



A meeting of the Active Transportation Advisory Committee (ATAC) was held on February 24, 2021 at 7:02 p.m., electronically.

Committee Present: David Daglish – Chair presiding, Councillor Burbach – Vice-chair, Councillor Vassilakos, Wayne Sjaarda, John Zelek and Lee Chandler

Staff Present: Tatiana Dafoe – City Clerk and Nancy Bridges – Recording Secretary

Also Present: Laura Edgar – HPPH and Anna Stratton

Regrets: Bernard Goward and Stephen Barlow

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 Councillor Burbach

THAT the ATAC minutes dated January 27, 2021 be adopted as printed.
Carried

4. Business Arising from Previous Minutes

a. Update on partnership with Destination Stratford (map)

Councillor Vassilakos spoke to Zach Gribble, CEO of Destination Stratford, regarding partnering with Destination Stratford on the active transportation map and he thought the project would be a good fit. Councillor Vassilakos noted she will send out a meeting request to the mapping sub-group to meet with Destination Stratford. The Committee agreed they should also be communicating with the Avon Trail on this project.

Councillor Vassilakos advised the City is currently undertaking a large wayfinding project and this will address the Avon Trail signage within the City. The City Clerk advised a comprehensive wayfinding strategy was developed in 2019. Following adoption of the plan, the intent was to create an implementation plan in 2020 however this project was paused

as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. It is staff's intent to continue working on this project in 2021. Information will be presented at an upcoming Committee meeting on the project and on proposed signage for trails.

b. Report Card design update

Councillor Burbach introduced Anna Stratton as the unofficial Energy & Environment representative for ATAC. Her appointment will be presented to Council for approval in March.

Councillor Burbach noted she used information from other municipalities to create a draft report card for the Committee. The measures of success she included are:

- Infrastructure (ex. Sidewalks, bike parking, multi-use trails, etc.)
- Connections
- Culture
- Safety

Councillor Vassilakos noted it would be interesting to include AODA Accessible Built Environment targets on the report card as well as bench inventory.

Councillor Burbach noted the Connections section could include items such as:

- Transit riders
- People walking/cycling to work

John Zelek suggested including people walking/cycling to commercial areas. He noted the Chamber of Commerce may have data that could be included. The Committee also identified the following items to be included in the report card:

- Intercity transit riders
- Pedestrians using certain streets

A goal the Committee would like included on the report card is the inclusion of bike racks on the intercity transit busses.

Councillor Burbach noted the Connections section could include items such as:

- Signage/wayfinding
- Number of cycling/walking events

Councillor Vassilakos recommended including bike rodeos, Canada Day ride, Car Free Fridays and other active transportation fundraisers.

The Safety section could include collision data, speed limits and bike thefts. Councillor Vassilakos volunteered to reach out to Stratford Police Services for updated data.

The Committee discussed the layout of the report card and the need to include goals. Councillor Burbach recommended using 2016 as a baseline comparison. Goals will need to be based on the new Bike and Pedestrian Master Plan that is currently under review. Mr. Zelek noted he would like to see the Committee's achievements measured against other similar municipalities.

Councillor Burbach will update the draft report card and present the revised version at the March Committee meeting.

The Committee had a short discussion on truck routes and Provincial connecting links and the involvement of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario when making decisions on these links.

5. New Business

a) Project priorities – to be discussed with Accessibility Advisory Committee at their April meeting

The Committee discussed the areas for improvement and identified the following as priorities:

- Delamere to Martin missing sidewalk
- Forman Avenue and Huron Street intersection, SE sidewalk missing
- Forman Avenue sidewalk missing beside Stratford District Secondary School
- Forman Avenue bicycle lane ends
- Worsley Street sidewalk missing from Birmingham Street to parking lot
- Second sidewalk on Devon Street
- Missing sidewalks on Willow Street

Councillor Vassilakos noted the Huron Street reconstruction report may address the safety issues at the Forman Avenue and Huron Street intersection.

Motion by Councillor Burbach, seconded by John Zelek

THAT ATAC recommend to staff that the intersection of Huron Street and Forman Avenue be flagged in the Huron Street Reconstruction Project for a lack of safety for pedestrians on the South East side due to a missing sidewalk. Carried.

The Committee discussed the difficulties in completing the sidewalk on Worsley Street due to the lack of land available. Expropriating property would be required to complete the project. Mr. Zelek suggested

recommending the street be changed to one-way. Councillor Vassilakos noted that one-way streets tend to increase speeds and could reduce safety around the school.

Mr. Daglish noted an area of concern is the pedestrian access to the Festival Marketplace Shopping Centre. Councillor Vassilakos noted the mall is private property and that new standards in site plans will address these issues in new developments.

A brief discussion occurred regarding the positives of the closure of Lakeside Drive during the summer months. Councillor Vassilakos noted a report will be going to Council to review pedestrian/cycling within the parks system.

b) Next Meeting Date – Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 7:00 p.m., electronically.

c) Adjournment

Motion by Councillor Burbach, seconded by Wayne Sjaarda

THAT the February 24, 2021 ATAC meeting adjourn. Carried

Start time: 7:03 P.M.

End time: 8:17 P.M.