



A meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) was held on the above date at 7:00pm in the Mansbridge Room, 353 McCarthy Rd. W., Stratford.

Committee Present: Stephen Barlow – Chair presiding, Lorraine Kuepfer – Vice-chair, Bernard Goward, Ryan Ritskes, Dave Mabee, Marianne Hawley, Councillor Vassilakos and Councillor Burbach

Staff Present: Nancy Bridges – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Cambria Ravenhill

Also Present: Wayne Sjaarda – Cycle Stratford

MINUTES

1. DECLARATIONS OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF BY MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL.

None declared.

2. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES – February 27, 2019

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos, seconded by Councillor Burbach

That the ATAC minutes dated February 27, 2019 be adopted as amended.

Carried.

3. INTRODUCTIONS

Members of the committee introduced themselves.

4. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

a. Analysis of accident data

Councillor Vassilakos stated that she has begun compiling the 2013-2018 data from Police Services into a spreadsheet. After her initial review it appears that 85% of the time the vehicle was at fault. Once the data has been compiled, time of day statistics will be available to analyze.

Councillor Vassilakos spoke to staff and was informed that the City has a lot of traffic volume data that could be beneficial to the accident analysis. A new engineering position was approved in the budget and part of this position will include looking at similar traffic and accident data.

Councillor Vassilakos will continue to analyze the data and provide a report at the May ATAC meeting.

b. School Travel Planning group update

Councillor Vassilakos noted that two elementary schools have Walk and Wheel Wednesdays starting May 8, 2019. There will be prizes for students and coffee and tea for parents. She noted that the results from the classroom counts and home surveys showed similar concerns to last year. Both schools have requested bike rodeos. Councillor Burbach suggested that Cycle Stratford could help with the rodeos, as the police officer responsible is new to the role.

Councillor Vassilakos stated that a grant has been approved in order to hire a staff person to coordinate the school travel programs for the upcoming year. She suggested increasing the grant request for next year to obtain enough funds to have the person be a full-time staff.

Dave Mabee asked for clarification on which two schools were participating in the Walk and Wheels Wednesdays. Councillor Vassilakos stated that Bedford Public School and Romeo Public School were involved in the program this year but with the new position the hope is that every school can be involved. She provided a brief description of the new role and that the main goal is to develop a sustainable program that the schools can continue in the future.

The committee discussed the possibility of expanding the program to include grades 7 and 8 and therefore getting program exposure in the high schools. Councillor Vassilakos stated that the role of the School Travel program is to include City staff, infrastructure changes, schools, parents and kids to change habits and ensure everyone is working towards improving the situation. She noted that the addition of a vehicle in the parking enforcement department will allow for additional enforcement around the schools.

Bernard Goward asked how much money would be received from the grant. Councillor Vassilakos clarified it would be approximately \$33,000.00.

Councillor Vassilakos described the school walk-about and recommended that some members of ATAC join the working group and be involved with the infrastructure walk-about that happen once a year. Previous walk-about have shown that the biggest safety concerns are due to parents in cars and not the pedestrians. Mr. Mabee stated that if the data points to parents then the

committee and working group should devote their attention to changing those habits.

Wayne Sjaarda, from Cycle Stratford, inquired whether the City has considered applying for a Bicycle Friendly Community designation and if this new staff position would be responsible for this type of application. Councillor Vassilakos was unsure but stated that it could.

5. NEW BUSINESS

a. Lack of bike racks around City Hall

Councillor Burbach asked whether all the post and ring units had been installed to date. Councillor Vassilakos stated there were potentially some units still available.

Motion by Ryan Ritskes, seconded by Dave Mabee that ATAC recommend that some of the remaining seasonal and permanent bike racks be installed around City Hall.
Carried.

Motion by Dave Mabee, seconded by Ryan Ritskes that ATAC recommend that the timeframe for seasonal bike racks be extended to accommodate a longer bike season.
Carried.

Mr. Sjaarda expressed disappointment with the lack of snow removal around the bike racks on Market Place.

Motion by Dave Mabee, seconded by Lorraine Kuepfer that ATAC recommend better snow removal around permanent bike racks.
Carried.

Councillor Vassilakos reminded the committee that the City has purchased the bike valet units and it is available for use at community events. Councillor Burbach inquired whether the valet had been added to the special events application. Staff will follow-up with the Events Coordinator.

b. Sidewalk infrastructure – Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) meeting attendance

Councillor Vassilakos indicated that she had been speaking to Councillor Henderson regarding the similarities between some of the topics the two committees discuss. Councillor Vassilakos suggested that some members of ATAC attend the June AAC meeting to discuss sidewalk infrastructure and come up with combined recommendations for staff for the 2020 budget. Councillor

Burbach, Councillor Vassilakos, Lorraine Kuepfer and Dave Mabee have agreed to try to attend the June 4, 2019 AAC meeting as a delegation.

Councillor Burbach stated that TJ Dolan Drive would be an excellent road to convert to a gravel trail and designate it pedestrians only. Gravel would help reduce the issues with flooding and pooling in the area.

Stephen Barlow asked for clarification on the 2% of the budget that was to be promised for the cycling and pedestrian plan. Councillor Vassilakos stated that the money was approved in the budget and that \$250,000 was allocated in 2019 however this amount would not cover all the projects and anything new would be reviewed in the 2020 budget discussions.

c. Snow clearing

Ryan Ritskes inquired about the status of the sidewalk snow clearing discussions with staff. Councillor Vassilakos stated this item had been referred to staff to provide a report.

6. NEXT MEETING DATE – Wednesday, May 22, 2019 – 7:00pm
Mansbridge Room, 353 McCarthy Rd. W., Stratford

Motion by Dave Mabee, seconded by Bernard Goward
That the April 24, 2019 ATAC meeting adjourn.
Carried.

MEETING ADJOURNMENT

Start time: 7:00pm
End time: 7:49pm