

Transportation Services Division

Meeting Minutes: Active Transportation Sub-Committee

Date: 2019-07-30
Time: 6:00 pm
Location: Niagara Region HQ – CE 101
Chair: Carolyn Ryall
Attendees: Bea Clark, Barbara Greenwood, Fiona McNair, Ken Forgeron, Tom Whitelaw, Gerry Mcilhone, Jackie Gervais, Maria Antiga, Curtis Thompson, David Wyllie,
Regrets: Peter Nicholson, Dan Toppari

Items for Discussion	Action
<p>1. Opening Remarks</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Welcome b) Roundtable introductions and the reason each member became involved 	
<p>2. ATSC Goals & Objectives Introductory Discussion Topics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) B. Clark – Pedestrian crossings, types, lights, length of signal (seniors are saying it's not long enough) b) K. Forgeron – New intersection design, bump-outs to make cars turn wider, protected intersections c) G. Mcilhone – Linkage/interaction between how bicycles get across intersections (have a traffic light specifically for the bicycles (ie. Holland) d) D. Wyllie – Cyclists don't know the rules of the road, frustrating for cars, cyclists and tourists behavior e) B. Greenwood – Queenston to NOTL – cyclist take their lives in their hands, why aren't they on the path? f) F. McNair – Educate cyclists and motorists about sharing the road and safety g) J. Gervais – Students are going home in the dark, places they're walking are not lit, bus terminals are closed at night in the winter, there's no sense of safety for students, standing in dark spaces when catching the bus, afraid to walk home in the dark – we need to provide better lighting h) C. Thompson – Bikes are on the road because the system isn't connected, paths turn into major, fast roads, infrastructure has to match the road design not have piecemeal sections that don't link properly – ie. the shoulder on the road runs out – multi-use path starts with a sidewalk – ends on the road, but riders are not supposed to be on the sidewalk, we're not always considering things thoroughly i) M. Artiga – Digital bus stops, rider knows what stop the business is at 	

<p>3. Election of ATSC Chair</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) C. Ryall called for nominations b) Councillor Greenwood nominated Councillor Nicholson, Seconded by K. Forgeron – Carried. c) Councillor Nicholson is the new ATSC Chair 	<p><i>Judy – to advise Councillor Nicholson he is Chair</i></p>
<p>4. ATSC Orientation Overview</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) C. Ryall gave a brief overview of the Transportation Master Plan and would be happy to give a more in-depth presentation if the ATSC would like more information 	
<p>5. Transportation Services Division Initiatives</p>	
<p>Safety related initiatives</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) C. Ryall – Gave an update on Safety Initiatives b) Vision Zero – linked with other municipalities in Ontario to understand what they're doing and baby steps to get us launched c) Community Safety Zones – implementing 2, launching in Sept, (NOTL by St. David's Road School and one in Lincoln school zone, working with NRP to do an educational campaign, NRP to enforce it and fines will be doubled. Then based on stats, this program will be rolled out across the Region. 2020 Budget will include funds for future safety programs. Revenue goes back into the safety initiative program d) Red Light Camera Program – hired a consultant to look at stats on regional intersections, implement 5 – 10 locations to stop running red lights. 2020 budget to implement full force. Cameras will be moved around. – Changes driver behavior, intent: zero collisions e) Automated Speed Enforcement – to be implemented in community safety zone, schools, senior's areas etc. f) ATSC can assist in developing the Communication – to public, cycling clubs, 	<p><i>To make Regional Councillors aware of Municipal Presentations (B. Greenwood)</i></p>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Complete Streets – Brief overview of program 	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> b) Wayfinding – Brief overview of program 	
<p>6. ATSC Terms of Reference Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Terms of Reference was distributed for review. Suggested revisions will be discussed at the next meeting 	
<p>7. ATSC Draft Work Plan Review</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Revisions were completed 	

8. Closing Remarks	
<i>Next ATSC Meeting: Monday, September 9, 2019</i>	

Additional notes for future discussion:

- Fonthill / Thorold Spur uses the old railroad bed. C. Ryall to look into whether we should fund it
- ATSC will mirror the number of meetings that TSC has and be held two weeks in advance of TSC
- Greater Niagara Circle Route – Is that Committee being blended into ATSC?
- Map workshop – Will be discussed at next meeting – Judy to forward findings from the Bike Show and Workshop to Ken
- Is there data that we can use to prove more people are in need of Active Transportation means? (Re: Transportation Tomorrow Survey may have this information)
- Will the Region participate in the 2020 Toronto Bike Show?
- Road safety – How does Vision Zero tie into the Road Safety Committee? Is this committee being apprised about what we're doing?
- What is the plan for Niagara and Ontario Streets? What is the Region's vision for this?