

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee  
Minutes**

Tuesday, Jan 21, 2020, 6:00 p.m.

Location: Town Hall

- 1. Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Rhys Evans, Dave Nicholson, Barbara Rybiak, Joe Marchant, Councillor John Wink, Regional Councillor Diana Huson. Staff: Tolga Aydin  
**Guest:** Carolyn Ryall, NRPW  
Regrets: Bob Fish, Brian Baty (Vice Chair),
- 2. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum**  
Declaring that a quorum was present, Chair Clark called the meeting to order.
- 3. Adoption of Agenda**  
Added
  - New business: Canada Games 2021

**Moved by: D. Nicholson**

**Seconded by: J. Marchant**

**THAT the agenda for the Jan 21, 2020 meeting be adopted as amended.**

**Carried**

**4. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof**

None.

**5. Approval of the Minutes**

**Moved by: B. Rybiak**

**Seconded by: B. Clark**

**THAT the minutes from the Nov 19, 2019 meeting be approved.**

**Carried**

**Moved by: B. Rybiak**

**Seconded by: B. Clark**

**THAT the minutes from the Dec 17, 2019 meeting be approved.**

**Carried**

**6. Business Arising from Minutes – Nov 19, 2019**

**6.1 Review of AT Master Plan subcommittee update**

Bea introduced a simplified tool for reviewing, at a high-level, the progress made on the AT master plan and areas where further work is needed. The results will be presented to Council, likely in April. PATC agreed with moving forward on this proposed tool.

**Action:** Bea and the sub-committee will meet to review and report back.

**6.2 Downtown revitalization grant update re bike lockers**

No update.

**6.3 Mapping signed loop rides**

Deferred.

**6.4 PATC 2020 Budget**

No update.

Action: Councillor Wink will check approved budget information.

**6.5 TOP representative on Region's Greater Niagara Circle Route committee**

Action: Councillor Huson will inquire if TOP has identified a municipal representative.

**6.6 Follow-up re correspondence from R. Stacey, resident**

Rhys reported that he shared the information with the Joint Advisory Committee and the committee asked Nancy Bozato, Clerk, Town of Pelham, to respond to his questions. No further questions have emerged.

**6.7 Meeting at GAG re Flexible delineators**

The parent-school committee be meeting again the end of January.

**6.8 Timing of Traffic Signals**

Carolyn Ryall, Director of Transportation, Niagara Region Public Works provided a presentation on timing of traffic signals to help us with issues, identified by residents, about having enough time to cross safely. The Region will examine any intersections we identify to assess the timing of the light and to make adjustments if necessary. All pedestrian signals are timed within the MTO guideline ranging from .8 to 1.25 metres per second. Staff are exploring the potential use of advanced pedestrian crossings. The Region is introducing ladder styled painted crosswalks to increase visibility.

PATC members identified additional questions for Carolyn's review and comment.

On behalf of the PATC, Bea thanked Carolyn for attending the meeting, providing helpful information and answering the committee's questions.

Additional Questions:

- Can signals/intersections be programmed to automatically allow for the pedestrian signals when we know there is more pedestrian activity e.g. at school dismissal time?
- Pedestrian Signal crossing Pelham Street at Church Hill Street – When a pedestrian presses the signal, why does it take 8 seconds until the signal turns red for vehicles; The pedestrian signal at the library (Town Square) changes within 3-4 sec; why can't the light on Pelham Street at Church Hill Street function/change that quickly?
- Can you provide further details about funding for cycling facilities and if there is any funding for pedestrian infrastructure?
- Would HWY 20 near EL Crossley qualify as a Community Safety Zone?
- When can a motorized scooter be used on the road vs sidewalk? Can you provide a url for us on this related to ADOA?
- Niagara Region Public Works informed Town Council at a recent presentation that they will be working on Effingham Street from Webber to River Road in 2020. Is there potential for this stretch to be considered for cycling infrastructure funding?

Action: PATC will request additional copies of the pedestrian signals handout to distribute at community events and drop off at seniors' residences.

Action: Bea will share Carolyn's email address with members. The additional questions raised by the PATC will be forwarded to Carolyn for review and comment.

## **6.9 Spring 2020 Forestry or Jane's Walk**

Dave has been speaking with potential leaders for this walk. It was suggested that perhaps the Town arborist would lead an educational walk, or climate change coordinator, Deanna Allen or someone from the NPCA or Nature Conservancy of Canada. The Pelham Art Festival Committee may be interested in helping promote the Nature Walk given their focus on the environment in 2020.

## **6.10 Letter to Council re Neighbourhood Traffic Management Policy**

No update.

## **6.11 Letter to Council re Crossings on Pelham Street report**

No update.

# **7 Committee Events and Reports**

## **7.1 Summerfest**

PATC will need a new representative. Bea will attend a few meetings in this planning stage but cannot commit to representing PATC on an ongoing basis.

## **7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee**

No update

## **7.3 Active School Travel**

Discussed PATC's role with follow-up to walkabouts. At this point we will review the reports and further explore our role with any identified actions.

## **8 New Business**

### **8.1 Canada Games 2021**

The Town of Pelham will host the cycling road race, starting and ending at Town Hall. Note that the cycling criterium will be held in St. Catharines and the cycling time trials in Port Colborne.

Action: A representative from Canada Games 2021 will attend our March meeting to provide more information.

## **8 Adjournment**

**Moved by: R. Evans**

**Seconded by: J. Marchant**

**THAT the meeting of PATC Committee be adjourned until the next meeting.  
Carried**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

### **Next meeting**

February 11, 2020

March 17, 2020

April 21, 2020

May 19, 2020

June 16, 2020