



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

Date: Wednesday, January 22, 2025
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Steve Fleck
Owen Heritage (Vice Chair)
David McLaughlin
Gino Martino
Heidi Schellhorn

Members Absent: Lil Kim

Other Attendees: Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst
Michael Ha, Traffic and Transportation Analyst
Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Coordinator

1. Call to Order

1.1 Appointment of Committee Vice Chair

Moved by Heidi Schellhorn

Seconded by David McLaughlin

1. That Owen Heritage be appointed as Vice Chair of the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee for a two-year term (2025-2026).

Carried

Introductions were made around the table.

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 Owen Heritage

Seconded by Gino Martino

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 November 27, 2024**

Moved by Steve Fleck

Seconded by Owen Heritage

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 27, 2024, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

None.

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Transportation and Traffic Analyst; Re: Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation

Courtney Hough, Project Manager, Ainley Group, presented an overview of the Yonge Street Active Transportation Facility project, located on Yonge Street from Bloomington Road to Industrial Parkway South, including the project timeline, purpose, scope and status; active transportation facility types and options; design considerations and opportunities; evaluation matrix criteria per category; and next steps involving review of public feedback, collaboration with stakeholders, and selection of the preferred active transportation facility.

The Committee provided feedback on various aspects including the preference for Option 3, a multi-use pathway (MUP) on the west side of Yonge Street, noting it may be the most economical solution; the need for discussions with Metrolinx regarding the reconstruction of their railway overhead bridge to the north of Industrial Parkway South and how to connect an MUP with the existing sidewalk and beyond the bridge; the recommendation to go out to tender between late fall and early spring for best pricing; and the suggestion to explore available grant funding. The Committee suggested that an additional public open house be held with a further follow-up with the Committee once 60% detailed design has been completed.

The Committee, staff and consultant further discussed right of ways; volume of usage; signalization of intersections; options in the context of York Region's future BRT project and the Metrolinx bridge reconstruction; pedestrian and street lighting; grading next to the cemetery, and regional involvement in the project.

The Committee provided background information regarding the York Region plan for a future Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) corridor along the subject section of Yonge Street down to Richmond Hill, noting the Region is responsible for the roadway, boulevard, and utilities while the municipality is responsible for the sidewalk or MUP in place of a sidewalk.

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Gino Martino

1. That the memorandum regarding Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design Presentation be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate; **and**
3. **That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee requests to explore the possibility of an additional Public Open House regarding the Yonge Street Active Transportation Facilities Draft Design and further consultation with the Committee as the project progresses.**

Carried as amended

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee inquired about the feasibility of having the snow plowed on the trail between the Aurora Seniors' Centre and the Aurora Family Leisure Complex. The Chair advised that this would require Council approval of a change in service level, possibly through a member motion to Council in a future meeting cycle.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Heidi Schellhorn

That the meeting be adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

Carried