

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee  
Minutes**

Tuesday, Mar 16, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Location: via teleconference

1. **Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Brian Baty (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Rhys Evans, Bob Fish, Dave Nicholson, Barbara Rybiak, Councillor John Wink, Regional Councillor Diana Huson. Staff: Jason Marr, Tolga Aydin  
Regrets: Aalijah Khan (MYAC)

**Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum**

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

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

Additions:

8.1 Snow removal on paved pathways and trails

8.2 Welland Trail Study

8.3 Federal Active Transportation Fund Announcement

**Moved by: B. Fish**

**Seconded by: B. Baty**

**THAT the agenda for the Mar 16, 2021 meeting be adopted.**

**Carried**

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

Bea is assisting the Town with a proposal.

4. **Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by: R. Evans**

**Seconded by: B. Baty**

**THAT the minutes from Feb 23, 2021 meeting be approved.**

**Carried**

6. **Business Arising from Minutes – Feb 23, 2021**

- 6.1 **Review of Trails and Trail Development Document**

Members suggested a separate meeting to discuss this topic in detail. There are several documents that can support the discussion including the ATMP, the working group's report, comments from residents and ongoing discussions with Thorold and Welland AT committees.

**Action:** Bea will schedule a meeting within 2 weeks for interested members

**6.2 Update addition of trails to All Trails**

No update.

**6.3 Approved PATC Budget 2021**

\$2500 was approved.

**6.4 Funding Opportunities Update**

**ParticiPaction Grant** – Town Recreation, Culture and Wellness staff applied for a small grant to promote community walking and cycling challenges in June.

**6.5 MTO – Road Safety Community Partnership program working group update**

Campaign development is well underway. Ads and social media will be utilized during April and May. Members were thanked for participating in the photo shoot. Some concerns were raised with driver behavior at crossings, as witnessed at the photo shoots. This issue will be discussed further at an upcoming meeting. Solutions might include changes to road paint treatments, better signage, use of raised crossings, removal of parking for future projects – a staff report outlining these options was noted.

**6.6 Timing of pedestrian signals update**

A response from Carolyn Ryan was received explaining the 10 second lag. Jason noted that the Region is looking at reducing this to 5 seconds.

**Action:** Bob has been invited to contact Carolyn to discuss this further.

**6.7 Venture Niagara Cycling Map update**

Material is being compiled by staff.

**6.8 Bicycle Friendly Community Renewal application**

Share the Road received our comments for streamlining the application process and will explore these options. They are also looking at the potential for municipalities to defer their application due to the pandemic.

**6.9 Concerns re Steve Bauer Trail nomenclature**

Given the trail name is used for all sections of the trail, it is important that identifiers such as markers be placed in strategic locations along the trail to allow users who need to contact EMS to identify where they are on the trail. Jason will discuss with staff.

**6.10 Response to Notice re Environmental and Detailed Transportation Assessment for Reg. Road 37 (Merritt Rd.) and Reg. Road 54 (Rice Rd.)**

Consultant acknowledged receipt of PATC's comments. Public session is scheduled. D. Huson to send invitation to members via Bea.

### **6.11 PATC Comments re Park Place North and South**

Comments were submitted to planning staff. PATC members acknowledged that the process undertaken for providing comments was a better way to formally express our thoughts as a committee to Town staff. Town staff acknowledged that the format and depth of comments was helpful.

### **6.12 Requirement for AT Database**

Town staff will consider the GIS staff resources needed to create a mapped database showing infrastructure assets that support active transportation and where there are infrastructure needs to inform PATC discussions. This may need to be part of a future budget request. PATC will revisit this in September. D. Huson to explore what the role of the Region may have with respect to trails.

### **6.13 Kunda Park access to Steve Bauer Trail**

Questions were raised regarding the plan for Kunda Park dated 2019. The Town is waiting for a resubmission of this plan. No engineering plan exists at this point. PATC requested to see the design when it is available so we can comment on a preference to maintain trail vegetation where it meets planned storm water pond.

**Reference was made to the PATC's approved motion, December 15 meeting -- THAT the Committee SUPPORT the preservation of trees along the Steve Bauer trail and that the Town consider the replanting of trees that must be removed in order to preserve the tree canopy.**

## **7 Committee Events and Reports**

### **7.1 Summerfest**

No update.

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

No Update.

### **7.3 Active School Travel**

St. Ann School – A family participated in our photo shoot at the PXO in front of the school for the road safety campaign. The principal has reissued a family survey about the journey to school.

### **7.4 Active School Travel walkabouts**

No update

## **8 New Business**

### **8.1 Snow removal on pathways and trails**

Paved trails and multi-use pathways are actively being used and pedestrians are requesting winter maintenance of them. PATC recommends that all paved trails and pathways be cleared of snow. This will be included in the PATC's 2022 budget request to Council.

This led to a related discussion re maintenance of roads for cyclists. Removal of debris such as sand, salt and gravel will increase safety for cyclists earlier in the season. This would require an increased capital cost to allow for additional street sweeping. Staff will consider this moving forward.

## **8.2 Welland Trail Study**

The link to the survey was shared with PATC. Members are encouraged to complete the survey. Bea reached out to consultants, WSP, to indicate a willingness to share additional comments with about trail linkages between Welland and Pelham.

## **8.3 Federal Active Transportation Fund Announcement**

Though announced by the federal government, the details about the grant have not been released yet. Once details are available, the PATC will discuss the opportunities and make recommendations to staff and Council.

## **8.4 Canada Day in Pelham**

TOP staff inquired about a prize for the children's bike decorating contest. PATC provided a prize which included various cycling safety items. Bea will use existing PATC promotional items.

## **9.0 Adjournment**

**Moved by: B. Rybiak**

**Seconded by: B. Baty**

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

**Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

## **Upcoming Meetings, 2021**

April 20

May 18

June 15