

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, June 16, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Location: via teleconference

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

Guests: Barb Wiens, Curtis Thompson

Regrets: Rhys Evans, Regional Councillor Diana Huson.

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

Items 6.9, 6.10 and 6.11 were reordered to the beginning of the meeting to accommodate guests.

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: L. Gallant

THAT the agenda for the June 16, 2020 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

None.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: B. Fish

THAT the minutes from May 12, 2020 meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes – May 12, 2020

6.1 Review of AT Master Plan subcommittee update

Members discussed the draft review document. They expressed the value of this summary document and identified potential priorities to put forward to Council at a fall delegation:

- Completing a sidewalk gap analysis
- Moving forward with wayfinding and signage
- Continuing to review progress on the Active Transportation Master plan

- Ensuring capital budget dollars exist to incrementally address items outlined in the Active Transportation master plan.

Moved by: B. Rybiak

Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT PATC accept this draft document and request a delegation to Council in Fall 2020 with four requests:

- Completing a sidewalk gap analysis
- Moving forward with wayfinding and signage
- Continuing to review progress on the master plan
- Ensuring capital budget allocations are included in the ten year capital budget plan to incrementally address items outlined in the Active Transportation Master plan.

Carried

6.2 PATC 2020 budget update

No changes to report.

6.3 TOP representative on Region's Greater Niagara Circle Route committee

Regional committees are not meeting during the pandemic. There will be changes to the Terms of Reference to include Pelham on this committee.

6.4 Additional questions for C. Ryall

No update.

6.5 Update re draft Neighbourhood Traffic Management Policy

Recommendations from PATC were included in the final submission and this policy was approved by Council at the June 15th meeting.

6.6 Access to Lathrop Property

Staff met with representatives of Nature Conservancy of Canada to discuss access to the Lathrop trail system. NCC's expressed interest in having access from Haist Street to do rehabilitation work but not for pedestrian access. Jason indicated that there are engineering design concerns regarding access from Haist. NCC is satisfied with the access from Pelham Street.

6.7 Ideas to sustain community and Council interest in AT

John Swart did prepare an article featuring cycling trails in a recent edition of the Voice of Pelham

Other items will be discussed at the September meeting including Dave's reference to trails and trail development.

6.8 Rescheduled presentations

- Update re NR Niagara Cycling Clubs Alliance review of Share the Road Feedback – September 15 or October 20, 2020

- 2021 Canada Games Presentation and Discussion Barry Wright, CEO and Nick Snow, Director, Sport and Athlete Services – September 15, 2020
- Joint meeting with Thorold and Welland AT Committees – November 17, 2020

6.9 Pelham Street Reconstruction project

The design work for the current phase is 80 per cent complete. Considering a 3 M wide path for pedestrians and cyclists along G. A. Green public school to tie into the intersection and allow for traffic calming measures.

6.10 Report to Council to pave Steve Bauer Trail

With a split vote, the vote at Council was lost on June 15, 2020. Members may watch the video of this discussion, which starts at the ~ two-hour mark. For the benefit of new PATC members and staff, Bea provided an overview of the history of the grant and the rationale for the PATC's decision to recommend the paving of this section of the Steve Bauer Trail. This grant from the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling Fund must be spent by December 31, 2020 and must include a 20% investment from the Town of Pelham. The committee was clear on its preference for paving the Steve Bauer Trail. Members expressed their disappointment at Council's decision given the history of the fund, the value of making the Steve Bauer trail accessible, the input from residents and the concern of losing available funding.

Bea and Brian will review Council's discussion and will prepare a presentation which outlines the history of the grant and the rational for the selection of this project at this time. A delegation request will be submitted for the July 13th Council meeting..

Moved by: B. Baty
Seconded by: B. Fish

THAT PATC Committee prepare a submission to Council to reconsider their vote and request a delegation at the July 13th meeting.

Carried

6.11 Kunda Park development plans

Members reviewed to drawings. Barb Wiens and Curtis Thompson, Planning Department staff, explained the drawings, highlighting active transportation facilities, and answered members' questions.

7 Committee Events and Reports

7.1 Summerfest

Cancelled

7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee

No update.

7.3 Active School Travel

No update.

8 New Business

8.1 Trails

Dave presented some ideas which will be discussed in more detail at the September meeting. Staff have been asked to provide a good map to inform this discussion.

Action:

Staff asked to provide a large map of Pelham for discussion of existing and potential trails.

9 Adjournment

Moved by: D. Nicholson

Seconded by: B. Rybiak

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

Carried

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Upcoming meetings 2020

September 15, 2020

October 20, 2020

November 17, 2020

December 15, 2020