

**Pelham Active Transportation Committee
Minutes**

Tuesday, Apr 20, 2021, 6:00 p.m.

Location: via teleconference

1. **Attendance:** Bea Clark (Chair), Brian Baty (Vice Chair), Lisa Gallant (recorder), Rhys Evans, Bob Fish, Dave Nicholson, Barbara Rybiak, Aalijah Khan (MYAC), Councillor John Wink, Regional Councillor Diana Huson. Staff: Jason Marr, Tolga Aydin

Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Declaring that a quorum was present, Chair Clark called the meeting to order.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Additions:

PATC priorities preparation

Car parking at Steve Bauer Trail entrance

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: R. Evans

THAT the agenda for the Apr 20, 2021 meeting be adopted.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

Bea is assisting the Town with a couple of unrelated proposals.

4. Approval of the Minutes

Moved by: B. Baty

Seconded by: B. Rybiak

THAT the minutes from Mar 16, 2021 meeting be approved.

Carried

6. Business Arising from Minutes – Mar 16, 2021

6.1 Trails and Trail Development Discussion

An informal meeting was held on April 13th to discuss trail development.

Members agreed to further explore trail development, including accessibility considerations, in other jurisdictions with view to regroup in a few weeks. One aspect identified as essential is a map of the Pelham with the trails and pathways identified.

Action: Tolga will provide a list of existing and planned trails and connections.
Bea will schedule another informal meeting.

6.2 Update addition of trails to All Trails

No update.

6.3 Approved PATC Budget 2021

\$2500 was approved for three items e.g., production of resources related to our activities \$500; registration for Share the Road Conference \$750, and \$1250 for committee sponsored community events. Members will review options for PATC promotion and safety items at the next meeting.

Action: Bea will bring forward suggestions and options for consideration.

6.4 MTO – Road Safety Community Partnership program working group update

Weekly ads are appearing in print and online ads, as well as social media. Marc MacDonald will share analytics about the reach of the ads.

6.5 Timing of pedestrian signals update

Bob spoke with Nick Rosetti, Niagara Region and did not receive any information about how the Region's decision for the timing of the signal is informed. There was no opportunity to extend any of the intervals e.g. Station and Hwy 20.

Action:

- Jason will follow-up with Nick about the reduction of timing from 10 to 5 seconds at the Pelham Street/church Hill St. pedestrian crossing.
- Diana and Bob will debrief about the conversation.

6.6 Bicycle Friendly Community Renewal application

Will revisit this item in September to determine if we renew in the Fall or ask for an extension to 2022 due to pandemic circumstances.

6.7 Concerns re Steve Bauer Trail nomenclature

Jason discussed the issue and suggestions with staff and stressed the importance of identification on the trails. Further discussion required.

7 Committee Events and Reports

7.1 Summerfest

Hoping to see this event return in 2022.

7.2 Senior's Advisory Committee

No update.

7.3 Active School Travel

No update.

7.4 Active School Travel walkabouts

No update

8 New Business

8.1 Update on signalized pedestrian crossings, Pelham Street

Staff prepared an information report to Council about various crossings on Pelham Street. Minor safety improvement recommendations were made related to signage and markings. The crossing at Pancake Lane will be rebuilt, in the same configuration, as part of Phase 2 of reconstruction of Pelham Street this year, hopefully with reduced timing of the signal. Investigated use of PXO crossings rather than signalized crossing; the Region did not recommend a PXO crossing for this area.

8.2 Update re snow removal on paved trails

Council passed a motion directing staff to provide a report regarding the costs of snow removal on the paved section of the Steve Bauer Trail, with the intention to include that as part of the 2022 budget. The report goes forward to Council in May.

8.3 Suggestion for a resident survey

Barb suggested a resident survey similar to the one Welland just undertook in conjunction with the development of its Trails Master Plan. Pelham undertook a similar survey when we completed our active transportation master plan. If the PATC undertakes a survey, it would need to identify a clear purpose and a plan for how the information would be used. We will note Welland's survey as a good sample for potential use when we identify a need to solicit public input.

8.4. Car parking at Steve Bauer Trail entrance on Merritt Road

Dave asked if a review of parking needs for this location is required, given likely increased demand resulting from development in this area of Fonthill. Jason noted the importance of this idea and the opportunity to look at parking in this area. Jason will investigate whether an EA is required for the upcoming design the Town will be undertaking for this area. Bob also raised the importance of looking at the safety of the trail crossing, which Jason noted will be considered during the urbanization of this area.

8.5. PATC priorities preparation

Our May or June meeting will include a review of our priorities to assess our progress. Bea will send the priorities with the next agenda.

9.0 Adjournment

Moved by: B. Fish

Seconded by: D. Nicholson

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

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Upcoming Meetings, 2021

May 18

June 15

September 21

October 19

November 16

December 21