



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Agenda

Thursday, June 23, 2022

7:00 PM

Council Chambers
Regional Municipality of Durham Headquarters
605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

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1 Roll Call

2 Declarations of Interest

3 Adoption of Previous Minutes

- A) Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on March 31, 2022
([Attachment 1](#))

4 Presentations

- A) South York Greenway and Key Highlights of the new OTM Book 18: David McLaughlin & Shawn Smith (WSP Canada Inc.)
B) Rouge National Urban Park Projects Updates: Kaitlyn Chow (Parks Canada)
C) Smart Commute Program & Bike Month Updates: Danielle Culp (Durham Region)

5 Discussion Items

6 Information Items

- A) Advisory Committee Recruitment and Selection Policy

7 Date of Next Meeting (virtual)

Thursday, September 22, 2022, 7pm (last meeting of term)

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MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, March 31, 2022

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, March 31, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:01 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
P. Smith, Uxbridge, Vice-Chair
J. Bate, Oshawa
K. Haines, Ajax
A. Heywood, Pickering
R. Kerr, Regional Councillor, Oshawa
C. Kobelka, Clarington

***all members of Committee participated electronically**

Absent: M. Gibbons, Scugog
J. Martin, Brock

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
S. Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Works Department
C. Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
S. McEleney, Transit Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
N. Prasad, Assistant Secretary to Council, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
S. Samuel, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Bate, Seconded by K. Haines,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on December 9, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

4.1 Steven Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Works Department re: Update on Durham Active Transportation Projects

S. Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Works Department provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on Durham Active Transportation Projects. A copy of the presentation was provided to members in advance of the meeting.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Pedestrian Projects
 - Ritson at Coldstream (Oshawa)
 - Simcoe at Queen (Scugog)
 - Ritson at Simcoe (Oshawa)
 - Toronto Street at Douglas Road (Uxbridge)
- Cycling Projects
- Coming Soon – Part I
- Coming Soon – Part II
- Coming Soon – Part III
- Coming Soon – Part IV

S. Kemp provided an overview of the pedestrian related projects underway at multiple locations which include leading pedestrian intervals; zebra crosswalk markings; countdown signals; and pedestrian crossovers. He also provided an overview of the following completed cycling projects: midblock pedestrian/bicycle signal with crossride and bicycle signal heads on Rossland Road at Michael Starr Trail; crossrides with bicycle signal heads on Thornton Road at Adelaide Ave; crossride with bicycle signal heads on Victoria Street at Brock Street; multiuse path with crossrides at multiple intersections on Brock Street in Whitby and Simcoe Street in Oshawa; and leading pedestrian intervals at multiple locations.

S. Kemp reviewed the upcoming projects with regards to crossrides with bicycle signal heads; midblock pedestrian/bicycle signal with crossride and bicycle signal heads; multiuse path with crossrides; on road bike lanes with partial enhanced green surface colour; cycle tracks with crossrides and bicycle signal heads; leading pedestrian interval implementation; and additional zebra markings, countdown signals and crossovers.

S. Kemp responded to questions with regards to future crossride projects; the possibility of installing a crossride on the west side of the Oshawa BMX Mountain Bike Park; the timeline on the crossover being built at the Fields of Uxbridge location; and whether there are updates on the Corbett Creek Crossing Waterfront Trail.

4.2 Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Project Engineer, City of Oshawa re:
Oshawa Active Transportation Updates

It was the consensus of the committee to proceed with the presentation from Chris Leitch, Principal Planner (Item 4.3) at this time as Pidenam Bodjona was not present.

4.3 Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning &
Economic Development, Durham Region re: Ontario Municipal Commuter
Cycling Program

C. Leitch, Principal Planner, Planning and Economic Development Department, provided a PowerPoint presentation on the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program. A copy of the presentation was provided to members in advance of the meeting.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program: Status Update
- OMCC Program Background
 - Funding Announcement (December 2017)
 - Eligible Project List
- OMCC Program Timeline
- Coordination with Area Municipalities
- Current Status
- Challenges and Lessons Learned
- Next Steps

C. Leitch stated that the Ministry of Transportation launched the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) Program in spring 2017 to invest in commuter-based cycling infrastructure. He advised that the original application submitted for the Region included a list of cycling projects to potentially be constructed by 2020. To date, there have been 5 amendments to that list which includes 3 amendments for changes to eligible projects and 2 amendments for program extensions. He provided an overview of the OMCC Program timeline.

C. Leitch advised that there is a lot of coordination with area municipalities with regards to the design and construction. He also advised that infill projects are mostly led by area municipalities while the capital projects are led by Durham Region. He further advised that a cost sharing formula was applied for the Regional Cycling Plan. He provided an overview of the current OMCC projects which are in progress as well as projects that are no longer using OMCC funding.

C. Leitch provided an overview of the challenges and lessons learned and reviewed the next steps which include construction and monitoring.

C. Leitch responded to questions regarding the two locations along the Thornton Road multi-use path where an additional right-of-way is needed to complete the sidewalk; and the possibility of sharing the locations where data is being collected for cycle counters and whether the data collected can be shared.

4.2 Pidenam Bodjona, Transportation Project Engineer, City of Oshawa re:
Oshawa Active Transportation Updates

P. Bodjona, Transportation Project Engineer, City of Oshawa, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Oshawa Active Transportation Projects. A copy of the presentation was provided to members in advance of the meeting.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- Oshawa Active Transportation Projects Update
- On-Road Active Transportation Projects
 - 2020 On-Road A.T. Projects
 - 2021 On-Road A.T. Projects
 - 2022 On-Road A.T. Projects (Proposed)
- Off-Road Active Transportation Projects
 - Airport Trail
 - Harmony Creek Trail Extension
 - ATMP Link 3: Design
 - ATMP Trail Link 4
 - Michael Starr Trail

P. Bodjona provided a brief overview of the cycling projects that were completed in the last couple of years in the City of Oshawa as well as the projects proposed for 2022. He stated that staff will be starting to update the Active Transportation Master Plan as well as the Integrated Transportation Master Plan this year.

P. Bodjona also provided an update on the following pedestrian projects: Taunton Road multi-use path from King Street to Taunton Road; Taunton Road multi use path from Northbrook to Somerville; downtown streetscape project on King Street from Prince to Simcoe; Olive Avenue sidewalk construction; Grandview North sidewalk infill; Thornton Road South new infill sidewalk on Wentworth to north of the development site; Thornton Road North between Conlin and Winchester cycling and pedestrian path.

P. Bodjona also provided an overview of the Off-Road Active Transportation Projects. He advised that the City of Oshawa will be partnering with Cycle Toronto for bike month events and will be installing some bike repair stations at selected locations.

P. Bodjona responded to questions with regards to whether there have been discussions at the Oshawa ATC about a proposal to have the Michael Starr Trail illuminated so it is a safe recreational trail as well as a safe access trail for the upcoming GO station; as well as whether there are plans to resurface the Oshawa Creek Trail.

4.3 Chris Leitch, Principal Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning & Economic Development, Durham Region re: Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program

Chris Leitch appeared earlier in the meeting (see pages 3 and 4 of these minutes).

5. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items to be considered.

Moved by Councillor Kerr, Seconded by P. Smith,
That the Rules of Procedure be suspended in order to introduce a new item under 6. Information Items and a new item under 7. Other Business regarding Bike Month.

CARRIED ON A 2/3rds VOTE

6. Information Items

A) Federal Active Transportation Fund Update – A. Caruso

A. Caruso advised that the federal government recently announced a new round of funding in the amount of \$400 million to be used over the next 4 years for active transportation projects. He advised that the deadline for the first round was March 31, 2022 and that the Region has applied for eight capital projects and two planning projects totalling \$12 million. If successful on the capital projects, it would result in 40 km of new active transportation networks by 2026. He advised that the Committee will be notified of any updates.

B) Uxbridge Rail Trail Update – A. Caruso

A. Caruso advised that the Uxbridge Rail Trail which is part of the Trans Canada Trail was previously maintained by the Lake Simcoe Conservation Authority. The Ontario Snowmobile Club has now taken over maintenance of the Trail. The community expressed concerns such as potential trail degradation, and as a result there were conversations between Regional and Infrastructure Ontario staff to discuss the concerns. He advised that the Ontario Snowmobile Club will be monitoring and maintaining the trail on a one-year contract which will be reviewed at the end of the term. Regional staff will continue to monitor the situation.

C) Envision Durham Update

Information Report #2022-INFO-19 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development along with the Growth Management Study Alternative Land Need Scenarios Assessment Summary Report was provided as links to the Agenda.

A. Caruso advised that committee members are invited to complete the Land Need Scenarios online survey by April 14, 2022. He advised that the reports give an update on research, with a focus on the current and expected growth rate in the Durham Region. The series of reports gives a high level look at how the Region can develop and the plan to address increased demand for residential, employment, and essential services.

D) Bike Month

A. Caruso advised that the Region will be holding a virtual celebration for Bike Month which takes place every year during the month of June. In addition to the virtual celebration, the Region is planning other events such as a Region-wide Cycling Challenge, Bike Month Pledge, Bike Bingo, and Scavenger Hunt.

A sub-committee for Bike Month has been formed, including some DATC members, to coordinate the plans and activities for Bike Month which is focused on fostering collaboration, building relationships, and sharing ideas with partners.

7. Other Business

A) June Bike Month – R. Lalonde

Moved by J. Bates, Seconded by K. Haines,
That we recommend to the Planning and Economic Development Committee for approval and subsequent recommendation to Regional Council:

Whereas June is Bike Month;

And whereas Durham Regional Planning Staff have organized numerous bike friendly activities annually for over a decade to educate residents about cycling safety, promote the benefits of cycling, and encourage residents to bike more by participating in Bike Month throughout the month of June;

And whereas the Durham Active Transportation Committee fully supports the Region's planned Bike Month activities;

Now therefore be it resolved that the Durham Active Transportation Committee request Regional Council's support of the planned Regional Bike Month activities, and proclaim the month of June as Bike Month in the Region of Durham.

CARRIED

B) Oshawa BMX Mountain Bike Trail – Councillor Kerr

Councillor Kerr advised that the Oshawa BMX Mountain Bike Park is expected to open in mid to late Spring of 2022. There will be a grand opening where there will be BMX demonstration rides and safety equipment displays. The event will be family centered and will cater to beginner, intermediate, and advanced level riders.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, June 23, 2022 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by C. Kobelka, Seconded by Councillor Kerr,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:27 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation
Committee

S. Samuel, Committee Clerk