

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee  
Minutes**

Thursday, February 25, 2016, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town of Pelham Council Chambers

1. **Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Bob Fish, Bill Gibson, Jacob Paul, David Swan, John Swart, Xenia Pasiecznik (staff) Lisa Gallant (Recorder)

**Regrets:** Joe Marchant (Vice Chair), Councillor Brian Baty, Councillor Catherine King, Andrea Clemencio (staff)

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**

**Moved by: B. Fish**

**Seconded by: B. Gibson**

**THAT the agenda for the February 25, 2016 meeting be adopted with additions.**

**Carried**

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

There were no disclosures of pecuniary interest noted by members.

5. **Minutes Approval – January 19, 2016**

**Moved by: J. Swart**

**Seconded by: J. Paul**

**THAT the minutes of the PATC meeting of January 19, 2016 be approved.**

**Carried**

6. **Business Arising from Minutes – January 19, 2016**

**6.1 Active Transportation Master Plan update**

Meeting with MMM at 4:30 pm on March 9 to provide an update of the GIS mapping. Cards to promote the survey/website are available as well as the display. Members are encouraged to complete the survey and promote it to others.

Members discussed communication to stakeholders e.g. Freewheelers and other cycling clubs, ATNN, ATSC, Seniors Advisory Group, Youth Advisory Committee, Pelham BIA, Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee, walking club, Bruce Trail, library and schools.

**Action:**

- Bea to prepare text for an email so members can promote the survey.

## **6.2 Crosswalks on Pelham St. update**

The town is still seeking a consultant to help with technical elements.

## **6.3 Bike Friendly map update**

The map is being circulated for comments from cyclists. Councillor Baty has presented information about the map to Council for their information. Would like to consider adding staging areas. May be able to link with the Mayor's Youth Advisory Committee's ideas to create a passport for participating at Town events.

## **6.4 Fonthill Spur Line update**

The Town or Pelham and City of Thorold have approved the line in principle. Next steps are to review and update the original proposal developed several years ago. Councillor Petrachenko of Welland has expressed interest in bringing this to Welland Council as well.

### **Action:**

- John will seek a copy of the original proposal.

## **6.5 Budget Update – 20 year forecast**

Deferred

## **6.6 Review of survey/plan for route to E. L Crossley**

As the design is the Region's, the PATC will not have input. Members expressed concerns about proximity to the road and challenges that resulted from previous projects such as the crosswalks on Pelham Street.

### **Action:**

- Xenia to ask Andrea if PATC will have opportunity to comment on the design once it is drafted. Members are willing to come to the TOP office to provide comment when design is available to ensure timelines are met.

## **6.7 Access to Lathrop property- first responders**

B. Clark sent a letter to the Directors of Planning and Public Works to raise the issue of first responders. This was forwarded by staff to the Fire Chief for review.

## **6.8 Fenwick Trail and Mayor's Walk**

In celebration of the new trail, the Mayor's Walk will be held on Thursday May 26 at 6:00 p.m., the first night of Fabulous Fenwick Lions Carnival, Centennial Park. The town will handle promotion. PATC will have a booth at the event.

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

### **7.1 Summerfest Committee -- PATC exhibits/activities**

Members discussed the sample drawings that B. Gibson had circulated by email for our area on Saturday. The first includes a dark booth to demonstrate poor visibility when wearing dark clothes. The second would include a bike featuring

the 1 m distance needed for passing. The third tent could feature out table with our map and promotional material.

Lucchetta Homes has expressed interested in sponsoring the walk again and would like to introduce a run as well early on Sunday morning.

**Action:**

- Bill to create some models for review at our next meeting.
- Bea to order red flashing carabineer lights
- Bea to explore the walk and run further
- Bea to investigate the idea of a slow ride

**7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee**

7.2.1 Request for benches

The challenge of available space remains a barrier to placing benches on Church Hill. As a solution to this space issue, B. Gibson created a model illustrating how small seats could be built to affix to existing utility poles.

This type of solution would meet the need for a place to rest, would not affect snow removal or interfere with private property.

**Action:**

- Bill to present idea to Andrea to determine if there are any liability or maintenance concerns.

**7.3 G.A. Green School Travel Planning Committee**

Next school event is March 31.

7.3.1 Golden Shoe Award

L. Gallant provided information about the recent Active School Travel regional summit sponsored by Heart and Stroke Foundation and Green Communities Canada. The event was hosted by District School Board of Niagara, Niagara Region Public Health and Niagara Student Transportation Services to explore School Travel Planning in Niagara. Schools and municipalities, including Glynn A. Green and the Town of Pelham, who led the way for active and safe school travel in Niagara, received a Golden Shoe Award to recognize their contributions.

**Action:**

- Bea will contact TOP Clerk about formal presentation of the Golden Shoe Award to the Town Council.

#### **7.4 Community Expo**

This recent event was well attended. PATC had a booth to collect comments from residents about active transportation. Many people asked for information about the Town's public transit.

### **8. New Business**

#### **8.1 Overnight parking in municipal lots**

The committee discussed the idea of daytime or overnight parking as an amenity for cyclists who would like to visit Pelham for a day or overnight. Venture Niagara could promote this location to cycling tourists. This would allow the town to benefit economically from cyclists coming to ride the GNCR or other local routes. This amenity or staging area could be added to the cycling map as well.

#### **Action:**

- Bea will ask Andrea if the town would support this concept and what the preferred location might be.

#### **8.2 MTO 2016 Road Safety Challenge**

This grant is available for activities from May 11 to June 12. There is a pedestrian and cycling safety theme we have applied for in the past.

#### **Action:**

- Bea will submit a proposal focusing on rural road safety and the Mayor's Walk in Fenwick.

#### **8.3 East Fonthill "Town Square Woonerf" design**

Deferred

#### **8.4 Effingham St. and Haist St. upgrades**

Deferred

#### **8.5 PATC meeting schedule**

Our Tuesday meetings are often affected by Monday holidays and it is difficult to get a meeting room at the town when we need to move the date. Will need to change the May meeting date. Other public meeting locations to consider include the library, Pelham Cares or old Town Hall.

#### **Action:**

- Members to look for another public location for PTAC meetings.
- Xenia to look into room availability for May 17
- Will revisit the meeting schedule for the fall

#### **8.6 Pelham's new community centre**

Members discussed the new community centre. PATC has provided input from residents (such as the desire for an indoor walking track) at previous meetings

about the centre but has not provided any formal input. Xenia shared concepts that are being included in the design.

**Action:**

- Xenia to check the timing for the community centre plans and whether there is a process for PATC to provide further input.

**9. Adjournment**

**Moved by: J. Paul**

**Seconded by: D. Swan**

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

**Carried**

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

Next meeting date: Tuesday, March 22, 2016