



TOWN OF COLLINGWOOD

TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 14, 2024, 2:30 p.m.
Collingwood Public Library
Community Rooms B & C, Third Floor
55 Ste. Marie Street, Collingwood ON

Members Present: Murray Knowles, Chair
Marianne Staempfli
Dave Stamper
Diane Belanger
Janet Gates
Linda Haldenby
John Millar
Jody Wilson

Members Absent: Dallyce Macas, Vice Chair

Staff Present: Dylan Stoneman, Engineering Design Technologist
Peggy Slama, Director
Jenny Haines, Administrative Coordinator

Others: George Christe, Honorary Member
Jennifer Parker, Manager of Culture and Events
Councillor Deb Doherty

1. Call to Order

Chair Knowles called the meeting of the Trails and Active Transportation Committee to order at 2:32 p.m.

2. Adoption of the Agenda

TRA-030-2024

Moved by: Jody Wilson

Seconded by: Marianne Staempfli

THAT the content of the Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting agenda for November 14, 2024, be adopted as presented.

CARRIED

3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest

None.

4. Adoption of Minutes

For information purposes, the minutes of the regular meeting of the Trails and Active Transportation Advisory Committee meeting held October 10, 2024, were approved electronically by the Committee and forwarded to Council for receipt at its next regular meeting.

5. Business Arising from the Previous Meeting

5.1 Cameron Street Feasibility Study

Director Slama confirmed that Staff have recently received the consultants report regarding the Cameron Street Feasibility Study. Director Slama briefed Committee on the recommended option put forward by the consultants. Engineering Design Technologist Stoneman provided an overview of the scope of the work and confirmed that he will share the Report with Chair Knowles and schedule a meeting to meet with Committee members to discuss with Staff. Chair Knowles confirmed that he would select Committee members to meet with Staff. Director Slama noted that funding has been allocated for the study and not for the work, noting that the implementation for the work is not in the 2025 work plan.

5.2 Harbourview Trail street signs and Landfill STOP sign

Chair Knowles confirmed that a stop sign has been put up at the exit gate at the Landfill. Committee members noted that the stop sign can be seen on the trail and cyclists must stop. Engineering Design Technologist Stoneman confirmed that Manager Martin will be ordering a sign for the street crossings on the Harbourview Trail.

5.3 Trail counters

Member Millar briefed Committee on types of counters available for counting trail usage noting differences in technology, function, data output and various price points for each.

Committee discussed whether or not it is important to know who is on the trails, noting the difference between cyclists or pedestrians and what has been done with the current data that has been collected over the years. Committee members concurred that collecting data on trail usage can be beneficial when prioritizing construction, maintenance or prioritizing projects. Members noted the importance of having data and metrics to support grant applications, budget requests or community recognition awards such as the 'bike friendly community' designation.

Committee discussed the importance of obtaining information beyond the use of the trail noting the various modes of active transportation and data

collected that could impact decisions of road maintenance and future cycling facility considerations.

Member Millar requested that Committee consider how many counters would be needed and to identify priority locations for installation. Committee discussed concerns regarding theft, whether they should be hidden or visible to the public, how often they should be moved around and the dedicated time it takes to install them. Member Millar confirmed he would note the concerns to the vendors and report back to Committee with their recommendation.

5.4 GPS on-line map

Member Wilson provided Committee with a demonstration of on-line mapping he has put together working with the Town's GIS Specialist Lindsay Gosnell. Member Wilson noted the benefit of visualizing locations that are being discussed during meetings confirming that the mapping system will be able to stay up-to-date with Town projects, trail issues and infrastructure. Member Wilson noted the benefit of having trail captains use the map in real-time to report concerns via their mobile device and suggested that moving forward, the map stay updated with information so that Staff can see what the Committee is working on.

Member Wilson provided a high level review of GIS mapping, how data can be merged and the benefit to accessing information with key details in one location. Member Wilson confirmed that what is visible to the public will be the decision of Committee and that it can be updated at any time.

Committee concurred that the data that is being collected and shared will very helpful to Staff and the public and reviewed the various efficiencies that would come out of implementation. Chair Knowles noted that he would meet with Member Wilson and assist in passing along information that could be useful to map users and confirmed that there is no cost to move this program along.

Committee members thanked Member Wilson for brining this forward and gave a special thanks to Lindsay Gosnell for her efforts in putting this together.

5.5 On-line map donation link

This item was not discussed at this meeting.

5.6 2025 Budget

Chair Knowles noted that the first budget meeting with Council was held on November 13. Chair Knowles confirmed that in preparation for the Coffee with Council meeting on November 20, he would provide Committee with a review of what items the Committee would like to see brought forward for budget consideration.

6. Deputations

6.1 Bike Tour - April 29

Jennifer Parker, Manager of Culture and Events spoke confirming that the Town will be hosting the upcoming OSUM Conference and will be offering a bike tour excursion for conference delegates. Manager Parker looked to the Committee for their assistance, expertise and collaboration in developing a bike tour that would showcase the Town's active transportation network. Manager Parker noted that the tour would be approximately two hours long with a stop for food and drink and that the route would have to be adequate for any level of biking ability.

Manager Parker confirmed the date of the tour will be April 29, 2025 and Committee discussed options for routes taking into consideration that the trails might not be in the best shape at that time of year. Committee members concurred that they would collaborate with Staff on this project.

Councillor Doherty noted the GPS mapping and suggested that consideration could be made to showcase that during this time.

Manager Parker left the meeting at this time.

7. Reports

7.1 Construction

Chair Knowles noted the re-built platform with new railings at the end of the Hen & Chickens boardwalk is complete and that the metal staircases for both sides of the platform have been ordered and will be installed next Spring.

Committee discussed the construction on Campbell Street and asked Staff if consideration has been made regarding the land at 420 High Street and adding a trails connection between the future extension of Campbell to Chamberlain Crescent. Director Slama confirmed that Staff have made mention for the desired trail connection, but that land acquisition is not a priority at this time.

7.2 Capital Project Update Report - November 2024

The November 2024 Capital Project update report was deferred to the next meeting.

7.3 Maintenance

There was no update provided at this meeting.

7.4 Trail Captain

Chair Knowles noted that trail captain coordinator Jack Pady sent out an email thanking all his trail captains for their efforts this year and requested confirmation of their continued efforts next year.

7.5 Communication

There was no update provide at this meeting.

8. Other Business

8.1 Election of Chair and Vice Chair

TRA-031-2024

Moved by: Dave Stamper

Seconded by: Marianne Staempfli

THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Advisory Committee defer the election of its Chair and Vice-Chair positions until it's January 2025 meeting;

AND THAT Chair Knowles and Vice-Chair Macas continue in their respective roles until the election is held in December.

CARRIED

8.2 Terminals Point - Public Spaces Redevelopment Information & Engagement Session

Committee discussed the upcoming Terminals Point - Public Spaces Redevelopment Information & Engagement Session taking place on Wednesday, November 27 at 6:00 p.m. at Simcoe Street Theatre, 64 Simcoe Street.

8.3 Sidewalk Bylaw

Chair Knowles noted that an update to the Town's Sidewalk Bylaw is required and that he will follow up with Staff regarding plans to progress this work.

8.4 Ontario By Bike Travel Stats

Chair Knowles confirmed that the bike travel statistics were circulated for information.

8.5 Provincial Bike Lane Issue

Chair Knowles indicated that the chair of the trails committee at the Town of Midland reached out regarding concerns they are having with the new Provincial Bike Lane policy. Chair Knowles noted that although many other organizations are issuing statements to the Province regarding the new policy, he des not believe that the implementation of this policy would have an impact on any of the Town's planned road reconstruction jobs since there are no situations where traffic lanes are being reduced to accommodate cycling infrastructure.

8.6 Planning Application Review

Committee discussed the Linksvie Development noting concern with the 10m buffer zone from the golf course and if the Committee feels that a trail should be included. Director Slama confirmed she would follow up with Manager Martin.

Committee then discussed the Cranberry Marsh Estates and Gateway Center. Chair Knowles requested that Committee review the applications and provide comments that he can compile and submit on behalf of the Committee.

9. Correspondence

None.

10. Public Delegation(s) (Maximum 5 Minutes per Delegation)

None.

11. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Trails and Active Transportation Advisory Committee will take place on Thursday, December 12, 2024, commencing at 2:30 p.m.

12. Adjournment

Moved by: Member Millar

THAT the meeting of the Trails and Active Transportation Advisory Committee be hereby adjourned at 4:29 p.m. **CARRIED.**

Chair