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The Regional Municipality of Durham
Durham Active Transportation Committee Minutes

Thursday, October 9, 2025

A meeting of the Durham Active Transportation Committee was held on Thursday, October 9, 2025 in the Courtice Room, Lower Level, Regional Headquarters Building, 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby, Ontario at 7:00 PM.

R. Lalonde assumed the Chair.

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

Electronic participation was offered for this meeting.
* indicates individuals who participated electronically.

Members

Present: R. Lalonde, Whitby, Chair
C. Houston, Clarington, Vice-Chair
B. Astley, Oshawa
J. Jutzi, Scugog
Councillor Kerr
K. Mirani*, Brock
P. Smith*, Uxbridge

Members

Absent: A. Heywood, Pickering
T. Van Helsdingen, Ajax

Staff Present: R. Inacio, C. Leitch, V. Mathi, N. Prasad and V. Walker

3. **Declarations of Pecuniary Interest**

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

4. **Adoption of Minutes**

Moved by C. Houston, Seconded by B. Astley,
That the minutes of the regular Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting held on Thursday, June 12, 2025, be adopted.

Carried

5. **Presentations**

- A) Jamie Stuckless, Owner & Principal Planner, Stuckless Consulting, and Stephanie Magnanelli, Transportation Planner, WSP Canada, re: Durham Region Bicycle Parking Guidelines Project
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Jamie Stuckless, Owner & Principal Planner, Stuckless Consulting, and Stephanie Magnanelli, Transportation Planner, WSP Canada, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the Durham Region Bicycle Parking Guidelines Project.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Project Overview
- Project Objectives
- Guiding Principles
- Short-Term vs. Long-Term Bicycle Parking
- Timeline
- Best Practices and Local Field Visit
- Policy Context
- Lessons from Other Jurisdictions
 - Location and Demand
 - Rack Design and Quality
 - Long-Term Parking and End of Trip Facilities
 - Zoning, Incentives, and Integration
 - Accessibility
- Field Visit Insights
- Engagement Overview
- Engagement Tactics
- Next Steps and Discussion

J. Stuckless posed the following questions for the Committee's response:

- What barriers have you experienced or noticed with bicycle parking? (i.e. design, placement, crowding, signage)

- What design features make bike racks usable and convenient from your perspective? (e.g. spacing, shelter, materials, security, ease of locking)
- What would an ideal bike parking setup look like near high-traffic destinations like grocery stores, schools, or community centres?
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- Are there specific destinations or neighborhoods in Durham you feel are underserved when it comes to bicycle parking infrastructure?
- Are there any locations in Durham, or elsewhere, you feel get it right when it comes to bicycle parking? What makes them stand out to you?

Chair Lalonde suggested that members submit their written responses to these questions to D. Culp following the meeting, to be subsequently shared with J. Stuckless and S. Magnanelli.

J. Stuckless responded to a question from the Committee with regards to the most suitable and accessible location for bicycle and e-scooter/e-bike parking to best serve commuters accessing the future GO Station in Oshawa.

B) Wojtek Kowalewski, Project Manager, City of Oshawa, re: City of Oshawa BMX Park

Wojtek Kowalewski, Project Manager, City of Oshawa, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to the City of Oshawa BMX Park.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- History
 - 2021
 - 2022
 - 2025
- BMX Park
- Pickleball, Formal Garden and Playground
- Washrooms

Positive feedback was received with regards to the project, including a favourable response and considerable interest in the BMX park and its design. Discussion ensued regarding the park design; completion timelines, the various amenities available at the park for public use; and the success of the park's grand opening event.

W. Kowalewski responded to a question from the Committee with regards to how municipalities can promote the concept of pump tracks to the community.

C) Sophie Callahan, Project Manager, Clean Air Partnership, re: Active Transportation Safety and Educational Projects

Sophie Callahan, Project Manager, Clean Air Partnership, provided a PowerPoint presentation with regards to Active Transportation Safety and Educational Projects.

Highlights of the presentation included:

- Three Service Pillars
- Transportation Equity: Multi-Sector Convening & Community-Engaged Research
- Mobilizing Justice
 - Community of Practice
 - Community Initiatives Map
 - Active Transportation (AT) Fast Facts Dashboard
- Study: Who uses and benefits from (Toronto's) multi-use trails and ravines?
- Incubating Cycling Culture beyond Downtown through Community Bike Hubs
- Complete Streets & Vision Zero
- Complete Streets Infrastructure Audits & Evaluations
- Involving Older Adults in Toronto's Senior Safety Zone Improvements
- School Streets Pilots in Ontario Communities
- Advancing Micromobility
- Toronto Bike Share Station Expansion Plan
- Industry Convening, Standardization and Workforce Development via Bike Training Collective Canada
- Municipal E-Micromobility Planning Knowledge Mobilization

S. Callahan responded to questions from the Committee with regards to the extent that municipalities are adopting a complete streets approach to planning; the process for obtaining battery certification for micromobility devices where the battery is enclosed; and the difference between a bike lane and bike route, and whether vehicular parking is permitted on either.

6. Delegations

There were no delegations.

7. Discussion Items

There were no discussion items to consider.

8. Information Items

A) Smart Commute Month Campaign

C. Leitch advised that the annual campaign of Smart Commute Month took place in September. He advised that Smart Commute along with the other smart associations created a survey which generated feedback from over 160 respondents from area municipalities and local employers in Durham. He advised that as another incentive for people to commute or use active transportation to get to work, they were encouraged to log their trips on the trip app or tracker if they completed a trip using a sustainable mode of transportation.. If the survey was completed, a ballot was provided for entry into a prize draw and if one or more trips were logged, then an extra ballot was earned for the draw. He advised that the survey helped to provide a better understanding as to what people's travel preferences are. He also stated that each year, the Smart Commute Associations meet in November to see what the next year will be with regards to programming and changes and advised that the vendor for the Smart Commute app, RideShark, is currently doing upgrades and enhancements to their website.

B) Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) Grant Application to Advance Accessible Wayfinding Signage

C. Leitch advised of a funding application called Enhancing Access to Spaces for Everyone (EASE) which is a grant for up to \$60,000 for initiatives that go beyond regular accessibility to enhance the quality of life for those with disabilities or seniors. He stated that an application has been submitted to kickstart the implementation of the Region's Cycling Wayfinding and Signage Strategy through installing cycling wayfinding signage on select primary cycling network routes in the Town of Whitby.

C) North Durham Rail Trail Winter Storm Damage

R. Lalonde provided an update on the North Durham Rail Trail. He advised that the rail trail is eastbound out of Uxbridge and forms part of the Trans Canada Trail heading across to Lindsay. He stated there was a significant winter ice storm across eastern Ontario in the late/early spring of 2025 resulting in significant damage to the trail. R. Lalonde stated that the cost to clean up the trail is approximately \$30,000. He stated that the Eastern Ontario Trail Alliance Association maintains a section of the Trail and has applied for a provincial grant to assist with the cost, which are quite prohibitive, but it has not yet been approved. He advised that Trans Canada Trail Association has offered to provide a third of the grant money to clean up the trail but there is still a funding shortfall. He expressed concern that the trail may be turned back to Infrastructure Ontario.

D) Infrastructure Updates

V. Mathi provided an update with regards to the following ongoing infrastructure projects:

- 2025 Active Transportation Infrastructure Projects
- Crosswalk Enhancements 2025
- 2025-2026 Standalone Infill Projects

V. Mathi stated that the first table of the slide deck shows the capital projects that have been completed, in the tendering phase, or under construction for 2025. With regards to the crosswalk enhancements, she stated that that ladder and zebra crosswalk pavement markings at intersections improve visibility for the crossings and for drivers and provided a brief overview of the 14 pedestrian crosswalk locations that were enhanced through the Durham Vision Zero Program with such markings.

V. Mathi also provided a brief overview of the infill projects in Pickering and Ajax, which are being led by the Region.

V. Mathi responded to questions from the Committee with regards to whether there is a plan to install a crosswalk at the multi-use path (MUP) located at the hydro corridor at Rossland Road in Whitby; and whether all relevant active transportation projects are accounted for in the update as certain projects appear to be missing. It was requested that the list be reviewed by the transportation design group as well as the construction group for accuracy and updating.

9. Other Business

There was no other business to be considered.

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next regularly scheduled Durham Active Transportation Committee meeting will be held on Thursday, December 11, 2025 at 7:00 PM.

11. Adjournment

Moved by B. Astley, Seconded by C. Houston,
That the meeting be adjourned.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 8:36 PM

Respectfully submitted,

R. Lalonde
Chair, Durham Active Transportation Committee

N. Prasad
Assistant Secretary to Council