



A meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) was held on December 16, 2020 at 7:02 p.m., electronically.

Committee Present: *Councillor Burbach – Chair presiding, Lorraine Kuepfer – Vice-chair, *Councillor Vassilakos, Bernard Goward, Stephen Barlow, Wayne Sjaarda, David Daglish and Matthew Orchard

Staff Present: Ed Dujlovic – Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, Tatiana Dafoe – City Clerk and Nancy Bridges – Recording Secretary

Regrets: Cambria Ravenhill

MINUTES

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the ATAC meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof

None declared.

3. Adoption of Previous Minutes

Motion by Councillor Vassilakos, seconded by Wayne Sjaarda

**THAT the ATAC minutes dated October 28, 2020 be adopted as printed.
Carried**

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Content for Active Transportation Map

Councillor Vassilakos advised she gathered various examples of active transportation maps from other municipalities and expressed disappointment with their quality. She questioned what elements the Committee wants to see on the map. For example, she would like to see destination icons, washrooms and links to the GIS system. Councillor Burbach noted she would like to see trails, connections that are not on regular road maps, bike parking, benches and points of interest. Wayne Sjaarda would like to see traffic lights indicating safe routes through the City. Matt Orchard recommended using the GIS layers as a starting point.

Councillor Vassilakos asked Committee members to forward examples of maps that have features they would like to see on their map to her.

David Daglish suggested including Bed & Breakfast establishments and bike friendly accommodations would be helpful. Councillor Vassilakos agreed and noted that Councillor Bunting and Councillor Sebben could discuss the idea of including accommodations with the Destination Stratford Committee.

The Committee also agreed that including linkages to surrounding municipalities, safe routes and links to other active transportation groups would be beneficial additions to the map.

b. Report Card Design

Councillor Vassilakos provided visual examples of some municipalities with good report cards:

- Vancouver – very comprehensive and could be something to strive for in the future.
- Saanich – short and concise, includes survey data, ways to measure success, provides safety and infrastructure updates.
- Mississauga – black and white, includes metrics, looks like a report to Council rather than a public facing document.
- La Verne – short and to the point, visually straight forward, includes headings of education, encouragement, enforcement, evaluation and engineering.

Councillor Vassilakos noted there is money in the 2021 budget for report card design therefore the Committee should review the examples and come up with their favourite features to be discussed at the January meeting. Councillor Vassilakos will send links of the examples to staff for distribution to Committee members. She also noted that a good survey could provide useful information to be included in the report card.

5. New Business

c. Update on budget items relating to Active Transportation

Councillor Burbach provided a brief update on upcoming capital projects that benefit active transportation:

- New sidewalks being installed on Mornington Street and around Stratford General Hospital,
- Huron Street reconstruction from Mornington Street to Avondale Avenue,
- Review of the intersection at Douglas Street, Huron Street and Mornington Street,
- Streetlight improvements – including illuminating pedestrians,

- Pedestrian crossing improvements at Ontario Street/Church Street/St. Andrew Street and Downie Street/George Street near the Avon Theatre,
- Repair of two footbridges around the Avon River,
- Multi-use trail at the Packham Road soccer fields.

Ed Dujlovic, Director of Infrastructure and Development Services, provided the following updates:

- The City has received Federal funds for COVID infrastructure (\$354,000) and it will be used towards the TJ Dolan multi-use trail,
- As a result of the Downtown traffic study the City will look at improving pedestrian movements, narrowing crossing, using bump-outs and adding signals at the transit depot,
- Update to Transportation Master plan.

He noted there may be delays due to COVID-19. Staff is still waiting to see if the Province will be issuing Ontario Community Infrastructure funds. He noted that the pedestrian signal at the intersection of Romeo Street and Devon Street is being considered by staff. Traffic and pedestrian counts are required to determine the most effective type of crossing. There are concerns including sightlines that need to be considered.

d. Bike Corrals

Wayne Sjaarda expressed concerns relating to the newly installed bike corrals, including their design and ease of parking a bike. Staff noted that the design could be reviewed if additional corrals are purchased in the future.

- 6. Next Meeting Date** – Wednesday, January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

*Councillor Burbach and Councillor Vassilakos departed the meeting at 7:36 p.m.

7. Adjournment

Motion by Lorraine Kuepfer, seconded by Steve Barlow

THAT the December 16, 2020 ATAC meeting adjourn.

Carried

Start time: 7:02 P.M.

End time: 7:37 P.M.