

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee**

**Minutes**

Thursday, March 8, 2018, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

**1. Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Joe Marchant (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Bob Fish, John Swart, Ella Robert (MYAC), Councillor Catherine King, Councillor Brian Baty. Staff: Xenia Pasiecznik.  
Regrets: Bill Gibson, Dave Swan

**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**

Three items were added: Reconstruction of Rice road, Berkout Trail, OMCC

**Moved by: Councillor Baty**

**Seconded by: B. Fish**

**THAT the agenda for the March 8, 2018 meeting be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

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

None.

**5. Minutes Approval – January 16, 2018**

Correction to member name required.

**Moved by: Councillor King**

**Seconded by: J. Swart**

**THAT the Minutes of the PATC meeting of January 16, 2018, as corrected, be approved.**

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes – January 16, 2018**

**6.1 Bike Friendly map update**

Copies of updates were circulated. Will circulate final draft for comments. Pending approval of a grant application, expect to be ready to print the maps in March.

**6.2 ATMP implementation and budget update**

Items approved included cycling signage, traffic safety study, cycling counter, MSSP reconfiguration for safety and printing.

Action: Request that TOP staff provide information on use of cycling counter and process to use volunteers to add to count data.

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

Joe worked with GIS students to prepare a side trail map in same format as Bruce Trail maps. The hope is that this could be used as a working document providing a visual aid to further discussion about trail improvements.

Action: Next steps will include a meeting with Bruce Trail Club members to discuss the proposal and possible next steps, including discussions with other parties. Bob will make the initial contact with the Bruce Trail Club. Joe, Brian and Bea will participate in discussions.

### **6.4 Bicycle Friendly Community – review of Section 2**

Discussion deferred.

### **6.5 Update re Crosswalk downtown Fonthill**

Consultant's report regarding the crossing at Churchill Street and Pelham Street is being finalized and will be brought to Council in April.

### **6.6 Walk and Bike Friendly signage update**

No update available.

### **6.7 Proposed 10km trail route**

Map of updated route circulated. Joe will provide a digital file to the Town. There may be areas requiring improvements such as additional signage, improved crossing at Merritt Street and slight trail addition at Blackwood to off-road trail to the west. These requirements will be proposed for the 2019 budget.

Moved by: Councillor Baty  
Seconded by: J. Marchant

THAT the route be identified as the Fitness Trail, a map be printed and the trail be promoted.

Carried

### **6.8 Use of bollards on new pathways**

The bollards act as a deterrent for vehicles. Questions were raised about the effectiveness of this as vehicles could enter the trail from many points. Would prefer to see use of another treatment in future development such as flexible delineators in case of collision with the bollard by a pedestrian or cyclist.

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

### **7.1 Summerfest Committee**

PATC confirmed that members will oversee the active zone.

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

PSAC continues to meet and pursue funding opportunities.

### **7.3 School Travel Planning**

The Town has provided a letter of support to Niagara Student Transportation Services for an application for funds to support active school travel.

#### **7.3.1 Glynn A. Green**

Event planned for March 29 – Walk to School March for Muffins. School plans to install an illuminated sign to broadcast activities at the school and community.

#### **7.3.2 AK Wigg**

No update to report

### **8. New Business**

#### **8.1 MYAC report and discussion**

Ella shared a report outlining concerns from students at St. Alexander regarding the safety of children walking to school on Pelham Street in the area of the arches. Cars are entering and exiting Town Square and children are at risk. The report is attached and includes recommendations to change vehicle turning permissions.

Moved by: B Fish

Seconded by: Councillor King

THAT the Town direct the consultant looking at traffic safety to include a review of safety of the route to school which crosses this intersection under the arches.

Carried

Ella indicated that the Active Trails Sub-committee is looking at placing active equipment on trails. Representation from the PATC is invited. Ella to send more details about the meeting schedule.

#### **8.2 Grant applications**

The Town has applied for further funds from OMCC to support Cycling Safety Education. Funds will need to be spent by March 31, 2018. Outline of deliverables was circulated.

MTO Road Safety Challenge grant being drafted for promotions during May-June.

#### **8.3 Rice Road Reconstruction**

Some members attended the Region's PIC held on March 6, 2018 and noted some AT safety concerns:

- No accommodations for advanced cyclists on the roadway.
- Intersection at Port Robinson should include considerations for a cycling route.
- Intersection at Rice Road and Hwy 20 should accommodate more pedestrians and cyclists to better access businesses especially considering the proximity of new

neighborhoods to this area and to create a gateway encouraging traffic to slow to the posted speed limit as it enters the Town.

Action: Members agreed to prepare a PATC submission to the Region. Joe will circulate his comments and members can add their comments to the draft. Joe agreed to prepare the draft for review at the March 20 meeting. Submissions are due March 23.

Action: Councillor Baty to bring information to Regional Niagara's Active Transportation Sub-Committee for input.

Members also discussed the multi-purpose path along Rice Road, which is TOP's jurisdiction. The multi-purpose path will continue to the TOP boundary on Rice Road:

- Concern about the timing of the path's construction, as it may occur in stages, rendering it useless until fully completed.
- Concern about cyclist and pedestrian interaction on trail. Serious cyclists require a cycling lane.
- Question about intersection treatments intended for places where the multi-use trail intersects with roadways.

Action: Matt will be asked to provide more details about the intended treatments at those intersections for pedestrian and cyclists crossing those roadways. Xenia to express PATC's concerns and explore options with A. Clemencio and B. Wiens regarding timing of development and separation of pedestrians and cyclists on the pathway.

Request that B. Wiens attend a PATC meeting to provide information about plans for new developments related to active transportation.

#### 8.4 Berkout Trail

What is the status of the official opening of the Berkout Trail? Xenia to follow-up.

### 9 Adjournment

**Moved by: Councillor Baty**

**Seconded by: Councillor King**

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

**Carried**

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

Meeting schedule:

- March 20, 2018
- April 17, 2018
- May 15, 2018
- June 19, 2018