

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, Jun 15, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Location: via teleconference

Attendance: Bea Clark (Chair), Brian Baty (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Rhys Evans, Bob Fish, Dave Nicholson, Barbara Rybiak, Councillor John Wink, Regional Councillor Diana Huson. Staff: Jason Marr, Tolga Aydin

Regrets: Aalijah Khan (MYAC),

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Declaring that a quorum was present, Chair Clark called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Added items under section 8:

8.5 Wayfinding Signage proposal

8.6 Canada Day

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: R. Evans

THAT the agenda for the June 15, 2021 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Bea is assisting the Town with a couple of unrelated proposals.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: B. Rybiak

Seconded by: D. Nicholson

THAT the minutes from May 18, 2021 meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes – May 18, 2021

6.1 Trails and Trail Development Discussions

The revised draft notes, which include specific requests of Council, were reviewed. While this document focuses on immediate requests for 1) an up-to-date map of current sidewalk and trail infrastructure, and 2) improvements to the information available to residents, it is understood that the PATC will continue to review ongoing sidewalk and trail requirements.

The committee noted its support of partnerships with Welland and Thorold and the Town is encouraged to pursue funding that may be made available to support trail connections to these neighboring communities.

Action:

- Jason will bring the request for student support in 2022 to Senior Leadership Team now to make them aware of the request
- Bea will request that this be included on the August/September Council agenda as a presentation to Council as part of 2022 budget discussion

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: R Evans

THAT the PATC request regarding trails be forwarded to Council.

Carried

6.2 NPCA Follow-up

An NPCA volunteer contacted Bob about the potential trail connection from Fonthill (North from Pelham St/Hollow Rd to St John's, continuing North to Shorthills) and put Bob in touch with the NPCA staff in charge of land operations who was also supportive of the proposal. Concerns about access along narrow roads was discussed. Bob and Dave will look at alternatives to keep the trail off the roads through unopened road allowances e.g., St Johns area and hydro towers.

6.3 Update addition of trails to All Trails

Tolga will continue to look into this including a process for securing a subscription.

6.4 Approved PATC Budget 2021

Bea showed a sample of the promotional item we discussed; there are some safety concerns with the cord. She will ask that the flashing tag previously used, be ordered again.

6.5 MTO – Road Safety Community Partnership program working group update

Bea drafted a final report and will submit it next week after the working group reviews it. Bea will share this with PATC members as well. Lisa analyzed the social media data and it showed that the messages resonated well with viewers. Bea will explore options to add our campaign material to the MCC screens for further use.

6.6 Timing of pedestrian signals update

No update. (Pelham Street/ Churchill and HWY 20/Station Street locations are in question to give pedestrians' priority)

6.7 Bicycle Friendly Community Renewal application

Share the Road is uploading our previous submission into their new system to save the time it will take for us to renew our submission. The next submission date is October 8.

Action: Bea will assist staff to prepare a request to defer Pelham's renewal application to 2022 due to operational issues related to the pandemic.

6.8 Concerns re Steve Bauer Trail nomenclature

Jason discussed with the Beautification supervisor. There is interest in pursuing this pending funding.

6.9 PATC priorities review

Committee members provided feedback regarding progress on the PATC's current priorities. The draft will be reviewed in September.

7 Committee Events and Reports

7.1 Summerfest

Bea recognized the recent passing of Gary Accursi, a founding committee member of Summerfest. Members acknowledged his role in paving the way for Summerfest, the energy and enthusiasm he brought to this event and his love for this community.

7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee

June is recognized as Senior's month and a Senior's garden was launched. Committee continues to express interest in collaborating on activities to encourage people to use active transportation facilities.

7.3 Active School Travel

No update.

7.4 Active School Travel walkabouts

No update

8 New Business

8.1 Open Streets event

Barb noted work in other municipalities to open up streets to active use and wondered if Pelham could do this. Members expressed support. Jason noted this would require permits, planning, security and notifications to public. Since this involves road closures, shorter distances are preferred. Barb will investigate this idea more and we will discuss further in the Fall.

8.2 Resident's request re RR20

Councillor Huson noted a concern she received from a resident about the speed of traffic on HWY 20. She has raised this issue with the Region.

8.3 Additional trails in East Fonthill

Dave resolved this issue with Planning to confirm there is provision of trails in the new development. He also discussed the significant wetlands/woodlands in this area with potential for a future trail.

8.4 Merritt Road Consultation meeting

Dave attended a stakeholder meeting and Brian attended the public meeting. Six main topics were discussed. Active transportation components will likely be part of the first phase. There was an indication that bike paths would be off-road. Participants expressed a lot of concerns about protection of the wetlands.

8.5 Signage Proposal

Rural Economic Development grant provides funds for wayfinding signage which directs cyclists to routes in Pelham, as well as to businesses and services in Pelham. Brian has information to help identify a number of routes across Pelham and signage options. Themed routes are popular and should be considered. Jason will involve the PATC in this project. Brian and Bea will meet to prepare some preliminary information.

8.6-Canada Day

PATC has been invited to participate in the drive-by version of the Canada Day parade. The members decided to decline the invitation this year.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: B. Rybiak

Seconded by: R. Evans

THAT the meeting of PATC Committee be adjourned until the next meeting.

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8:05 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings, 2021

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21