

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee**

**Minutes**

Tuesday June 20, 2017, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

1. **Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Joe Marchant (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Bill Gibson, David Swan, John Swart, , Abby Loewen (MYAC), Councillor Catherine King. Staff: Tolga Aydin  
**Regrets:** Bob Fish, Benjamin Bonisteel (MYAC), Councillor Brian Baty.

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**

New agenda items:

8.3 Crosswalk

8.4 Volunteer Recognition

8.5 Article in Voice "Follow the Money"

8.6 Pelham arena re-imagining

**Moved by: Councilor King**

**Seconded by: D. Swan**

**THAT the agenda for the June 20, 2017 meeting be adopted with additions.**

**Carried**

4. **Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

Nothing to disclose

5. **Minutes Approval – May 16, 2017**

**Moved by: J. Swart**

**Seconded by: B. Gibson**

**THAT the Minutes of the PATC meeting of May 16, 2017 be approved.**

**Carried**

6. **Business Arising from Minutes – May 16, 2017**

6.1 **Bike Friendly map update**

No news to report.

6.2 **Update regarding route to E. L Crossley**

Both the path and the road work are on schedule to be completed in July. Hearing positive comments about multi-purpose path from students and other residents. Will discuss celebration of path completion in September; principal has indicated interest.

6.3 **Opening of Gerry Berkhout Trail**

The remaining work will be tendered and is in the que for tender. Fall completion is likely.

#### **6.4 Welland AT Committee follow-up**

A September 27 meeting date was confirmed with three members of Welland AT Committee (Harry Sawchuk, Chair, Councillor Mike Petrachenko and member Ed Van Vliet) at Pelham Town Hall (additional meeting for PATC). The agenda will include discussion of adjoining trails (e.g., Berkout, Steve Bauer) and other items (e.g., Port Robinson Ferry.)

Action: Bea to suggest that Welland AT Committee bring Welland's Official Plan or information about potential for connection of trails; inventory of abutting trails and road connections. Will ask them to invite a staff member to attend.

#### **6.5 PATC Volunteer opportunities**

Nothing to report.

#### **6.6 ATMP follow-up**

TOP staff still awaiting meeting with consultant, MMM. Internal committee will develop a template for trail signage and include this in tender for trails. Discussed proposed round-about for Station Street/Pelham Town Square and brought up concerns and suggestions from PATC; TOP will share design with PATC when it is available.

Question posed about crossing at Port Robinson and Station Street.

Action:

Tolga to let PATC know when plans for the round-about are available at Town Hall. Members will be invited to stop in and review during the summer.

Tolga to bring Share the Road feedback to internal committee to determine and review recommendations that align with ATMP.

#### **6.7 Bruce Trail Club follow-up**

J. Marchant and B. Fish have explored some of the proposed areas for the trail. There are some residential areas on the Thorold side that may affect the right of way. There is an unopened road allowance near Hansler Road that has recently been filled and which may cause a barrier.

Action: Tolga to investigate concern about filling.

#### **6.8 Share the Road video**

Marc McDonald will review PATC presence and information on Town website and social media including posting of Share the Road video about the 1 metre passing law.

Action: B. Clark to meet Communications staff again.

#### **6.9 Port Robinson Ferry**

Now operating with extended hours. Dock is now accessible. The future of the ferry depends upon increased use by cyclists and pedestrians. Awaiting promotional material and directional signage from Venture Niagara.

## **7. Committee Events and Reports**

### **7.1 Summerfest Committee**

Plans progressing well.

Action: B. Gibson will send proposed signage for PATC exhibits.

### **7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee**

Council announced that Pelham's application to WHO was approved and the Town of Pelham is now designated as age-friendly.

Age-friendly celebration will be held tomorrow, June 21.

Committee asked for Town's approval and help to apply for a grant to New Horizons to do a more in-depth study of senior profile and needs in Pelham.

#### **7.2.1 Church Hill rest chairs**

Bill has redesigned the chairs to include arm rests. Still exploring options for installing the chairs since utility poles cannot be used.

### **7.3 School Travel Planning**

Glynn A. Green's bike rodeo was a success. Last walk to school event will be held this Thursday.

AK Wigg walkabout is complete. Minor infrastructure changes needed from municipality. Principal interested in forming a committee in September.

Action: Bea to prepare thank you letter for principal at Glynn A. Green who is retiring and thank you messages to the volunteers involved.

### **7.4 Pelham Slow Roll**

The first Pelham Slow Roll was a great success with 35 registrants of all ages and cycling abilities. Many positive comments received such as reference to unknown streets, appreciation in meeting new people and riding with the Mayor. Debrief held with members.

Action: Bea will ask TOP staff to print a couple more signs to post during bandshell concerts starting this Thursday.

## **7.5 MTO Annual Road Safety Challenge**

The PATC has fulfilled the obligations and activities for the grant. Bea will submit report by the August due date.

## **7.6 Canada Day Parade**

PATC has been accepted into the parade. PATC members are asked to wear their yellow shirts and meet at A.K. Wigg before the 3pm start of the parade. (Marshalling actually begins at 2pm.) Families are welcome to walk with PATC.

## **8. New Business**

### **8.1 Bicycle Friendly Community – feedback from Share the Road**

TOP staff and members now have the feedback regarding the Bicycle Friendly Community application from Share the Road. It was suggested that we review the feedback as part of ongoing business and discussions. We will select actionable priorities at the September meeting and review the resources noted in the document.

Action: Bea will add a review of a resources as an ongoing agenda item. Catharine agreed to do the first resource review for September's meeting.

### **8.2 ON Cycling Strategy funding – discussion**

The deadline for submission of proposals is August 18. Members discussed the criteria and details of this call for proposals. PATC recommends paving of Steve Bauer Trail to connect to East Fonthill and Welland destinations.

Action: Tolga to speak with Andrea regarding potential. Lisa and Bea will review the application. Councillor King to review capital budget estimates for future trail development. Lisa to reach out to Welland regarding their interest in applying for funds related to paving the trail. Bea will request a meeting with Andrea to review the proposal requirements.

### **8.3 Crosswalk**

Council recently reviewed recommendations regarding the Pelham Street/Church Hill Street intersection and decided that staff should conduct a trial that would prohibit left turns at Churchill and Pelham Town Square. The PATC is concerned about the safety of pedestrians at this crossing and will be interested in reviewing the results of this trial.

### **8.4 Volunteer Recognition**

The Town of Pelham's annual volunteer recognition event is tentatively scheduled for October 25. Members were asked to consider nominations for the August deadline.

Action: Bea will forward the nomination information to PATC members and will follow up in July.

### **8.5 Article in Voice “Follow the Money”**

A recent article in the Voice of Pelham gave readers the impression that a decision had been made by the Town to purchase bike repair stations. This is incorrect. The utility and cost of bike repair stations were discussed by the PATC and it was decided that this item would be included in the PATC’s 2018 budget request. The PATC minutes of April 25, 2017 reflect this discussion.

### **8.6 Pelham arena site redevelopment**

The Town of Pelham has invited residents to provide input regarding the redevelopment of the old arena site. Members agreed that the PATC should provide input indicating the importance of maintaining connectivity between neighbourhoods, as well as supporting pedestrian and cyclist activity.

Action: Bea will submit the PATC’s comments to the Town of Pelham.

## **9. Adjournment**

**Moved by: B. Gibson**

**Seconded by: Councillor King**

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

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Meeting schedule:

- September 19, 2017
- September 27, 2017- special meeting with Welland AT Committee
- October 17, 2017
- November 21, 2017