



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

Date: Wednesday, May 22, 2024
Time: 7:00 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

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

Members Absent: Giovanni Turla

Other Attendees: Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst
Michael de Rond, Town Clerk
Emily Freitas, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

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 Gino Martino

Seconded by Steve Fleck

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 March 27, 2024**

Moved by Steve Fleck

Seconded by Gino Martino

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of March 27, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

**7.1 Memorandum from Traffic and Transportation Analyst; Re: Bike Share
Feasibility Study**

Staff provided a brief presentation on the Bike Share Feasibility Study, discussing the implementation plan consisting of three phases, possible partnerships with private bike share providers, and locations for bike share stations.

The Committee and staff discussed various aspects of the report and suggestions were made regarding consideration for: the costs of implementing a bike share program and funding availability, selecting a private operator, location recommendations near main roads and schools, focusing on the infrastructure such as concrete pads for private operators to station their bikes, stationing both bikes and eBikes, the possibility of joining with neighbouring municipalities, and the operation of the bikes including speed limits.

The Committee further discussed how the Town should accommodate non-motorized vehicles, the possibility of accidents and liability, and the option of establishing bike share stations seasonally due to weather conditions.

Staff noted that the next phase of the report is focused on implementing the bike share program, and feedback is needed from residents during phase one before the next phases can begin. They further noted that locations are high level and have been strategically selected for phase one, and Staff intends to select a private operator and consult with them to select the type of bike and appropriate operation times. Staff also clarified that the bike share program will be operated in the municipality as York Region is not implementing a region-wide program, and the Town will oversee infrastructure costs.

Moved by Klaus Wehrenberg

Seconded by Steve Fleck

1. That the memorandum regarding Bike Share Feasibility Study be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Bike Share Feasibility Study be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee discussed the idea of creating incentives to encourage residents to cycle more during the summer season, and installing more infrastructure such as bike racks outside of businesses.

The Committee requested an update from Staff on implementing yield signs and when the Committee can expect to view a future report on the subject matter that was initiated by the committee members. It was communicated that the report is expected to be presented in September.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Steve Fleck

Seconded by Gino Martino

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

Carried