

Minutes
Pelham Active Transportation Committee
February 11, 2014 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Town Hall, Council Chambers

Present: Bea Clark, Councillor Catherine King, Joe Marchant, Jessica Pulfer, Abbey Loewen, Councillor Brian Baty, Bill Gibson

Staff: Jessica Ruddell Recreation, Culture & Wellness Coordinator

Regrets: Bob Fish, Don Nelson, Dave Swan

Chair – Bea Clark, Recorder – Jessica Ruddell

Agenda Item	Discussion	Goal /Action Required
1. Welcome and Approval of Agenda	Welcome – Bea welcomed all to the meeting. Additions to the agenda: Wayfinding Signage Workshop, and Bicycle Friendly Business Network activities.	Approval of agenda as amended - Motion by Councillor King, Seconded by Lisa Gallant. Carried.
2. Approval of minutes of January 21, 2014 meeting	Minutes of January 21, 2014 were reviewed by the committee.	Minutes of the Jan 21 meeting were accepted as circulated. Motion by Joe Marchant, Seconded by Lisa Gallant, carried.
3. Business Arising – Jan 21, 2014 Meeting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Walk Friendly Ontario Designation Update –the working group met on Wednesday Feb 19 . request for data and information to be distributed to internal department directors shortly. • Walk Pelham signage – staff are working on. Signs have been mocked up and we are looking for feedback on Town logo and placement of QR code. Separate webpages and QR codes have been created. 	Next working group meeting -Mon Mar 17. Staff to send out the sign mock up for feedback.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mapping development – Brian still working with the conservation authority on the rating of Town roads. He would also like to include Town sidewalks as this inventory is readily available because of the sidewalk snow clearing. Brian thinks that finding a sponsor for this project would be ideal. • Potential to develop Thorold-Fonthill trail discussion – John Swart attended the last meeting and emphasized the importance of the development of this trail. Pelham has always been supportive of the initiative, however Thorold is concerned about significant maintenance costs of existing trails . PATC would like to support this trail development, but we are unsure how to proceed. Brian Baty advised that currently there is some talk of federal funding to have a cross Canada trail network. If and /or when funding becomes available, a cost estimate will be required. Previous estimates prepared by the Region will need to be updated and the Region may have to help with funding. there may be other sources of funding such as heritage funds. • Website changes/update – suggested changes have all been made • Long boarding Safety -Joe has been in contact with Allister, owner of “Longboard Living in Niagara” in Thorold. Allister will attend a future PATC meeting to 	<p>Staff to request an inventory of Pelham sidewalks be sent to Brian when possible.</p> <p>Keep on the agenda, Brian will look into the Waterfront Revitalization Trust project again and what may be done in advance of a potential funding opportunity.</p> <p>Allister was unable to attend the February meeting but we will invite him again in</p>
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	<p>inform the committee on local initiatives.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Spring safety campaign – May 14 to June 15, MTO application not available yet. PATC is hoping the Mayor’s Walk and the bike rodeo at the G. A. Green will be scheduled within this timeframe. 	<p>March.</p>
<p>4. Committee Events and Reports</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • GAG School Travel Planning committee update-no report. • Pelham Summerfest – met with the Niagara Freewheelers recently in hopes to improve the ride as it has been difficult to stage on Saturday . Dave Hunt is proposing a Family Fun ride on the Sunday instead of Saturday with an emphasis on safety. Family fun walk and fun ride will leave at different times. The idea to host a skate competition in the skatepark has been mentioned. Competition would happen Saturday afternoon after the swim meet. Bill from NewLine may be a great resource for this competition. Demo’s and vendors may be invited. MYAC may be interested in participating in this venture. All to think about what we can add to Active Zone or think about helping Dave Swan organize. Tricycle races could be fun. Penny farthing bikes may be an addition. • Seniors Advisory Committee – the first meeting of the group was cancelled due to weather. • Neighbourhood Traffic Management Plan – Bill reported on 3 issues the group is currently working on: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Speed on Pancake Lane – a traffic count and 	

	<p>speed count was done, average speed between 55km and 60km, speed limit 50km. Some possible solutions include making the entire road a safety zone and/or road markings to narrow the roadway.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Retrofit highway #20 to Lookout – detour routes are being discussed as this work is being done in 2014. Truck traffic is a concern. - Haist North of #20 – speed concerns in this area, will be meeting with residents next week, painting/road markings may help 	
<p>5. New Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review of Top 10 List – Members reviewed the list developed several years ago and compiled using feedback and input from residents. Many items have been partially or completely addressed: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <i>Improvements to Pelham Street- - there have been improvements and progress, however additional sidewalks are still needed, as well as pedestrian crosswalks</i> <i>Pelham St Traffic calming – ongoing efforts</i> <i>Crossing safety – pedestrian lights to be installed in 2014</i> <i>New sidewalks –additional sidewalks have been added. A safe pedestrian route to E. L. Crossley is still needed.</i> <i>Rural areas – Though identified by some residents as areas requiring sidewalks or improvements, other residents wish to retain rural roads as they are. One</i> 	

	<p>area that has been identified as a concern due to the lack of shoulders and poor sightlines is Effingham road from Welland Road to Pancake.</p> <p>Snow removal- Achieved. The initial bylaw, followed by the Town's decision to clear snow from all sidewalks has significantly improved year round conditions for pedestrians</p> <p>RFS system –Though the communication was impersonal, the request was done well and promptly says one Committee member.</p> <p>Public washroom signage – done</p> <p>Fonthill/Thorold Spur – ongoing</p> <p>Port Robinson Road – done to Station. Station to Rice scheduled for 2014</p> <p>Station Street – 2014 project. Will there be a public meeting?</p> <p>Fenwick Rail Trail – work being done in 2014 from Centennial to Foss Rd., Balfour to Centre also scheduled to begin in 2014</p> <p>New things to be aware of: connections into East Fonthill, walkability and cycle friendly accommodations must be plentiful as traffic will be high.</p> <p>PATC discussed updating the Top 10 List as this has served as a good guide for the committee. The key</p>	<p>Staff to inquire although likely expected.</p>
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	<p>component is resident feedback. Members discussed ideas and methods to secure feedback and suggestions from residents including using the website, public events such as the Farmer's Market in May, the Walkability checklists, media releases and newspaper articles. Achievements must be recognized and celebrated. Council and staff must be thanked for their support and their work.</p> <p>To launch the next phase, PATC will develop a Spring newsletter highlighting the progress made with the last Top 10 list and inviting input for the development of the next Top 10 list. The newsletter will form the basis of a report to Council at a late April or early May meeting.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wayfinding Signage Workshop – RFQ sent out and available on websites. A mix of municipal and regional staff will be invited to participate once the consultant has been selected. The notice regarding the workshop has been sent out to ATNN list serve members. • Bicycle Friendly Business Networks – Healthy Living Niagara continues to support the exploration of this concept. Based on feedback from the workshop HLN held last spring, work has been done to identify the business groups in Niagara and to assess their interest in BFBNs. Based on this initial work, interest among business groups was identified in communities which have achieved BFC designation and which have established active transportation committees. Four business groups (Pelham Business Association, Welland/Pelham Chamber of Commerce, Thorold BIA, 	<p>Brian and Bea to work together on newsletter/ presentation for Town Council in late April.</p>
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	<p>Grimsby DIA) have agreed to host a presentation for their members in March about the concept and the possibility of becoming a pilot site. Local AT members will be invited to attend as well. Bea will forward details regarding the PBA session on March 25th.</p>	Bea
<p>6. Any Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Swan – Citizen of the Year! Congratulations Dave!! Come out to Old Pelham Town Hall on February 26 at 6:00pm to support! \$15/ticket. • Reflective item for youth to make “being seen” cool. Design could be done by youth themselves. 	
<p>7. Next meeting - March 18, 2014</p> <p>2014 Meeting Schedule: April 15, May 20, June 17</p>	<p>Next meeting will be held Tuesday March 18th. Council Chambers has been confirmed.</p> <p>Meeting adjourned: Abbey Loewen motion, Jessica Pulfer 2nd, Carried.</p>	