

AGENDA TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 19, 2015 at 6:00 p.m.

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No.7

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*****Committee Photo Immediately Preceding the Meeting*****

1. Call to Order

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

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4. Presentation/Discussion Items

4.1. Harwood Avenue Cycling Facilities (6:15 – 6:45 p.m.)

Dale Dionne, *Dionne Bacchus & Associates Consulting Engineers*

Heather Doucette, *Capital Projects Technologist, Planning & Development*

4.2 Introduction to Road Watch (6:45 – 7:15 p.m.)

Gord Fleming, Traffic Safety Coordinator, Durham Region Police Services

Randy Ireland, Chair of Ajax Road Watch Committee

5. Correspondence

6. Update from Council

7. Standing Items

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8. New/Other Business

9. Adjournment

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DRAFT MINUTES

Transportation Advisory Committee

October 22, 2015

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No. 6

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Committee Members: Keith Haines, Chair
Caryn Antram
Jessica Black
Mary Cunningham
Wayne Hingston
Stu Logan

Staff: Elysia Leung, Transportation Demand Management Coordinator
Sarah Moore, Committee Coordinator

Guests: Derek Lee, Durham Cycling Club
Cheryl Brown, Durham Cycling Club
Mohammed Akthar, Prospective Member
Dev Ramkallie, Prospective Member

Regrets: Lynn Trauzzi, Councillor Marilyn Crawford, Zoilo Amoranto,
Hubert Ng

1. Call to Order

Chair Haines called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved By: S. Logan
Seconded By: J. Black

That the Minutes of the September 17, 2015 Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee be approved.

CARRIED

4. Presentation/Discussion

4.1 Durham Region Cycling Coalition

Derek Lee, Durham Cycling Club, introduced the Durham Cycling Coalition, which developed through the collaboration of five cycling clubs in Durham after the tragic death of a fellow cyclist. The objectives of the Coalition are to improve cycling infrastructure and safety and promote cycling tourism.

D. Lee identified challenges and concerns with cycling in Ajax, including a lack of north-south safe connectivity, old-style catch basin gratings, trail closures (east bank of Duffin's Creek, north of the off-leash dog park), and limited signage. Across the region, similar issues exist: disconnects on well-used cycling routes, lack of connectivity between the Waterfront Trail and Greenbelt Trail, poor road surfaces, as well as unpaved gravel shoulders. The Regional Cycling Map was reviewed and progress to date towards improvements was discussed.

In February 2015, a report from the Coalition on Cycling Hazards and Infrastructure Improvements within the Region of Durham was submitted to the Region. In May 2015, the Durham Cycling Club presented to the Whitby Council about the shortfalls and recommendations. The Coalition has registered as a stakeholder in the Durham Region Transportation Master Plan. Future plans of action for the Coalition include taking part in the City of Pickering's Bikeway and Trails Master Plan development, advocating for the sensitivity of traffic lights to be triggered by cyclists, ensure that Highway #407 East overpasses have bike lanes on cycling routes, attend the forthcoming Bicycle Facilities and Municipal Liabilities Workshop hosted by the Region, and continue to deliver awareness presentations to municipal councils.

Several photos identifying areas for improvement (catch basin retrofits) and recent improvements (traffic calming) in the Town of Ajax were shared and discussed. D. Lee encouraged the Committee to take action to help promote cycling in Durham as a safe destination for all types of cycling activity – tourism, recreational and commuting! Additional information on the Coalition was noted to be available online at www.durhamsafecycling.ca or via email: durhamrcc@gmail.com.

Members posed several questions relative to how the Coalition felt projected traffic patterns with the 407 will impact cycling in the near future as well as areas in need of paved shoulder retrofits.

4.2 Cycling Safety Presentation

W. Hingston presented a detailed account of his nine week charity cycling ride from Newport Beach, CA to Staten Island, NY. He discussed challenges and barriers encountered by cyclists throughout the ride, such as 50°+ temperatures in Arizona which resulted in suspending the ride for a few days. A total of 6,100km was cycled, with a daily average of 120 km. W. Hingston discussed the changes in surfaces along the route and how they affected cycling. He provided an overview of risk factors with cyclists, including inattentiveness, poor judgment, close riding, surface irregularities, traffic conditions, weather, pedestrians, foreign objects and signage. An estimated \$1.82 million was raised for poverty awareness through the 233 participants.

4.3 Curb Cuts Review

S Logan expressed concerns regarding improper curb cuts. He stated that the intersection of Bayly Street and Salem Road was a perfect example of how curb cuts exactly lined up with

the white crossing lanes on the roadway. He then gave examples of intersections where curb cuts were not wide enough in relation to crossing lines – Bayly Street and Audley Road, Bayly Street and Lakeridge Road, Bayly Street and Halls Road. S. Moore was able to provide a close-up photo through use of Google Maps. The Rands Road Trail was given as an example of no curb cut at all.

Staff encouraged all Members to identify required curb cut observations and to email them, with a photo where possible, to E. Leung in order for requests to be documented and submitted to the Operations Department.

M. Akthar inquired about the possibility of piggy-backing on a mobile application to report graffiti and other concerns, so that residents could also submit curb cut requests. Staff agreed to look into the matter and report back.

5. Correspondence

5.1 Letter of Response from region of Durham Re: Highway # Concerns

Members proposed waiting until the next meeting to determine the Region's follow-through on the actions outlined in their letter of response (ex. overhead signage, extending broken lines, and painting cycling lanes green). A follow-up letter may be submitted on behalf of the Committee.

6. Update from Council

None.

7. Standing Items

7.1 Work Plan

This Item was not discussed in detail.

8. New/Other Business

Awareness Campaign Update

E. Leung thanked J. Black (and her dog) and S. Logan for their participation in the filming of the Trail Etiquette and How to Use Roundabouts videos. E. Leung noted that several Bike Month prize recipients had not picked up their draw prizes after many attempts to contact them. She proposed that the prizes be used for a quiz contest relative to the video awareness campaigns; the Committee agreed.

Members encouraged information on the awareness campaigns be shared with local schools.

Durham Region Transit (DRT) Advisory Committee Meeting

C. Antram updated the Committee on the letter of concern submitted to Durham Region Transit by Mr. McCorkell. She noted that the Chair directed regional transit staff to look into specific complaints. Riders were encourage to contact DRT right away with any complaints and to report the bus number and time of occurrence. Members shared positive customer service experiences on DRT.

Members expressed interest in an update on the Clements Road traffic calming project at a forthcoming meeting.

9. Adjournment

Moved By: J. Black
Seconded By: C. Antram

That the October 22, 2015 Meeting of the Transportation Advisory Committee be adjourned.
(7:50 p.m.)

CARRIED

Meeting Date	Objective / Project	Task	Lead	Timeline	Status
03/26/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trailfest and Bike Month Hunt Street EA – PIC Williamson Dr Bike Lanes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Introduction to TAC Attend and discuss Hunt St EA PIC Review and comment on the proposed bike lanes on Williamson Drive 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		
04/16/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC Bike Month Trail Etiquette Temporary Signage Traffic Calming Warrant Update Highway 401 EA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review and comment on the listed projects 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		
05/21/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> TAC Bike Month Update Big Brothers Big Sisters Transportation Demand Management Plan 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation by Big Brothers Big Sisters Review and comment on the TDM Plan 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		
06/18/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AT Facilities and Trails Implementation Update Active Safe Routes to School 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presentation on AT Facilities by Andrew Jackson Review and comment on ASRTS 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung Andrew Jackson		
09/17/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Region of Durham Transportation Master Plan Update Traffic Calming – Clements Road Pilot Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Comment on the Region's multi-modal transportation policy and infrastructure needs Provide an update on the findings of the Clements Road Pilot Project 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		
10/22/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Traffic Calming – Emperor Street and Seward Crescent Projects Lake Driveway and Rotary Park Improvement Plan Road Watch Committee 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide updates on the design of traffic calming projects Discuss the key transportation issues that pertain to Lake Driveway and Rotary Park and what improvements are feasible? 	Hubert Ng Robert Salewysch		
11/19/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Future Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan Update Wayfinding Strategy on AT Facilities 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Discuss the key issues these projects should consider. 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		
12/17/2015	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Highway 407 East Extension 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Provide an update on the construction of the 407 East Extension 	Hubert Ng Elysia Leung		