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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, October 3, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, October 3, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:00 PM. Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.

#### 1. Call to Order & Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

V. Walker read the following land acknowledgement:

The Region of Durham exists on lands that the Michi Saagiig Anishinaabeg inhabited for thousands of years prior to European colonization. These lands are the traditional and treaty territories of the Nations covered under the Williams Treaties, including the Mississaugas of Scugog Island First Nation, Alderville First Nation, Hiawatha First Nation, Curve Lake First Nation, and the Chippewa Nations of Georgina Island, Beausoleil and Rama.

We honour, recognize, and respect Indigenous Peoples as rights holders and stewards of the lands and waters on which we have the privilege to live. In our efforts towards reconciliation, we continue to build and strengthen relationships with First Nations, as well as the growing Inuit communities and large Métis communities and here in Durham. We commit to learning from Indigenous values and knowledge, building opportunities for collaboration, and recognizing that we are all connected.

#### 2 Roll Call

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair  
B. Astley, Oshawa  
M. Gibbons, Scugog attended the meeting at 7:01 PM  
A. Heywood\*, Pickering  
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
K. Mirani, Brock  
Councillor Shahid (alternate)  
P. Smith\*, Uxbridge  
T. Van Helsdingen\*, Ajax attended the meeting at 7:03 PM  
**\* denotes Members participating electronically**

Absent: Councillor Kerr

#### Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning, Planning and Economic Development  
D. Culp\*, Project Planner, Transportation Planning  
C. Goodchild\*, Director of Planning

R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Kemp\*, Manager, Traffic Engineering & Operations  
C. Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning  
A. Spencer\*, Project Manager, Traffic Safety & Operations  
V. Walker, Committee Clerk, Corporate Services – Legislative Services  
\* **denotes staff participating electronically**

**3. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**4. Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by C. Houston, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee  
meeting held on June 14, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Lalita Thakali, Transportation Engineer, Town of Whitby, re Active  
Transportation Projects in Whitby

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Lalita Thakali, Transportation Engineer, Town of Whitby, provided a  
PowerPoint presentation with regards to Active Transportation Projects in  
Whitby.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Multi-Use Path Centerline Pavement Marking Project
- Pedestrian Crossover Program
- Garden Street Multi-Use Path (MUP) (North of Mary Street)
- Cochrane Street Cycle Track
- Sidewalk Prioritization Plan
- Micromobility Public Engagement
- Future Projects

L. Thakali responded to questions from the Committee regarding the  
anticipated timeline for implementing pedestrian crossovers in Whitby;  
whether the sidewalk prioritization plan will prioritize constructing sidewalks  
in residential areas; the current stage of the sidewalk prioritization plan;  
whether there is a plan to add street lighting over multi-use paths (MUPs)  
that do not currently contain overhead lighting; and whether the Town takes  
into account the locations of active transportation networks when reviewing  
construction and road occupancy permit applications to avoid obstruction of  
MUPs.

B) Steven Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Durham Region, re: Vision Zero Updates

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Steven Kemp, Manager, Traffic Engineering and Operations, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Vision Zero Updates.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Vision Zero Principles
- The Data
- Fatal Collisions
- Intersection Related Collisions
- Pedestrian Related Collisions
- Cyclist Related Collisions
- 2024 Durham Vision Zero (DVZ) Program
- Targeted Active Transportation Initiatives
  - Planned Pedestrian Crossovers (PXO)
  - Planned Pedestrian Signals (IPS or MPS)
  - Midblock Pedestrian and Cycling Crossing Operations and Safety Study
  - Uncontrolled Crossings Study (Phase 2)
- Next Chapter
- Network Screening – Top Pedestrian Collisions
- Network Screening – Top Cyclist Collisions
- Eco-Counter
- Next Steps

S. Kemp responded to questions from the Committee regarding whether there has been a reduction in accidents at locations where red-light cameras and speed cameras have been installed; whether consideration has been given to issuing educational materials to residents to promote safe driving and deter reckless driving; the anticipated timeline for installing intersection pedestrian signals (IPS) along the hydro corridor in Whitby; whether the reported collision data accounts for fatalities and collisions in all of the Region or is specific to Regional roads; and whether consideration could be given to enhancing trail crossings with visual indicators such as road painting or symbols for trail crossings that don't meet the traffic volumes to require a formal pedestrian crossing.

C) Danielle Culp, Project Planner, Durham Region, re: Signage & Wayfinding Strategy

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Danielle Culp, Project Planner, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Signage & Wayfinding Strategy.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Project Progress Update
  - Project Timeline
  - What We Heard
- Strategy Outline
  - Durham Cycling Wayfinding and Signage Strategy Outline
- Chapter Highlights
  - Chapter 5 – Destinations
  - Chapter 5 – Sign Family
  - Chapter 6 – Design Concept
  - Chapter 7 – Implementation and Maintenance
- Next Steps
  - Present Final Strategy
  - Implementation

**6. Delegations**

There were no delegations to be heard.

**7. Discussion Items**

There were no discussion items.

R. Lalonde introduced Chris Leitch as the Region’s new Manager of Transportation Planning in the Planning Division.

**8. Information Items**

A) DATC Subcommittee: Bike Friendly Communities Award Program (Connor Houston)

C. Houston provided an update on behalf of the Bike Friendly Communities Award Status subcommittee and stated that the application for the Bike Friendly Communities Award Program is nearing completion with only a few items that remain outstanding. He advised that the application will be submitted ahead of the October 11, 2024 deadline.

B) North Durham Trail Update (Ron Lalonde)

R. Lalonde provided an update with respect to the ongoing maintenance on the North Durham TransCanada Rail Trail. He highlighted the following work that has been completed on the Trail to date:

- March 2024: Trail assessment completed
- April 2024: Local contractors identified
- May 2024: Stop signs installed at 14 intersections
- June 2024: Grass cut along 21km corridor
- July 24: Ruts and holes repaired
- August 2024: User etiquette signs installed
- August 2024: New bike repair station installed

R. Lalonde advised that the user etiquette signs installed in August were incorrect and have since been updated with the correct signage. He stated that the bike repair station was installed at the Blackwater Junction by the Lake Simcoe Regional Conservation Authority.

R. Lalonde further stated that the next steps consist of bridge deck repairs east of the Blackwater Junction, windfall removal, and pothole repairs. He advised that contractors have been selected and estimates for the work are being prepared, with an anticipated completion date for the work being the end of this year.

C) Rouge National Urban Park Year in Review (2023)

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A link to the Year in Review (2023) from Rouge National Urban Park was provided as Attachment #2 to the Agenda and received for information.

**9. Other Business**

There were no items of other business.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by Councillor Shahid,  
That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:31 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation  
Committee

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk