

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, Nov 17, 2020, 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)

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**

Items added:

8.4 – Paved Steve Bauer Trail

8.5 – Bike lanes

8.6 – Share the Road Cycling Coalition

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: B. Baty

THAT the agenda for the Nov 17, 2020 meeting be adopted as amended.

Carried

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

Bea noted that she is assisting the Town of Pelham with grant proposals, including one of the funding proposals being discussed today.

5. **Approval of the Minutes**

A few typos including the date were noted for change.

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: D. Huson

THAT the minutes from Oct 20, 2020 meeting be approved.

Carried

6. **Business Arising from Minutes – Oct 20, 2020**

6.1 **PATC 2020 budget update - printing of cycling map**

Jason to contact Marc McDonald to determine how many copies can be made within the existing budget and to proceed with printing the map in its current form.

6.2 Review of Trails and Trail Development Document

Members reviewed and discussed a report provided by Dave and Brian, prior to the meeting, to clarify items listed in the report. Members will revisit this list and identify priorities to put forward to staff for consideration. Signage requests will be consolidated.

Action:

- Members to consider additional trails or sidewalks for discussion at next meeting
- Bea to review feedback and suggestions previously submitted by residents
- Jason and Tolga to review identified items further

6.3 Discussion of Trail apps

Members noted the following apps as considerations:

- Google earth – to review trails in an area e.g. some sections of Bruce Trail and Short Hills (not sure how to update these)
- Google maps – some of these trails are not up to date. There is a description of how to submit updates
- Maps Me – shows rail portion of Steve Bauer, Shorthills but not up to date with East Fonthill and no details on how to submit updates
- Strava – good for cycling and walking
- Map my Ride – for cycling
- Map my Run – could be used for walking or running
- Ontario Trails.on.ca – an official group i.e. the Town must request trails to be added
- Trailforks.com
- Bruce Trail – under construction and requires a purchase
- Niagara Navigator – operates like Google maps with local features more easily added

- **All Trails** – individual trails can be mapped and submitted for approval. Does show trails in Lathrop. This app was mentioned by a few members as a good option.

Action:

- Members to explore the apps and determine usefulness before we make a request to the Town to add local trails to selected apps.

6.4. Niagara Cycling Clubs Alliance review of Share the Road Feedback – next steps

Dave continues to work on recommendations with the NCCA. Dave asked questions about adoption of complete streets policy (Town confirmed this is in

place) and status of Niagara Region's Vision Zero work (Diana noted that the program is active). Dave also asked if segregated bike lanes might be a reality in Pelham.

Jason noted that segregated bike lanes could be considered pending available real estate along reconstructed roads. They may also be a consideration in new developments, e.g. Saffron Meadows.

Action: Pending direction from Dave Hunt re next steps on his report

6.5. Joint meeting with Thorold and Welland AT Committees

Given change in funding opportunity that makes the spur ineligible at this point, we will decline this joint meeting at this time.

Action:

- Diane will reach out to Welland's Councilors to learn about status of their AT Committee.
- Bea will contact Thorold AT committee Chair

6.6 Pelham Street Reconstruction update

- Phase 1 is ongoing and ahead of schedule. The plan on the website shows a dedicated bike lane. Jason noted that there are some challenges in creating a continuous bike lane vs a shared use lane due to parking permissions being challenged by a resident who wishes to retain on-road parking.
- Phase 2 design meeting occurred with staff and consultants. Design will be presented to PATC in Nov/Dec. Tolga will see if the consultants are available to join us at next PATC meeting on Dec 15.

Moved by: L. Gallant

Seconded by: R. Evans

THAT the Town of Pelham consider revoking parking in the identified area to allow for a cycling lane that would better serve the community in providing safer cycling infrastructure for residents to access the downtown.

Carried

6.7 PATC Budget Request 2021

Awaiting Council approval in November.

6.8 Funding Opportunities Update

- **Healthy Communities Fund** – no new details available
- **ICIP- COVID-19 Stream.** – This federal fund is offered in collaboration with the province. It was anticipated that this funding would be determined based on a competitive application process. Instead, the province has designated the majority of the funds for the health and education sectors, with each municipality receiving

an allocation based on population and median income. Pelham was allocated about \$112K. An update on the Town's plan will be provided next month.

- **MTO – Road Safety Community Partnership program.** No update.

6.9 Timing of pedestrian signals

No update from Carolyn.

6.10 Presentation by C Edwards

No further action at this point. We will see how the process unfolds for Craig.

Bob asked if temporary line markings could be added to identify bike lanes on this section of Port Robinson Road.

Action: Jason will explore some temporary measures that could calm traffic.

7 Committee Events and Reports

7.1 Summerfest

No update. Not likely to occur in 2021 due to the pandemic.

7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee

Exploring what other municipalities are doing to attract seniors online as this has not been successful in Pelham. Senior's Room is to be relocated from the second floor to the ground level at MCC.

7.3 Active School Travel

No update

7.4 Active School Travel walkabouts

Jason planning to present Pelham Street reconstruction Phase 2 plan to Glynn A. Green. He will reach out to the principal to see if a group from his school would be available from 5-6 on Dec 15 (prior to the PATC meeting) to hear from the consultants

8 New Business

8.1. Venture Niagara Bicycle map

Susan Morin, Venture Niagara, is proceeding with the reprinting of this regional cycling map which is designed with cycling tourists in mind. She has requested an update from the Town of Pelham for inclusion in the next edition of the map.

Action: Tolga to provide updates to S. Morin.

8.2. Bicycle Friendly Community renewal application

Pelham is required to submit a renewal by the end of 2021.

Action: Bea will review the application requirements and bring this item to the next meeting for discussion.

8.3. Doing more with Bike Data webinar

Bea reported on ideas shared for data collection and will share the information with interested members.

8.4. Paved Steve Bauer Trail

Dave expressed concern about the proposed loss of greenery and the proposed street crossings along the trail between Merritt and Port Robinson. Dave's concerns were shared with Planning staff during a previous PATC meeting and during the on-site visit with Planning staff and the consultants. The Town held a public meeting about these proposed developments and the proceedings can be viewed at:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hMkv6h5cXFE>

Action: Members are encouraged to view the proceedings prior to next month's discussion.

8.5. Bikes lanes on Port Robinson

Bob's suggestions and Jason's comments are reflected in agenda item 6.3.

8.6. Share the Road Cycling Coalition

The online conference will happen Dec 1-3. PATC has budget for this. Any members interest in attending can let Bea know.

<https://www.sharetheroad.ca/ontario-bike-summit-p157286>

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: R. Evans

Seconded by: B. Rybiak

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Upcoming meetings 2020

December 15, 2020

Upcoming Meetings, 2021

January 19

February 16 (check for conflict)

March 16

April 20

May 18

June 15