

**MINUTES OF THE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on
Tuesday May 27, 2025 in the Esquesing Room, 1 Halton Hills Drive

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor A. Hilson, A. Sommer, R.
(EP – Electronic Participation) Hendry, N. Barros, B. Mandarino, C. Patten, J. Dougherty

Regrets: C. Lenz, N. Barros, G. Price-Jones

Staff Present: I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Coordinator, M.
(E – Electronically Present) Khashaypoor, Transportation Planning Technologist, M. Lawr,
Deputy Clerk - Legislation

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:05 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-2025-005

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on March 25, 2025 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

a. Cycling Map

I. Drewnitski reviewed the QR code on the current cycling map and advised that it will be updated for the next printed batch.

The Committee discussed whether separate QR codes for each route would be beneficial. Councillor J. Fogal suggested that Bike It can ask cyclists during their survey at the Bike It to Market event.

The Committee reviewed what the current routes look like. Councillor J. Fogal suggested updating the maps to use lines for routes instead of dots to help make it clearer. I. Drewnitski to speak with GIS staff about having cycling routes uploaded to Google maps.

b. Mobility Master Plan

I. Drewnitski presented to the Committee on the Mobility Master Plan regarding:

- The opportunities that the MMP can provide to municipalities
- Outlining how the MMP works in alignment with the Town's Official Plan
- The study scope and schedule of the MMP
- Current statistics on travel patterns

The Committee discussed strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and challenges for the Town to consider during the MMP process which included:

- Strengths:
 - Multi-use pathways (ex. Eighth Line)
 - Trail network
- Weaknesses/Challenges:
 - Very minimal to no travel options currently in the Town
 - ActiVan is only public transit option
 - Current Active Transportation road infrastructure setup/development – certain roads not safe for cycling options
 - Costs of new or updated infrastructure
 - Old sidewalk infrastructure not safe
 - New developments connecting to the rest of the Town
 - Highway 7 running through Town with MTO having authority
 - Train tracks (Acton) at both main intersections – hard to navigate around Active Transportation
- Opportunities:
 - Signage – different phases of users of the infrastructure could be identified to consider how each age group may use the infrastructure, how can it be better landmarked for younger users?
 - Public transit options (I. Drewnitski briefly outlined the current Transit Implementation Plan)
 - EV options and infrastructure for public areas
 - Policy standards/recommendations
 - Improve winter maintenance

- Integration with GO bus for transportation between Acton and Georgetown
- Connections with main road network
- Youth training and education on public transportation (could include incentive)
- Education possibilities on both transit and active transportation infrastructure
- Ebike and bike sharing programs
- Trail promotion
- Keeping statistics on trail usage and other active transportation infrastructure

M. Khashaypoor presented to the Committee about the visioning of the MMP and reviewed values, themes and the draft vision which include:

- Safe, convenient, accessible, healthy and sustainable transportation options
- Freedom
- Quality of life, livability
- Cost effectiveness
- Innovative solutions
- Support growth within Halton Hills
- Safety and reliability

I. Drewnitski reviewed that targets will not currently be included in the MMP but that ways to identify baseline metrics will be looked into for the next part of this study.

The Committee discussed what values are important within the MMP, which included:

- Efficiency
- Reduction of greenhouse gas emissions
- Aspects related to the Town’s Climate Change Adaptation Plan (adopted in 2020)
- Community
- Infrastructure
- Healthy (ex. active transportation infrastructure)
- Connectivity
- Livability

5. WORKING GROUPS

a. Bike It

Councillor J. Fogal provided updates on the following Bike It events:

- Used Bike Swap – recycled 92 bikes, raised \$3300 for food banks

- Birds and Bikes group ride – hosted it and went well
- Bike it to the Market coming up on June 14th – advertised through schools and will be advertised through socials
 - Survey will be held during that event to receive information and feedback from the community on the cycling map and Bike It led events and to learn more about resident cycling activity
- Bike Repair Café event being held in conjunction with the library doing workshops on bike repair
- Started using new marketing material at events (feather banner) and handing out bike tattoos and stickers

I. Drewnitski provided an update on Bike Month which will include a scavenger to be held in the summer, Bike to School week with 5 schools in Halton Hills participating.

6. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Continued discussion of the Cycling Map – I. Drewnitski

7. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.