



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

Date: Wednesday, January 28, 2026
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Holland Room, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Wendy Gaertner (Chair)
Steve Fleck
Owen Heritage (Vice Chair)
Lil Kim
John David McLaughlin
Heidi Schellhorn

Members Absent: Gino Martino

Other Attendees: Matthew Volpintesta, Manager, Parks and Fleet*
Gary Greidanus, Senior Landscape Architect
Michael Bat, Traffic and Transportation Analyst
Michael Ha, Traffic and Transportation Analyst
Patricia De Sario, Director, Corporate Services/Town Solicitor,
Deputy Clerk
Julia Shipcott, Council/Committee Coordinator

*Attended electronically

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Owen Heritage

Seconded by Lil Kim

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 26, 2025

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Steve Fleck

1. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee meeting minutes of November 26, 2025, be received for information.

Carried

6. Delegations

6.1 Irina Sfranciog, Resident; Re: Item 7.2 - Traffic Calming Requests on Limeridge Street and Gateway Drive Update

Irina Sfranciog, on behalf of neighbours and with the assistance of a presentation, expressed concern regarding speeding vehicles and resident safety on Limeridge Street, due in part to the street containing no sidewalks. Further information was provided regarding overgrown

vegetation on the west side of the north curve affecting sightline visibility. The delegate asked that the Committee consider the installation of seasonal bollards in three locations on Limeridge Street to reduce speeding.

Moved by Owen Heritage

Seconded by Heidi Schellhorn

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 7.2.

Carried

7. Matters for Consideration

7.1 Memorandum from Senior Landscape Architect; Re: Town Trails Update

Staff provided an extensive overview of the Trails Master Plan from its inception prior to 2011 and outlined plans to connect existing trails to the Multi-Use Path, to collaborate with developers to design and build connecting trails within new developments, and to implement wayfinding and interpretive trail signage.

The Committee suggested the installation of solar lighting in trail areas adjacent to schools and the incorporation of local Indigenous culture and heritage on trail signage. Additionally, the Committee expressed interest in remaining informed on collaborative opportunities to extend existing trails into neighbouring municipalities and recognized the potential of promoting Aurora's vast trail system through tourism.

Moved by John David McLaughlin

Seconded by Owen Heritage

1. That the memorandum and presentation regarding Town Trails Update be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Town Trails Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

7.2 Memorandum from Transportation and Traffic Analyst; Re: Traffic Calming Requests on Limeridge Street and Gateway Drive Update

(The Limeridge Street portion of Item 7.2 was discussed prior to Item 7.1)

Limeridge Street:

Staff provided the results of recent traffic data studies undertaken and reported that rights of way allow for potential installation of a sidewalk along Limeridge Street. Staff advised that due to minimum setback requirements, installation of speed cushions is limited to one on the west north-south section of Limeridge Street. Staff also noted that the implementation of flexible signs are not feasible due to geometrical constraints and existing spacing between driveways, and advised that due to minimum setback and distance requirements, installation of speed cushions is limited to one on the west north-south section of Limeridge Street.

The Committee encouraged residents to contact York Regional Police for enforcement, engagement and education support in the neighbourhood, and to utilize the Road Watch program to report safety concerns. The Committee suggested the installation of speed display boards, and management of overgrown boulevard vegetation to ensure sightlines are maintained. Additionally, the Committee noted that the implementation of a pilot program to reduce speed limits to 30 km/h on Limeridge Street can be considered, however the pilot program should not be implemented concurrently with the installation of one speed cushion on the west branch of Limeridge Street.

Gateway Drive:

Staff noted that the study area for Gateway Drive is between Pedersen Drive and Birkshire Drive/Earl Stewart Drive, and a formal petition has not been provided for the remaining section of Gateway Drive.

The Committee advised that traffic calming measures should be considered on the entire length of Gateway Drive, and to defer any traffic calming implementation until a petition is submitted for the remaining portion of Gateway Drive between St. John's Sideroad and Pedersen Drive. The Committee further advised that a visual roadway-narrowing feature through the addition of a second painted bike lane line can improve safety for cyclists.

Moved by Lil Kim

Seconded by Owen Heritage

1. That the memorandum regarding Traffic Calming Requests on Limeridge Street and Gateway Drive Update be received; and
2. That the Active Transportation and Traffic Safety Advisory Committee comments regarding Traffic Calming Requests on Limeridge Street and Gateway Drive Update be received and referred to staff for consideration and further action as appropriate.

Carried

8. Informational Items

None.

9. New Business

The Committee inquired about the possibility of initiating snow-removal along the paved pathway connecting John West Way at the Seniors Centre to the Aurora Family Leisure Complex.

The Committee extended thanks to Operations staff for their sidewalk snow-clearing efforts.

10. Adjournment

Moved by Lil Kim

Seconded by Heidi Schellhorn

That the meeting be adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Carried