



Active Transportation & Trails Advisory Committee

MINUTES

May 29, 2014

River Plate Room, Town Hall

Meeting No. 5

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Committee Members:	Richard Cooke Reg Lawrance (<i>via teleconference</i>) Stu Logan Marjorie Middleton, Co-Chair Joanne Nightingale, Co-Chair Ute Sack Lynn Trauzzi
Staff:	Catherine Bridgeman, Active Transportation Coordinator Sarah Moore, Committee Co-ordinator
Guest:	Andrew Jackson, Landscape Architect, Bruce Johnson, Partner – Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects
Regrets:	Regional Councillor Shaun Collier, Colin Wallace, Kim Lendvay, Michael Jakubcak, Erica Warsh

1. Call to Order

Chair Middleton called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

None

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: J. Nightingale
Seconded by: U. Sack

That the Minutes of the Active Transportation & Trails Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 24, 2014 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. Presentations/Discussion Items

4.1 Carruthers Trails Project – Rossland to Taunton Road

Mr. Andrew Jackson, Landscape Architect, and Mr. Bruce Johnson, Partner with Cosburn Giberson Landscape Architects, presented an overview of the Carruthers Trail capital Project, to extend the trail from Rossland Road north to Taunton Road. Details relative to the design and approvals phase (2014) and construction (2015) were reviewed.

Mr. Johnson walked the Committee through a series of aerial photo illustration boards and identified the proposed route, as well as areas for culvert and railway crossings. He indicated that next steps would include walking the proposed route with approving authorities (TRCA, etc.) and flag the route with staff.

Questions were posed relative to the timing of the project and whether it will be completed in time for the 2015 Pan Am Games. Mr. Johnson identified several considerations that may impact construction timelines including the Migratory Birds Act, and potential flooding conditions.

Members inquired whether or not there have been considerations for a trail flyover over Highway 401, to establish a needed north-south trail link connection. Mr. Jackson noted that if and when Audley Road is extended south, a flyover could be considered at that time.

For the Committee's interest, Mr. Jackson provided an update on the Shoal Point Road trail bridge, noting that abutments have been installed. The project is anticipated to be complete within a few weeks.

4.2 Trailfest Check-in

On behalf of Ms. Warsh, Ms. Moore confirmed the Committee's participation in the June 22, 2014 Trailfest event. Mr. Logan volunteered to sweep the Mayor's Ride, Mr. and Mrs. Cooke will sweep the Tour d'Ajux, Ms. Trauzzi and Chair Middleton will lead the walk, and Mr. Lawrance and Ms. Nightingale will assist with the information table.

Mr. Cooke volunteered to walk the walk route with Ms. Trauzzi and Chair Middleton prior to the event. Staff agreed to forward speaking notes relative to Pan Am 2015, should they be of interest in the walking tour commentary.

4.3 Content for End of Year Report to Council

Ms. Moore sought clarity from the Committee on its end-of-year report to Council. The Co-Chairs indicated their preference for a written report; however Members expressed interest in a formal presentation and slide show. The presentation will be scheduled for the June 23, 2014 meeting of Council. Mr. Cooke agreed to work with Mr. Lawrance and Co-Chair Middleton to create a PowerPoint presentation. Co-Chair Middleton and Mr. Lawrance will work together to create a draft script. Staff volunteered to review and provide additional content.

5. Standing Items

5.1 Work Plan

Ms. Moore noted that the community event dates for the remainder of 2014 were included on the Work Plan, should the Committee be interested in planning an information booth.

Ms. Bridgeman exited. (7:40 p.m.)

5.2 Durham Trails Coordinating Committee (DTCC) Update

Mr. Cooke noted that the Regional committee is still in the process of developing its five-year trail development plan.

5.3 Pan Am Ajax Local Host Committee Update

On behalf of Mr. Lawrance, Ms. Moore provided an update from the latest Pan Am Ajax Local Host Committee Meeting. She noted that the group had received a presentation from Ms. Bridgeman on the overlay of the President's Choice Pan Am Ajax Ballpark.

6. Correspondence

On behalf of Mr. Lawrance, Ms. Moore circulated and read a report regarding progress of the Greenwood Conservation Lands development project.

7. Update from Council

None.

8. New Business

8.1 Monthly Hike Update

Chair Middleton provided feedback from her May 24, 2014 Duffins North Hike. She shared suggestions for additional advertising outreach, noting that she took information on the monthly hikes to her PROBUS club as well as exercise classes. The May hike received 12 participants who expressed interest in future hikes. Ms. Middleton noted that she would continue to promote the hikes through the Ajax Public Library and Ms. Nightingale noted she would submit the hike details to SNAP! online.

8.2 Liability

Mr. Logan inquired whether Committee members are insured during monthly walks, etc. Ms. Moore advised that all Committee Members appointed by Council are insured, and that all walks take place on Town property, which is also insured.

R. Lawrance exited the meeting (8:05 p.m.)

8.3 'Discover Pinellas' Florida Trails & Bicycle Lanes Guide

Mr. Logan distributed copies of the 'Discover Pinellas' Trails and Bicycle Lanes Guide from Florida for the Committee's interest.

8.4 Trailfest Reminders

Members encouraged staff to circulate a copy of the final ride and walk routes as well as print a large version of the map to be placed at the registration desk. Questions were also posed relative to an emcee for the event. Ms. Moore agreed to follow-up with the appropriate staff and report back to the Committee.

9. Adjournment

Moved by: J. Nightingale
Seconded by: U. Sack

That the May 29, 2014 Meeting of the Active Transportation & Trails Advisory Committee be adjourned (8:15 p.m.).

CARRIED