Transportation Services Division



Meeting Minutes: Active Transportation Sub-Committee

 Date:
 2021-02-23

 Time:
 6:00 pm

 Location:
 Zoom

ATSC Chair: B. Greenwood

Attendees: C. Ryall, C. Thompson, D. Toppari, D. Wyllie, F. Barr, G. McIlhone, K. Forgeron,

S. Morin, J. Gervais, P. Nicholson, G. Guthrie, M. Elmadhoon

Regrets: B. Clark
Minutes: J. MacPherson

Items for Discussion		Action
I)	Welcome & Opening Remarks – by C. Ryall	
2)	Welcome & Opening Remarks ATSC Chair – by B. Greenwood	
3)	 Transportation Services EAs Montrose Road, Lyons Creek Road & Biggar Road EA presented by Graeme Guthrie Contact info: Graeme.guthrie@niagararegion.ca 	
	 York Road and Four Mile Creek Road EA and Merritt Road/Rice Road Municipal Class presented by Maged Elmadhoon Contact info: Maged.elmadhoon@niagararegion.ca 	
	 Feedback on EAs is welcome and encouraged. Please submit feedback to the contact information noted above for each EA. 	
4)	 Meeting Minutes Review – February 4, 2020 ATSC Minutes were approved by TSC on February 25, 2020 and were presented at this meeting as a refresher only. 	
5)	ATSC Work Plan Reviewed TSC Amendments and work plan as a refresher only	
6)	 ATSC Terms of Reference Amendments Reviewed amendments that were approved at TSC February 25th, 2020 No comments or questions 	
7)	 The reporting structure for the Greater Niagara Circle Route Committee was transferred from Planning and Economic Development Committee to Public Works Committee through report PDS 36-2020. This was approved at PEDC on December 9, 2020 On December 7th, 2020, Rita Dillon from the Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Club presented her observations on the current state of the Greater Niagara Circle Route K. Forgeron asked if there is a work plan for GNCR 	

- C. Ryall explained that the work plan was drafted, then it was realized that GNCR reported to PEDC not TSC. The GNCR draft work plan will be reviewed at the upcoming meeting this Friday, February 26th, 2021. Once it is finalized, it will be submitted to TSC for approval.
- B. Greenwood would like to participate in the GNCR meeting on Friday, February 26, 2021
- G. Mcilhone asked if a list of the GNCR members can be provided for reference
- C. Ryall said the list can be provided and that there would be benefit in sharing both lists (ATSC and GNCR) to both committees as they may work together in the future.

J. MacPherson to send invite to B. Greenwood

8) Recreational Active Transportation Map

- C. Ryall suggested forming a sub-committee to move this initiative forward
- D. Toppari: There is a lot of room for improvement on the current map. We could go through the copy of Sue Morin's map on the website as a start.
- K. Forgeron: People need both paper and digital. We need to find a product that suits both. We should form a sub-committee to come up with a proposal of map and funding requirements
- G. Mcilhone: As per the Toronto Bike Show, it is a great promotional piece.
- C. Ryall: We will need to create a subcommittee. If we proposed a 2 hour kickoff discussion during working hours, would this work?
- G. Mcilhone: Let's schedule a meeting and see what happens. S. Morin would like to be part of this.
- C. Ryall: We can have a kick-off meeting and perhaps come up with the top 4 objectives, then select a lead for each one. Everyone from ATSC will be invited. We will send out a couple of dates. Then strategize on the top 3 or 4 priorities and who will be the lead on each one.

J. MacPherson to send out a couple dates, then set-up meeting

9) Round Table

- G. Mcilhone: Regarding the 2022 Canada Summer Games I attended the Glendale overpass PIC meeting. There was a lot of discussion on the detour.
- J. Gervais: Thank you to those who submitted comments on the Active Transportation 5 Year Strategic Plan. The Students On The Move presentation is on the website if you'd like to see it. We are now looking at what the next steps are on this. We may hire a consultant for a pilot project feasibility study. We are hoping to find some funding for this.
- G. Mcilhone: The Parks Commission would be a unique opportunity for a pilot for Bikeshare
- D. Toppari: Thanks to the virus, cycling is up 200 300%. Active transportation got a real boost thanks to Covid.
- B. Greenwood: The Millennium Trail extension (Drummond Road to Dorchester Road) is very nice. They've done an excellent job along the canal. There is another one is coming soon.

10) Closing Remarks

- C. Ryall: Thank you for your time. It was a great meeting, a great relaunch. We will have additional EAs coming forward.
- B. Greenwood: Thank you to everyone for attending. This was a great meeting. Thanks to C. Ryall and her team for all of their hard work.