



**Town of Aurora
Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee
Meeting Minutes**

Date: Wednesday, June 28, 2023
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor John Gallo (Chair)
Steve Fleck
Owen Heritage (Vice Chair)
Lil Kim
Gino Martino
Klaus Wehrenberg

Members Absent: Giovanni Turla

Other Attendees: Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst, Engineering Services
Palak Mehta, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

The Committee consented to extend the hour past 9:00 p.m. for 30 minutes.

2. Land Acknowledgement

The Committee acknowledged that the meeting took place on Anishinaabe lands, the traditional and treaty territory of the Chippewas of Georgina Island, recognizing the many other Nations whose presence here continues to this day, the special relationship the Chippewas have with the lands and waters of this territory, and that Aurora has shared responsibility for the stewardship of these lands and waters. It was noted that Aurora is part of the treaty lands of the

Mississaugas and Chippewas, recognized through Treaty #13 and the Williams Treaties of 1923.

3. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Lil Kim

Seconded by Owen Heritage

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services be approved.

Carried

4. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. M.50*.

5. Receipt of the Minutes

5.1 Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Steve Fleck

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of April 26, 2023 be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

The Committee consented to consider items in the following order: 7.2, and 7.1.

7.1 Memorandum from Traffic and Transportation Analyst; Re: Centre Street Speed Limit Amendment

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum noting that Metrolinx will be installing a second track for the Barrie Line GO Expansion project. A 50-meter section of Centre Street will need to be reprofiled. The proposed reprofiling will result in a required speed reduction from the existing speed limit of 40 kilometers per hour to 30 kilometers per hour on the impacted section of Centre Street.

The Committee supported reducing the speed limit on Centre Street as a requirement of the infrastructure project and discussed the need to express the significance of level-crossings to Metrolinx, as well as the need for cycling infrastructure along Industrial Parkway to improve access to the GO Station and asking Metrolinx to improve sidewalks.

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Klaus Wehrenberg

1. That the memorandum regarding Centre Street Speed Limit Amendment be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Centre Street Speed Limit Amendment be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Traffic and Transportation Analyst; Re: Complete Streets and Bikeway Planning and Design Presentation

Shawn Smith, Senior Project Manager, and Sandy Yang, Project Planner, WSP provided an overview of the cycling facility design and operation. The overview included an introduction to Ontario Traffic Manual (OTM) Book 18 and update, design users, cycling facilities, and facility selection.

Dave McLaughlin, Project Director, and Sandy Yang, WSP presented a progress update on the draft Active Transportation Master Plan ("Master Plan") including: network development process, route selection criteria, facility selection tool, informing the facility type, proposed cycling network with facility types, proposed pedestrian network with facility types, and

next steps. It was also noted that a pilot project (road diet) previously deferred by Council, regarding a three-lane cross-section and buffer bike lanes on each side on a downtown section of Yonge Street to increase economic development in the downtown core, would be revisited.

The Committee and presenters discussed the need for separate cycling infrastructure and sidewalks along the St. John's Sideroad corridor, and the opportunity for York Region to consider the proposals in the Master Plan to at the time of future road rehabilitation.

The Committee and presenters identified and discussed the significance of level crossings along the rail corridor, grade separations, and funding. The Committee expressed their support for crossings in the draft Master Plan in alignment with the Trails Master Plan before it is shared with Metrolinx. They also discussed opportunities to provide input and increase active transportation in the community, pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, traffic safety, and connectivity.

Moved by Lil Kim

Seconded by Gino Martino

1. That the memorandum regarding Complete Streets and Bikeway Planning and Design Presentation be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Complete Streets and Bikeway Planning and Design Presentation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee discussed speeding concerns expressed by a resident on the intersection of Henderson Road, Tamarac Trail, and Lee Gate. Staff added there were also traffic safety concerns expressed by a resident with respect to the utilization of a pedestrian crossing after the installation of a new intersection pedestrian signal (IPS).

The Committee further discussed traffic calming measures and the provision of a comprehensive review and update of traffic calming policy.

The Committee discussed adding a crosswalk at the St. John's Sideroad and Woodlands Hill Boulevard intersection facing Cliff Trail and funding options.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Steve Fleck

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:31 p.m.

Carried