# Pelham Active Transportation Committee

Presentation to Council, Town of Pelham, September 2020

### **PATC Overview**

- Formed by Council in 2008
- Citizen volunteers plus TOP staff, TOP Councillor, Regional Councillor
- 10 meetings per year plus additional activities
- Terms of Reference:
  - Develop a list of priorities that support AT, for Council's consideration, as part of the budget cycle
  - Act in an advisory capacity to Council and Planning and Public Works transportation policy development
  - Create and highlight opportunities for residents to learn about and advocate for AT in Pelham

# PATC Highlights

- Regular outreach to residents, using input to advise Council
- Advocated for new sidewalks, trails, bicycle infrastructure, snow clearing and traffic calming
- Achieved Bicycle Friendly (Silver) and Walk Friendly (Bronze) designations, the only community in Niagara with both
- Completion of Active Transportation Master Plan
- Prepared input for various PICs
- Founding member of Pelham Summerfest, including the Active Zone
- Participation in community events to promote AT, safety and education throughout the year, including the Home Show, Farmer's Market, Summerfest, Christmas Market, Thursday night bike valet, Slow Rolls

# PATC Highlights

- Obtained numerous grants to support pedestrian and cyclist safety in Pelham
- Developed and printed new "Cycling in Pelham" map
- Collaboration with other AT committees, including Welland and Thorold
- Supported walk and bike to school activities at local schools
- Member of Active Transportation Niagara Network
- Representation on Regional Active Transportation Sub-committee

#### **Active Transportation Master Plan**

- Walk. Bike. Roll. Hike. Let's make Pelham Active
- Significant guiding document for the Town of Pelham, approved in 2016
- > ATMP identifies short, medium-and long-term goals, priorities, budgets
- The ATMP requires regular review and assessment to ensure progress, to reflect changing conditions, to update budget planning and to ensure milestones are met and celebrated
- In 2018, Council approved a review of progress to-date. The PATC members volunteered to assist in the review
- High level review completed June 2020, though more must be done

#### **Active Transportation Master Plan**

Pelham Active Transportation Committee is requesting that Council:

- > Accept this high-level review of the AT Master Plan
- Support the following four priorities:
  - > Complete a sidewalk gap analysis
  - > Move forward with wayfinding and signage
  - Continue to review progress on the ATMP
  - Ensure capital budget allocations are included in the long-term capital budget plan to incrementally address items outlined in the ATMP

## Pelham Active Transportation Committee Members

- Brian Baty, Vice-Chair
- Bea Clark, Chair
- Rhys Evans
- Bob Fish
- Lisa Gallant
- Dave Nicholson
- Barbara Rybiak
- ▶ Diane Huson, Regional Councillor and John Wink, Councillor, Town of Pelham
- MYAC representative
- ► TOP staff Tolga Aydin, Jason Marr

## Pelham Active Transportation Committee Sincere thanks to...

- Council Members: for your support, participation and encouragement
- ► TOP Staff Members: for your support, expertise and guidance
- Residents, Town of Pelham: Your interest, comments, concerns, ideas and participation make a difference.