



**MINUTES OF THE  
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

**November 28, 2023**

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday November 28, 2023 in the Esquering Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive and via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor A. Hilson, A. Sommer, N. Barros (EP), C. Lenz (EP), R. Hendry, B. Mandarino, G. Price-Jones (EP – Electronic Participation)

Regrets: C. Patten, J. Dougherty

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Technologist (E), M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect, M. Lawr, Deputy Clerk - Legislation (E – Electronically Present)

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

**3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES**

Recommendation No. ACT-2023-0007

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on September 26, 2023 be received.

**CARRIED**

**4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION**

**a. Trail Steward Program**

M. Taylor provided an overview of the Town's Trail Steward Program which began in 2014. The volunteers of the program support the successful operation of the Town of Halton Hills trail network by performing regular inspections, reporting deficiencies, and performing light maintenance

duties like removing litter on an assigned segment of trail. There will be an increase in promotion of the program next year.

More information on the Trail Steward Program, including a Volunteer Application Form can be found on the [Town's Volunteer webpage](#).

**b. Slow & Say Hello Program**

M. Taylor attended a webinar hosted by American Trails regarding the Slow & Say Hello Program and wanted to get the Committee's thoughts on the program. The program focuses on promoting safe encounters between trail users.

The Committee agreed that this could be a successful program in Halton Hills. M. Taylor will look further into beginning to implement the program through the Town's social media platforms and signage within the trails.

**c. Engineering Update**

I. Drewnitski provided an update on the following projects:

- Bike routes implementation project – completed
- Queen Street (Highway 7) between Churchill Road and Eastern Avenue – Bike sign improvements – ongoing
- Guelph and Sinclair intersection and multi-use path (includes bike signals at Guelph and Sinclair) – completed and bike signals are live
- Metrolinx Railway Lines on Eastern Avenue and Mill Street East Railway Safety Assessment – Will have more information on the status of this project in 2024
- Region of Halton Projects:
  - Steeles Avenue from Regional Road 25 to Trafalgar Road (Milton/Halton Hills)
  - Regional Road 25 from 5 Side Road to 10 Side Road (Halton Hills)

I. Drewnitski advised that the Halton Region will examine a wide range of multi-modal transportation improvements, including roadway widening, cross-sectional requirements, active transportation, transit supportive infrastructure, intersection improvements and overall traffic operations, as well as the impact of such improvements on the social, cultural and natural environments.

An online Public Information Centre (PIC) is taking place between November 23 and December 21, 2023. Details, PIC materials and a link to the survey can be found on the [MCEA Study consultation webpage](#).

**d. Education Update**

I. Drewnitski advised that the Share the Road signs to be installed at 15 Side Road and 10 Side Road between Trafalgar Road and Regional Road 25 should be done by the end of this year. Staff are currently waiting on locates before installation.

I. Drewnitski advised that one high school active transportation presentation has been given and one more is scheduled. These presentations were done with Metrolinx and Town staff.

**e. Encouragement Update**

There was no Encouragement update at this time.

**f. Evaluation & Planning Update**

I. Drewnitski provided an update on the following items:

Bike Repair Stations – Stations have been installed at the library and at Town Hall. At the request of the Committee, I. Drewnitski will work with Communications staff to promote the locations of the bike repair stations.

Mapping Infrastructure – I. Drewnitski noted that he will bring a more in-depth mapping update in the new year. Some of the items to be considered will include bike repair stations on the interactive mapping and adding a cycling route layer to the mapping.

**5. WORKING GROUPS**

**a. Bike It**

Councillor J. Fogal provided an update on the Bike It Working Group hosting a Bike Summit in 2024. Volunteers and staff resources will be needed for this event. More information will be brought forward next year.

**6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING**

2024 Transportation & Public Works projects

2024 Recreation & Parks projects

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.