to the public about the need for snow removal and how to report infractions, as well as the need to enforce snow removal requirements

Tentative Schedule: December 30, 2020

Resources Required: Staff, Increased enforcement expenses

2. Step: Liaise with Accessibility around snow removal educational efforts

Tentative Schedule: January 31, 2021

Resources Required: Staff

2. Step: Examine Transportation during COVID-19 with a focus upon impacts on vulnerable populations

Tentative Schedule: March 31, 2021

Resources Required: Staff