

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

Date: Wednesday, September 25, 2024

Time: 7:00 p.m.

Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Steve Fleck

Owen Heritage (Vice Chair)

Lil Kim

Gino Martino

Members Absent: Giovanni Turla

Klaus Wehrenberg

Other Attendees: Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst

Ishita Soneji, Deputy 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 May 22, 2024

Moved by Steve Fleck Seconded by Gino Martino

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of May 22, 2024, be received for information.

1Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Traffic and Transportation Analyst; Re: Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program and Community Safety Zones

Staff provided the Committee with a brief overview of the memorandum regarding the Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program (ASE), indicating that two phases will be used to establish an implementation

plan and report back to Council with information collected from the pilot program.

The Committee provided suggestions on prioritizing the placement of speed cameras around elementary school zones and how staff should examine how revenue collected to fund active transportation in the Town. The Committee also inquired about the role of bylaw officers to enforce the pilot program and how fines will be dictated.

Staff provided clarification about the vendors that will be operating the pilot program as the program will be led by the Town. Staff further discussed the purpose of the pilot program and its role to enhance speed reduction and safety for students.

Moved by Steve Fleck Seconded by Lil Kim

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program and Community Safety Zones be received; and
- 2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Automated Speed Enforcement Pilot Program and Community Safety Zones be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Traffic and Transportation Analyst; Re: Yield Sign Feasibility Assessment

Staff briefly summarized the Yield Sign Feasibility Assessment memorandum and the recommendation that advises against replacing existing stop signs with yield signs.

The Committee provided a suggestion on the possibility of assessing the implementation of more roundabouts where feasible and inquired about how locations are going to be evaluated to determine the need for roundabouts based on physical space and safety measures. There was a further suggestion to install potential roundabouts in existing areas for traffic calming purposes.

Moved by Steve Fleck Seconded by Lil Kim

- 1. That the memorandum regarding Yield Sign Feasibility assessment be received; and
- That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Yield Sign Feasibility assessment be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

8.1 Memorandum from Deputy Town Clerk; Re: 2025-2026 Citizen Member Recruitment for Advisory Committees

Staff presented an overview of the memorandum, indicating that current citizen members must reapply for the second half of the Council term to be considered for a committee of interest. They also indicated that the application process is open as of September 19, 2024 until November 1, 2024.

The Committee inquired about the application process and reapplying for the same committee. Staff provided clarification noting that existing members would have to submit a new application on the current vacancies.

The Committee further discussed the process to inform existing members and staff noted that existing members have been notified via email regarding the recruitment process.

Moved by Gino Martino Seconded by Steve Fleck

 That the memorandum regarding 2025-2026 Citizen Member Recruitment for Advisory Committees be received for information.

Carried

9. New Business

The Committee inquired on how to track the progress of the Active Transportation Master Plan initiatives and upcoming capital budget proposals including capital projects and staff provided a response.

The Committee inquired about the overflow parking lot located near Aurora GO Station, expressing concerns regarding the current pedestrian route and the distance from the station.

The Committee expressed concerns regarding traffic safety for vehicles and pedestrians at the exit from Aurora GO Station to Industrial Parkway.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Steve Fleck Seconded by Lil Kim

That the meeting be adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Carried