



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Committee of the Whole Agenda

Regional Council Chambers
Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

February 6 and 7, 2018

9:00 AM

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE ADDENDUM

3. Delegations

- 3.2 Scott Wilson, on behalf of Jones Pumping, Tim Byers Septic Services and Coulter Pumping, re: New policy charged to Septic Haulers for access to Water Pollution Control Plants

5. Finance & Administration

Finance

5.1 Communications

- B) Bruce MacDonald, Executive Director of the Durham Region Cycling Coalition, providing public comments by the Coalition referencing various regional reports, and certain aspects of the Regional Cycling Plan and Road Projects for inclusion on the February 6 and 7, 2018 Committee of the Whole agenda for discussion during the 2018 Regional Business Plans and Budgets for Property Tax Purposes.
[Agenda Pages 8a to 8d]

Recommendation: Refer to consideration of Report #2018-COW-19
[Item 5.3 C]



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30 January 2018 (Via email)

Attention: Regional Clerk of Durham Region

Dear Sir,

Re: Agenda Items for Upcoming Meetings

Please accept this letter as public comment by Durham Region Cycling Coalition for inclusion on the agendas of the Committee of the Whole Meeting on February 6 and 7, 2018 and the 2018 Regional Business Plans and Property Tax Budgets discussions during the Regional Council meeting on Wednesday, February 14, 2018.

Our comments reference various regional reports, as listed below, which were presented during 2017 meetings as well as certain aspects of the Regional Cycling Plan and Roads Projects:

- 2017-COW-241-2018 Transportation Servicing and Financing Study;
- 2017-COW-268: Transportation Master Plan Update Study – Final Transportation Master Plan;
- Durham Vision Zero - Strategic Roadway Safety Action Plan;
- Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) Recipients Durham Region (Upper Tier) \$2,216,953;
- 2017-Info-99: Cycle Durham Update Report, Regional Cycling Communications Plan, File: D21-32.

Comments regarding the 2018 Transportation Servicing and Financing Study:

1. Subsection 2.7.1 indicates that cycling improvements in the proposed 2018 Roads Capital Program *includes only three projects that add a mere 2,365 m* to the Regional Cycling Network. We would request a review of the total list of projects so as to *include a more significant addition to the Regional Cycling Network in 2018.*



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2. Subsection 2.7.2 refers to the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC) and states that 13 projects have been identified that would receive up to 80% provincial funding. We would request that at least the following projects be included in the 2018 budget:
 - a. Cochrane Street (Reg.Rd. 43) Cycling Lanes
 - b. Taunton Road (Reg.Rd. 4) MUP
 - c. Victoria Street (Reg.Rd. 22) MUP (east of Thickson Road to Oshawa GO Station)
 - d. Bayly Street (Reg. Rd.22) Multi-use Path (MUP)
3. Regarding Table 1: Priority Road and Transportation Projects (2018-2027) we suggest that any roads in the table that fall within the Regional Cycling Network are given priority and include cycling facilities such as paved shoulders, Multi Use Paths and other Book 18 infrastructure. In particular the Bayly/Victoria/Bloor corridor and Harmony Road widening from Rossland Road to Conlin Road.
4. Under section 2.6 2018 Road Work to Accommodate Highway 407 Extension and Support Growth we request that the work takes into consideration safe cycling infrastructure to connect with the MTO bridge construction over Hwy 407 which, we understand, will include pave shoulders (in lieu of gravel) on the bridge approaches for the generally used cycling routes.

Comments regarding the Transportation Master Plan Update Study – Final Transportation Master Plan:

1. We request that what has been identified as “cycling infill projects” be identified and added to the 2018 road construction projects.

Comments regarding the Durham Vision Zero - Strategic Roadway Safety Action Plan:

1. We ask that a budget placeholder be created so that the recommendations that will be presented to council this spring will have funding in place to start implementing the plan in 2018.



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Comments regarding the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Program (OMCC):

1. We request that a budget placeholder be included in the Planning budget for the recommendations included in the Program.

Comments regarding 2017-Info-99 Cycle Durham Update Report, Regional Cycling Communications Plan, File: D21-32:

1. We ask that a budget line item be added to the Planning budget for the items listed in the report.
2. Regarding Section 4.3, in order to continue the momentum and further the mandates of Metolinx's 2014 RTP for GTHA and in particular "Working towards obtaining a Bicycle Friendly Community designation by way of encouraging and supporting area municipalities to obtain the designation." We suggest that the Durham TMP and the Durham Regional Cycling Plan include budget provisions for obtaining the Bicycle Friendly Community status awarded by the Ontario Share the Road Coalition.

In this regard Oshawa and Whitby currently have bronze status and Ajax has recently been upgraded to Silver status. The Region itself may also consider obtaining the Bike Friendly status as well as providing encouragement and support to the other municipalities in their efforts. To bring this together a joint workshop meeting of all the municipalities and the Region would be an opportunity to share the benefits and obtain advice for submitting an application to Share the Road Coalition.

We would venture a budget for the workshop in 2018 of \$10,000 consisting of \$1,000 from each of the five water front municipalities, \$500 from the northern municipalities and \$5,000 from the Region.



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Additional points for inclusion in the 2018 budget

1. Addition of Book 18 type infrastructure on roads with junctions to Hwy 412 between Ajax and Whitby, specifically on Taunton Road W, Rossland Road W and Dundas Street W. This might include a joint application by Ajax, Whitby and the Region for future provincial CycleON grants.
2. Improvements to intersections controlled by the Region where they intersect with municipal active transportation networks (on-road and multi-use paths) possibly to include green pavement marking, sharrows, line painting etc.
3. Subsequent to the Region's approval of the new Transportation Master Plan the redevelopment of a new Regional Cycling Plan should be completed in 2018.

We thank you for your consideration of the above.

Yours truly,

Bruce MacDonald,

Executive Director, Durham Region Cycling Coalition