

Date: 27 March 2024  
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm  
Location: Meridian Community Centre - Accursi Room B – 100  
Meridian Way

Attendance: Brian Baty (Committee Member)  
Lori Lehne (Committee Member)  
Frank Adamson (Committee Member)  
Thom Hounsell (Committee Member)  
Diana Huson (Regional Councillor)  
Jason Marr (Director, Public Works)  
Adam Carter (Committee Member)  
Brian Eckhardt (Councillor Ward Two)  
Lindsay Richardson (Policy Planner, Planning)

Regrets: Patrick O'Hara (Committee Member)  
Nicholas Palomba (Engineering Technologist, Public Works)  
Sydney Van Leeuwen (Administrative Assistant, Public  
Works)

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**1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum**

Chair Baty called meeting at 4:02 pm

**2. Land Recognition Statement**

Chair Baty recited the land recognition statement.

**3. Approval of Agenda**

**Moved by:** Adam Carter

**Seconded by:** Lori Lehne

**THAT the agenda for the March 27, 2024, regular meeting of the  
Pelham Active Transportation Committee be adopted.**

**Carried**

#### **4. Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature**

There were no pecuniary interests disclosed by any of the members present.

#### **5. Approval of Minutes**

**THAT the minutes be amended to:**

**Amendment:** The title of 6.11 of the February 28, 2024, minutes to Short Hills & Bruce Trail Connecting to Fonthill.

**Moved by:** Frank Adamson

**Seconded by:** Adam Carter

**BE IT RESOVLED THAT the minutes of the February 28, 2024, Pelham Active Transportation Committee be approved, as amended.**

**Carried**

#### **6. Regular Business**

##### **6.1. Active Transportation Plan – Fenwick Secondary Plan**

Lindsay Richardson, Policy Planner present the Fenwick Secondary Plan. The plan is very conceptual currently. There is proposed cycling routes and a pedestrian corridor linking the naturalized protected areas.

Maps of the plan were provided to the committee members with cycling networks outlined.

Lindsay mentioned that the internal roads could include on-road and offroad cycling facilities. Arterial roads could have offroad cycling facilities, however most likely on road.

There are approximately 500-700 units planned for this area.

Initial development should start south of Canboro Rd.



## **6.2 Connecting Bruce Trail to Short Hills Provincial Park (Connecting North Pelham to Short Hills)**

Diana Huson discussed the meeting that the Town and NPCA had regarding this connection. There is potential to take advantage of the properties owned by the NPCA. The Town is looking at the possible routes that are in the North and South direction to make this connection.

Questions from committee members if there will be agreements made with property owners along this route.

With this connection there will be a requirement for a parking lot, the Town is looking at potentially having connection with Short Hills and an entrance off Roland Road. A designated parking lot will be required.

## **6.3 Bicycle Friendly Designation Status for Pelham**

The Town of Pelham is currently at Silver Status for the Bicycle Friendly Designation. Brian Baty provided the committee with this years Award Winners and Application Guide for the designation. Brian Baty has begun preliminary discussions regarding the Town of Pelham's application. The committee hopes to move to Gold or higher status in the future.

Committee members discussed and decided it would be of value to add all new paths in East Fonthill to the application.

## **6.4 Bicycle and Active Transportation Matters in Niagara Region and Venture Niagara**

**Action:** For Staff to distribute the Canboro Rd. Roadside Safety Report to the committee at the next scheduled meeting.

Councillor Eckhardt gave a brief to the committee regarding the report as it was previously presented to Council.

Adam Carter questioned the speed limit on Effingham Rd from Webber Rd to River Rd. Discussion amongst the committee regarding speed limits on Town Roads. Other municipalities are having 40km/h on residential roads and 50km/h on arterial roads.

## **6.5 Plans for the Official Kick-Off of Bikes Means Business**

Brian Baty discussed with the committee that a potential date for this Kick-Off would be in May 2024. He will confirm dates with the committee at April meeting.

This Kick-Off would not require the Town's Public Works staff to implement road closures.

The committee discussed the potential to have two start times at the Gerry Berkout Trail and Harold Black Park rather than hosting the Kick-Off over two days.

## **6.6 Final Step for Bicycle Signage**

Staff provided the committee on an update for the bicycle signage within the Town.

Committee concerns with the intersection of Memorial Dr. and Maple St. The Town may have to look at adding additional directional signage. Staff may need to install perforated poles to make room for additional signage.

## **6.7 Dave Hunt Bicycle Programs**

Bicycle safety course, if interested Brian Baty has attachments and handouts related to the course.

The Annual Freewheelers Open House, taking place Sunday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

Courses such as this one is beneficial during the Town's bicycle designation application evaluation.

Committee asked the safety of having organized rides within the Town and the responsibility for providing traffic control services.



## **6.8 Upcoming Events**

### **6.8.1 Toronto Bike Show**

Brian Baty provided the committee with a summary of vendors at the Toronto Bike Show. There is no Niagara representation this year. Previously there was promotion through Venture Niagara, however they are not marketing anymore.

Brian Baty suggested that Niagara should be more involved with marketing cycling in Niagara and should have representation at cycling shows.

Councillor Huson has a discussion regarding cycling tourism in the Niagara Region.

Brian Baty asked Councillor Huson if there would be any change to the Niagara Region with respect to advocacy and marketing.

Councillor Huson mentioned to the committee that the Niagara Region has a Transportation Strategy Steering Committee. Councillor Huson will look into the committee to see what their involvement is with Active Transportation Strategies.

Committee discussed potentially meeting with other local Active Transportation Committees to see if there would be interest in combining resources and ideas.

### **6.8.2 Waterloo Bicycle Conference Information**

Cost for the conference would be prohibitive.

### **6.8.3 Town of Pelham Home Show**

Brian Baty discussed opportunities for having a booth at the show.

**Action:** Jason to look into whether the Town has a booth to set up brochures, etc.

#### **6.8.4 Local Parades**

Brian Baty suggested that the banners for the parades be funded from the PATC budget.

### **7 Other Business**

#### **7.2 Upcoming Agenda Items – Committee Discussion**

Request to have the Canboro Rd. Roadside Safety Review presented to the Committee.

Niagara Region Red-Light Cameras are up and running locally. There are currently 4 in place and will be rotating quarterly.

#### **7.3 Next meeting is scheduled for April 24, 2024**

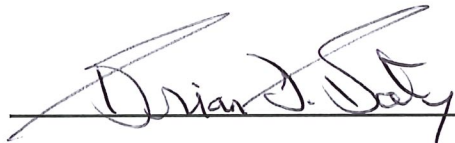
### **8 Adjournment**

**Moved:** Frank Adamson

**Seconded:** Adam Carter

**THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee be adjourned at 5:28 p.m.**

**Carried**



**Chair, Brian Baty**



**Administrative Assistant, Sydney Van Leeuwen**