



The Regional Municipality of Durham

Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Agenda

Thursday, September 16, 2021

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 June 10, 2021 ([Attachment 1](#))

4 Presentations

A) Active Transportation Updates: Armi deFrancia (Town of Ajax)

B) ActiveTO: Laura Perruzza and Sandro Tersigni (City of Toronto)

5 Discussion Items

A) Waterfront Trail at Corbett Creek Water Control Plant – Ron Lalonde

6 Information Items

- A) Envision Durham: Protected Major Transit Station Areas Regional Official Plan Amendment (Report # [2021-P-21](#)) – Colleen Goodchild (Region of Durham)
- B) Envision Durham: The Housing Intensification Study (Report # [2021-INFO-94](#)) – Colleen Goodchild (Region of Durham)
- C) York Durham Line Update – Ron Lalonde

7 Other Business

- A) Oshawa Bike Park – Councillor Rick Kerr (City of Oshawa)

8 Date of Next Meeting

Thursday, December 9, 2021 (to be determined)

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MINUTES

DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, June 10, 2021

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, June 10, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:11 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

1. Roll Call

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

*** all members of Committee participated electronically**

Absent: R. Kerr, Regional Councillor, Oshawa
S. Lee, Regional Councillor, Ajax
J. Martin, Brock

Staff

Present: *A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
*D. Culp, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT
*S. Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Durham Region
*G. Pereira, Manager, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development
*C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services
*** denotes staff participating electronically**

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Adoption of Minutes

Moved by J. Bate, Seconded by C. Kobelka,
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on March 11, 2021, be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations

A) Lukas Gillham, Engineering Technologist, The Township of Uxbridge, re: Uxbridge Active Transportation Plan

Lukas Gillham, Engineering Technologist, Township of Uxbridge, provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the Township of Uxbridge Active Transportation Plan.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- About the Active Transportation Plan
- The Active Transportation Plan: What It Is and Is Not
- The Study the Process
 - Future Directions, Strategies and Actions
 - Implementation, Operations and Maintenance Plans
- Shaping the Process
 - A number of engagement and consultation activities were undertaken to inform the plan
- Online Survey Results
- Stakeholder Interviews
- Committee Meetings
- The Draft Active Transportation Plan
- Network Development Approach
- Applying Ontario Transportation Manual (OTM) Book 18
- Potential Facilities Types
- The proposed AT network – 87 km
- Promotion and Outreach
 - Phase 1: Foundations
 - Phase 2: Basic Programming
 - Phase 3: Advanced Programming
- Implementation Approach
 - Short Term 0 to 10 years
 - Long Term 10+ years
- Implementing the Plan
- How much will it cost to build?
 - Estimated Cost is \$1.27 Million for 79 km over 10 years
- Supporting Implementation

L. Gillham provided an overview of the online Survey Results. He advised in terms of users of the pins placed, 37 per cent were pedestrians and 22 per cent were cyclists; and, in terms of trip purpose, 39 per cent were recreational and 36 per cent was for health and fitness; and a total of 337 pins were placed on a map outlining specific destinations, barriers, and, bike and walking routes. He noted that comments received included the need for improvement in and beyond the downtown areas, parking, trail conditions, and crossings.

L. Gillham also advised that the top four principles identified in the Survey results, for the plan, were safety, connectivity, convenience, and accessibility.

L. Gillham advised that the draft [Uxbridge Transportation Plan](#) is available on the Township's website; and, he invited the Committee to contact him with any questions or comments regarding the Plan.

The Committee stressed the importance of the need for interaction between the local municipalities along with the support and participation from the Region of Durham.

M. Gibbons commended the Township of Uxbridge on the wayfinding as you enter from the Great Trail, west of Lake Ridge, into the Township of Uxbridge and noted that the information is very clear and detailed. L. Gillham responded to questions regarding what experiences the Township of Uxbridge could share with the local municipalities in terms of wayfinding; and, whether the Uxbridge Active Transportation Plan provides for wayfinding at the end of the Ewen Trail on Main Street.

Discussion ensued regarding the estimated \$1.27 million in funding required for the Uxbridge Active Transportation plan: L. Gillham responded to a question regarding whether monies from the Federal Gas Tax fund will be a source of revenue to support the Active Transportation model.

The Committee thanked Lukas Gillham for his interesting and informative presentation.

B) Steven Kemp, re: Durham Region Works Initiatives and Updates

Steven Kemp provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the status of Durham Region Works' initiatives.

S. Kemp discussed an incident involving a 64 year old male cyclist who suffered critical injuries resulting from a vehicle collision, at the intersection of Regional Road 47 and Old Stouffville Road, in the Township of Uxbridge. He stressed the importance of the active transportation work being undertaken.

Highlights of his presentation included:

- Updates
 - Michael Starr Trail Crossing
 - Commissioning of the 1st Mid-Block Trail Crossing for Pedestrians & Cyclists
 - Highway 2 – Bike Lane Delineation Pilot Project
 - Waterfront Trail – Greenbelt Route – Connection
 - Eco-Counters
 - Pedestrian and Cyclist Count Equipment/Data Logger
 - York Durham Line – Wagg Road to Aurora Road

S. Kemp invited the Committee to contact him by with any questions or comments regarding the Works initiatives.

Discussion ensued regarding the safety changes implemented at the Rossland Road crossing

G. Pereira and S. Kemp responded to questions with respect to the proposed Durham-Scarborough Bus Rapid Transit (DSBRT) bicycle infrastructure plans in the City of Oshawa for the routes parallel to King Street, along Gibb Street and Adelaide Street; the bus stops along the Highway 2 corridor; and the shared bus-bike lanes in mixed traffic in terms of bicyclist safety and how bicyclists would pass a stopped bus. S. Kemp suggested that the members look at the reserved lanes that are now operational, with painted red blocks, for buses and bicyclist riders along the corridor of Morningside Avenue, south of Highway 401. He added that any comments regarding the shared bus-bike lanes can be provided to Metrolinx.

S. Kemp also responded to questions regarding whether a list of the ECO Counters device locations is available; if the devices will be operational throughout the year; and, would the Strava data collected be utilized in conjunction with the ECO Counter devices to solidify the data. He invited the Committee to forward any suggestions for the ECO Counter device site locations to staff.

The Committee thanked Steven Kemp for the work the Region is doing to support safe cycling.

C) Danielle Culp, Planning Analyst, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development, Durham Region; re: the E-Mobility By-law Update

Danielle Culp provided a PowerPoint presentation update on the E-Mobility By-law.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
 - Why develop a by-law?
 - Phase 1: Background & Engagement (Q4 2020 to Q3 2021)
 - Phase 2: Revise and finalizer By-law (Q4 2021)
- Progress to date and rationale of approach taken
- Overview of draft by-law components and structure
 - What does it include, where does it apply?
- Upcoming consultation
 - Consultation purpose
 - Timeline and approach
- Next Steps & Conclusions

D. Culp advised that the E-Mobility By-law will permit the use of E-mobility devices including E-Scooters and E-Bikes on Regional roads; and will establish clear regulations on the safe operation of E-Mobility devices.

D. Culp provided an overview of the three key components that led to the undertaking of this by-law including the concerns and demands raised within the community, Bill 282: The Moving Ontarians More Safely Act, 2021: and, to

support Regional safety goals and enhance coordination and consistency for use of E-Mobility devices with the area municipalities.

D. Culp advised the consultation process will ensure that the by-law reflects the needs of the public and key stakeholders and provided an overview of the public consultation process and timelines.

D. Culp outlined the next steps and invited the Committee to contact herself or Greg Pereira with any questions or comments they would like to share with the project team.

D. Culp responded to questions regarding whether E-Mobility riders will be required to have a valid driver's license, similar to the requirements in Europe. Discussion followed on the requirements outlined in the Highway Traffic Act, and the need for a series of education campaigns on the proper use of the E-Mobility devices in the community.

D. Culp and G. Pereira responded to questions regarding the approach for the integration of the E-Mobility by-law between a regional and a municipal road to ensure the by-law is consistently applied; and, whether the Region's E-Mobility by-law will be adopted by the area municipalities.

D. Culp responded to further questions with respect to the difference between a power assisted bicycle versus a motor assisted foot bicycle; at what age will teenagers be legal to ride E-bikes; the concerns regarding the definition of what constitutes 'cargo' being carried on an E-Mobility device; the changes under Bill 282: The Moving Ontarians More Safely Act; whether the Working group has been constituted yet, and if not, could the DATC members be part of the Working group; the design criteria outlined for the definition of Type 1: Bike style, Type 2: Moped style, and Type 3: motorcycle E-bikes; whether an E-Bike is limited to 32 km per hour under the Federal legislation; and, if the motorcycle design will be banned from the waterfront trails in the Region.

It was suggested that efforts be made to include teenagers, as part of the stakeholders, in order to receive input from a youth perspective.

5. Discussion Items

There were no items to be discussed.

6. Information Items

A) Durham Regional Cycling Plan 2021 – Draft Document

A. Caruso advised that Report #2021-P-13: Durham Regional Cycling Plan, 2021 (2021-P-13) was adopted at the May 7, 2021 Planning & Economic Development Committee meeting and will be considered at the October 5, 2021 Committee of the Whole meeting; and, that the Report is available on the Regional website. He noted that both he and D. Culp will be presenting the Plan to the Councils of the eight local area municipalities.

A. Caruso also advised he would email the Regional Cycling Plan project link to the members.

7. Other Business

A) Durham Tourism You Tube Video Releases

A. Caruso advised that Durham Tourism launched the release of a series of You Tube videos promoting cycling and he would email the link to the members.

B) Ontario Snowmobile Club

M. Gibbons acknowledged the Ontario Snowmobile Club for their efforts for the bridge repairs along the Great Trail, that crosses the Beaver River wetlands, between Line 12 and Lakeridge Road in the Township of Scugog.

C) Port Perry Pedals

M. Gibbons advised that the Rotary Club of Port Perry will be hosting the Port Perry Pedals cycling event on September 12, 2021 to celebrate Port Perry's 150th year anniversary. The routes will range from 30 km to 150 km, and the funds raised from the event will go towards a CT scanner for the Lakeridge Health Port Perry Hospital.

D) The Town of Whitby Active Transportation Plan

Chair Lalonde advised that the Active Transportation Plan for the Town of Whitby will be presented to Whitby Council on June 14, 2021, for approval.

E) Bike Month

D. Culp advised that the Region will be hosting the Durham Region Bike Month event from June 1 to 30, 2021. She noted that, though Bike Month would be different this year, there will lots of opportunities to be active and ride your bike including a [Bike Month Pledge contest](#).

Chair Lalonde, on behalf of the Committee, congratulated Cheryl Tennisco, Committee Clerk, on her upcoming retirement and thanked her for the tremendous work she has done over the years during her time as the Committee Clerk for the DATC.

8. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, September 16, 2021 in Council Chambers, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

9. Adjournment

Moved by K. Haines, Seconded by A. Heywood,
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 PM

R. Lalonde, Chair
Durham Active Transportation Committee

C. Tennisco, Committee Clerk