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## The Regional Municipality of Durham

### MINUTES

#### DURHAM ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

Thursday, December 12, 2024

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, December 12, 2024 in Meeting Room 1-A, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby at 7:06 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 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  
A. Heywood\*, Pickering  
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair  
Councillor Kerr  
K. Mirani\*, Brock  
P. Smith\*, Uxbridge  
T. Van Helsdingen\*, Ajax, attended the meeting at 7:15 PM  
**\* denotes Members participating electronically**

#### Staff

Present: A. Caruso, Senior Planner, Transportation Planning  
R. Inacio, Systems Support Specialist, Corporate Services – IT  
S. Kemp\*, Manager, Traffic Safety & Operations  
C. Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning  
A. Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development (TOD)

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 B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,  
That the minutes of the Durham Active Transportation Committee  
meeting held on October 3, 2024, be adopted.

CARRIED

**5. Presentations**

A) Jennifer Juste, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Guelph, re:  
Active Transportation in Guelph

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Jennifer Juste, Manager of Transportation Planning, City of Guelph, provided  
a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Active Transportation in Guelph.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Transportation Master Plan
- The Future of Transportation in Guelph
- Plans and Strategies
  - Transportation Master Plan
  - Complete Streets
  - Vision Zero
  - Cycling Master Plan
  - Spine Cycling Network
  - Sidewalk Needs Assessment
- Current Projects
  - Active Transportation (AT) Wayfinding Strategy
  - Cycling: Protected Intersections
  - Cycling: Education and Encouragement
  - Cycling: Bike Month Events (June)
  - Guelph Thinkshop
  - Cycling: Trail-Road Connections
  - Walking: Sidewalk Infill
- Challenges
  - Implementation
  - Maintenance
  - Development
  - Bill 212

J. Juste responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether there are advantages of implementing a Dutch intersection design over a roundabout design; how the mode share graph target data (up to the year 2051) for the Transportation Master Plan was generated; to what extent the City of Guelph has engaged nearby colleges and universities to promote active transportation among students and staff; and the impact that traffic calming measures have had on collision rates.

B) Sayan Sivapathasundaram, Transportation Engineer, City of Toronto, re: Steeles Ave East Complete Streets Project

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Sayan Sivapathasundaram, Transportation Engineer, City of Toronto, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to the Steeles Ave East Complete Streets Project.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Background
- Project Overview
  - Project Scope
  - Cycling Connections
  - Limits of Construction
  - Timeline
- Complete Streets Approach
- Elements of Complete Streets on Steeles Avenue East
- Design Overview
- Upgrades to Toronto Transit Commission (TTC) Bus Stops
- Design Features
  - Raised Crosswalk/Crossride
  - Upgraded Streetlights (LED)
  - Truck Apron
  - Floating Island Bus Stop
  - Integrated Bike-Bus Platform
  - Green Infrastructure and Hydroseeding
  - Corner Island

S. Sivapathasundaram responded to questions from the Committee with regards to how cyclists and drivers can safely navigate the corner island at the intersection; whether indicators, lights or other markings are present at the intersection to guide cyclists and drivers around the corner island; and whether leading bike interval signals have been considered for the intersection to provide cyclists with a lead time before the traffic signals turn green.

C) Chris Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning, and Aneesah Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development, Durham Region, re: Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines

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Chris Leitch, Manager, Transportation Planning, and Aneesah Luqman, Manager, Transit-Oriented Development, Durham Region, provided a PowerPoint presentation with respect to Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) Guidelines.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Introduction to the TOD Strategy
- Project Timeline
- Regional Priorities
- TOD Guidelines – 6 Components
  - Mobility
  - Public Realm
  - Land Use
  - Built Form
  - Parking Management & Design
  - Transit Station Design
- Classification of TOD Places
- TOD Places
  - Example: Mixed Use Hubs
- Putting It All Together
- Implementation: Working Together to Deliver TOD
- Role, Awareness and Relevance of TOD Strategy
- Partners in Advancing TOD
- Structures for Effective Collaboration
- Monitoring and Managing
- Value of the TOD Strategy
- Next Steps
  - How We Plan to Use the TOD Strategy

C. Leitch responded to a question from the Committee with regards to what design ideas have been considered for the parking management and design component of the TOD guidelines.

General discussion ensued with regards to the importance of adequate parking, especially in the vicinity of venues that attract large gatherings of people; and different variations of parking designs and structures.

## 6. Delegations

There were no delegations to be heard.

**7. Discussion Items**

There were no discussion items.

**8. Information Items**

A) North Durham Trail Update (Ron Lalonde)

R. Lalonde provided an update with respect to the ongoing maintenance on the North Durham TransCanada Rail Trail and stated that through collaboration with Region staff, elected officials and the Eastern Ontario Trail Alliance, many necessary improvements to the Trail have been completed to bring the Trail up to reasonable standards.

R. Lalonde provided an overview of the Trail improvements completed over the course of this year and advised that next steps consist of Trail monitoring and maintenance. He advised that beginning in spring 2025, the Township of Uxbridge Trail Committee will monitor the Trail conditions on a regular basis, except during the winter months when there will be no Trail monitoring.

**9. Other Business**

A) 2025 Durham Active Transportation Committee (DATC) Workplan

A. Caruso advised that the 2025 DATC Workplan that was circulated to members will be presented at the Planning & Economic Development Committee and Council meetings in January. He stated that the 2025 Workplan contains many carry-over items from the 2024 Workplan, along with the following three (3) new items:

- To provide support to the Region in obtaining and maintaining a “Bicycle Friendly Community Status” designation;
- To provide support to the Region in its development of a Region-wide cycling map viewer, and assist with updates to the Regional Trail Network and Durham Trails mapping; and
- The development of a Committee logo.

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by P. Smith,  
That the Durham Active Transportation Committee adopt the  
2025 Durham Active Transportation Committee Workplan.  
CARRIED

B) Lakeridge Health Foundation Community Champion Award

R. Lalonde congratulated M. Gibbons for being recognized by the Lakeridge Health Foundation and receiving the Community Champion Award for 2024.

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

The next regularly scheduled meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee will be held on Thursday, March 6, 2025 in Meeting Room 1-B, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, at 7:00 PM.

**11. Adjournment**

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

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 8:34 PM

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R. Lalonde, Chair  
Durham Active Transportation  
Committee

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V. Walker, Committee Clerk