

The Regional Municipality of Durham
MINUTES
DURHAM TRAIL CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE
September 13, 2018

A meeting of the Durham Trail Co-ordinating Committee was held on Thursday, September 13, 2018, in Meeting Room 1-B, Main Level, Regional Headquarters, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

Present: T. Clayton, Chair, Brock
J. Ballinger, Regional Councillor, Uxbridge
C. Gray, Clarington
K. Jones, Vice Chair, Oshawa
R. Lalonde, Whitby
I. McDougall, Scugog
P. Smith, Uxbridge

Absent: J. Back, Local Councillor, Scugog
D. Carter, Regional Councillor, Oshawa
S. Collier, Regional Councillor, Ajax
G. Lodwick, Local Councillor, Brock
A. Mujeeb, Pickering
Joe Neal, Regional Councillor, Clarington
D. Pickles, Regional Councillor, Pickering
E. Roy, Regional Councillor, Whitby
M. Weist, Ajax

Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
P. Roy, Manager, Transportation Planning & Research; Planning and Economic Development
R. Trewin, Project Manager, Transportation Design, Works Department
C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services

Chair Clayton introduced Constance Gray, the new Clarington representative on the DTCC. At the request of the Chair, C. Gray provided a summary of her interests with respect to the Durham Trail Coordinating Committee.

1. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Ballinger, Seconded by K. Jones,
That the minutes of the regular meeting of the Durham Trail
Co-ordinating Committee held on May 3, 2018, be adopted.

CARRIED

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Presentations

A) John Grieve, Supervisor of Transportation, Planning and Development Services, Town of Ajax, re: Bike Friendly Community Program

J. Grieve provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "Bike Friendly Community (BFC) Program". He advised that the Program was launched by the Share the Road Cycling Coalition in August 2010; and provides incentives, hands-on assistance and award level recognition to communities.

J. Grieve reviewed the BFC application process, including the assessment checklist, application deadlines, and tips on how to be a 'Champion'. He advised that additional details are available on the Share the Road Cycling Coalition webpage.

J. Grieve provided an overview of the next steps for the Town of Ajax which includes continuing to support and promote active and sustainable transportation options; to evolve, expand and refine outreach events and initiatives; explore new opportunities; and evaluate and analyze the network, gaps and impacts.

J. Grieve responded to questions regarding the extent of his involvement at the Town of Ajax in the pre-consultation planning process on future cycling decisions such as zoning and local road upgrades.

Discussion ensued on re-identifying the Durham Trail Coordinating Committee (DTCC) as the Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC); how the DATC will assist on matters of AT with the Region and the local area municipalities; and the need for designated AT budgets and funding.

A. Caruso advised that the Region will be working with Share the Road Cycling Coalition to host a series of Bicycle Friendly Communities Workshops that will be held on September 27 and 28, 2018, as well as on October 2, 2018.

B) Dan Andrews, Watershed Coordinator, Lake Simcoe Region, Conservation Authority, re: Beaver River Wetland Trail (BRTW)

D. Andrews provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding an update on the Beaver River Wetland Trail (BRWT) titled, "Building from Success". He advised that the Conservation landholdings own, manage or hold easement over 35 properties; 2,425 ha being in

Durham, York and Simcoe Regions; and includes a range of landscapes, ecosystem types and recreational opportunities.

D. Andrew reviewed the uniqueness of the landholdings active recreation areas; passive recreation areas; natural heritage areas; ecological preserves; and conservation easements. He also displayed maps identifying the BRWT in Durham; and the Beaver River Wetland Conservation Area trail and natural heritage boundary areas.

D. Andrew explained that in moving forward, the challenges include sustaining adequate funding to maintain the Trail; mitigating risks and liability; encroachment issues; managing property proactively vs. reactively; meeting public expectations; dealing with ATVs; and securing an agreement with Infrastructure Ontario. He outlined the various BRWT partnerships and collaboration; user safety improvements and user engagement. He explained that what is needed next is help with mid-trail parking close to Blackwater.

D. Andrews responded to questions of the Committee.

Discussion ensued regarding the “No Trespassing” signs posted along the Beaver River; the navigational challenges to paddle up certain sections of the river; and the number of users on the Trail.

C) Ron Trewin, Project Manager, Transportation Design, Works Department,
re: Transportation Design and Standards for Cycling

R. Trewin provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, “Transportation Design and Standards for Cycling”.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- General background – regional road network
- Budget and forecast figures
- Expansion projects
- Road rehabilitation projects
- Design Considerations
- What’s New
- The Regional Municipality of Durham 2018 Region Roads Network Map – Transportation Infrastructure
- Capital Road Program Growth

R. Trewin reviewed the Priority Corridor expansion projects forecasted for 2019 - 2027; the proposed 2018 - 2022 Road Rehabilitation Projects; and 2018 - 2022 Structures Projects. He displayed maps depicting the Seaton – Region Road Network Map; the 2018 Rural Road Rehabilitation Projects within the Region; and the 2018 Intersection Project with future rural road reconstruction.

R. Trewin outlined the improvements, enhancements and upgrades to the cycling infrastructure. These include right-of-way widening property purchases; paved shoulders including rumble strips and buffer for a 300 m section along Lake Ridge Road. He also outlined the changes in Regional policy which allows for bicycle accessible shoulders, to pave all rural road shoulders where feasible.

R. Trewin also discussed the new Waterfront Trail on Victoria Street in the Town of Whitby; implementation of the Cross Rides standard at intersections with multi-use paths; and the proposed building of roundabouts at Lake Ridge Road and Regional Road 12 and Regional Road 57 and Regional Road 3.

Discussion ensued regarding cycling not being a direct line item in the capital budget; the paving of Mara Road in the Township of Brock not being part of the Lake Simcoe cycling plan; and the potential for cycling opportunities along Castle Harbour Drive in Port Perry.

R. Trewin responded to questions of the Committee regarding the construction of the Lynde Creek tributary bridge; and whether the loose stone in the Reach Road and Highway 12 area could be cleaned up.

P. Smith inquired whether the application of rumble strips to protect the shoulders on all Regional rural roads could be part of the paving when widening these roads. R. Trewin advised he would follow-up with staff on the application of rumble strips during the widening of Regional rural roads and report back to the Committee.

D) Cameron Richardson, Project Manager and Arlen Leeming, Project Manager, Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, re: The Meadoway

A. Leeming provided a PowerPoint presentation titled, "The Meadoway – Community Powered Green Spaces". He advised that The Meadoway will build strong communities and put nature back into city living by connecting ravines, parks and neighbourhoods from the Don River Ravine in downtown Toronto to the Rouge National Urban Park in Scarborough. A copy of the "Meadoway – Community Powered Green Spaces" pamphlet/poster was provided as a handout.

A. Leeming presented photos displaying the transformation of a barren hydro power corridor into a 16 kilometre stretch of urban greenspace and meadowlands. He advised that the Meadoway trails will allow pedestrians and cyclists to travel the entire length without ever leaving the park.

Highlights from the presentation included:

- High Functioning Pollinator Habitat
- An Active Transportation Route
- The Future of Urban Agriculture
- Innovative Meadow Maintenance
- Four Seasons Adventure
- World Class and Transformative Connections
- Conservation Begins with Connection
- An Iconic City Building Opportunity

A video titled, "Trail Powerline" was viewed by the Committee which provided an overview of The Meadoway initiative by the Toronto and Region Conservation Authority, W. Garfield Weston Foundation and the City of Toronto.

4. Discussion Items

There were no items for discussion.

5. Information Items

- A) Report #2018-COW-125: Durham Trail Coordinating Committee 2018 Regional Trail Network (RTN) Map Update, File: A01-40

A copy of Report #2018-COW-125 of the Commissioner of Planning and Economic Development was received as Attachment #2 to the agenda.

Moved by P. Smith, Seconded by C. Gray,
That Information Item A) be received for information.
CARRIED

6. Other Business

- A) Durham Trail Coordinating Committee Update

A. Caruso provided the following update:

- With the upcoming 2018 Municipal Election and the inaugural of a new Regional Council the December meeting has been cancelled;
- The existing sitting DTCC citizen members will be asked by their local municipalities to confirm their intent to remain on the DATC for the 2018 - 2022 term; and
- That the members submit their expense claims to A. Caruso after signing.

Chair Clayton thanked the Committee members for the volunteering of their time and efforts over the last four years.

7. Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, March 21, 2019, in Room 1-G, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Ballinger, Seconded by I. McDougall,
That the meeting be adjourned.
CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:50 PM.

T. Clayton, Chair,
Durham Trail Coordinating Committee

C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk