

The Pelham Active Transportation Committee

Minutes

Tuesday, April 16, 2019, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

1. Attendance: Bea Clark (Chair), Brian Baty (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Bill Gibson, Bob Fish, Joe Marchant, Dave Nicholson, Barbara Rybiak
Staff: Tolga Aydin
Regrets: Rhys Evans. Councillor John Wink

2. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

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

3. Adoption of Agenda

Added

- Approval of minutes – March 19, 2019
- 7.7 Meeting with Thorold and Welland AT committees

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: J. Marchant

THAT the agenda for the April 16, 2019 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

5. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: B. Rybiak

THAT the minutes from the March 19, 2019 meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes – March 19, 2019

6.1 Terms of Reference

Members reviewed the terms of reference and noted that membership includes a Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee (MYAC) representative and a Regional Councillor.

Action:

- Bea will draft an outline of PATC priorities and successes to date
- Tolga will check on status of MYAC

- Tolga will inquire about interest of the Regional Councillor in joining the PATC

6.2 2019 Budget Update

The Town's operating and capital budgets have been approved. There are no operating funds for the PATC in 2019 and funds will be considered in the 2020 budget. The 2019 Capital budget includes approval to move ahead with Pelham Street reconstruction, north of Highway 20. The reconstruction of Pelham Street to the Welland limits is included in the 20-year forecast with completion planned in phases.

Action:

- Tolga to check if the design for Pelham Street north reconstruction is complete or if there is an opportunity for PATC to review and provide input about AT facilities
- Tolga to check if access to Lathrop property is considered in the design, including room for a small parking area

6.3 Input regarding OMCC funding decision

Project must be completed, and funds expended by December 2020. Project must be one of the projects referenced in our original application for a total of approximately \$100,000.

The committee will delay its recommendation until there is an opportunity to discuss potential fit with the work of Welland and Thorold Active Transportation Committees.

6.4 Developing PATC priorities

Awaiting Council's approval of their strategic plan before we pursue our priorities.

6.5 Review of Active Transportation Master Plan

Small PATC working group will form with Brian as Chair, and including Bill, Dave, and Bob to work with Tolga to review progress and provide a summary for PATC and Council by next spring.

7 New Business

7.1 Committee Events

7.1.1 Farmers' Market – June 6

PATC will host the AT Kiosk at the market on Thursday, June 6th. Members will engage residents to create an issues list that can inform our priorities. Pedestrian and cyclist safety information will also be available.

7.1.2 Canada Day Parade – July 1

PATC members are encouraged to join the parade and promote walking and cycling in Pelham.

7.1.3 Pelham Summerfest – July 20

The Active Zone will include the two safety displays illustrating safety at night and the one meter passing law, the AT Kiosk, as well as other features based on prior years' successes.

7.1.4 Slow Rolls

The committee will continue to explore this idea.

Action:

- Bill to ask Recreation, Culture and Wellness staff about potential interest in promoting continuation of rides if PATC organizes initial rides
- Lisa to contact Rob Salewytch about potential partnership with OutSpokin'

7.2 MCC Walking Track

The committee will explore ways to include promotion of walking track in alignment with PATC activities e.g. promoting walking areas in Pelham. There may also be opportunities to promote PATC activities to the many residents who regularly use the walking track.

7.3 Hillcrest Park neglect

Dave reported that there are three access points (2 on Pancake Lane and 1 on Concord) with no connectivity. North side access needs to be restored to connect from Concord to Pancake. Park needs maintenance of branches. Drainage concerns need to be addressed.

Action:

- Tolga to investigate this area and report back to PATC
- AT Master Plan working group could include reference to this park connection in their review
- Members are encouraged, as residents, to continue to use the PSR system to report areas like this that need immediate attention

7.4 Lathrop property access from West

Access from West side was discussed including long standing challenges that PATC has pursued and tried to overcome.

Action: Joe to revisit with V. vanRavenswaay, who was involved in earlier discussions.

7.5 Statistics on Pedestrian/Cyclist accidents in Pelham

Members discussed access to this information. PATC had requested this information from police in the past as part of the BFC submission. The

information is provided by NRP and only includes cases where formal charges were placed.

Action:

- Dave willing to explore what data is available and if it would provide evidence to inform PATC recommendations.
- Tolga to see if Ryan and Curtis might redo their traffic calming presentation as part of our committee orientation

7.6 PATC input regarding new development

PATC members expressed their continued interest in reviewing and providing comments regarding active transportation in site plans under consideration by the Planning department.

Action:

- Tolga to bring list of developments in design process to the next meeting

7.7 Joint meeting with Welland and Thorold

Given the interest and opportunities to improve connectivity between Welland and Thorold, members agreed to invite Welland and Thorold AT members to a meeting.

Action:

- Bea to contact the two AT committees to explore their interest in a joint meeting

8 Adjournment

Moved by: D. Nicholson

Seconded by: J. Marchant

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

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 8.22 p.m.

2019 Meeting Schedule

May 14, 2019

June 18, 2019

September 17, 2019

October 22, 2019

November 19, 2019

December 17, 2019