

Date: 25 September 2024
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: Meridian Community Centre – 100 Meridian Way –
Kinsmen Room

Attendance:

Brian Baty (Committee Chair)
Lori Lehne (Committee Member)
Frank Adamson (Committee Member)
Patrick O’Hara (Committee Member)
Thom Hounsell (Committee Member)
Diana Huson (Regional Councillor)
Jason Marr (Director, Public Works)
Brian Eckhardt (Councillor Ward Two)
Nicholas Palomba (Engineering Technologist, Public Works)
Erin McCormick (Administrative Assistant, Public
Works)

Regrets: Adam Carter (Committee Member)

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Baty called the meeting to order at 4:01 pm

2. Land Recognition Statement

Chair Baty recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Moved by: Lori Lehne

Seconded by: Frank Adamson

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the September 25, 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

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the August 28, 2024, Pelham Active Transportation Committee be amended to strike the word "stolen" and be approved as revised.

Moved by: Thom Hounsell

Seconded by: Frank Adamson

Carried

6. Regular Business

6.1. Fonthill Spurline Rail Trail Project – Frank Adamson

Frank Adamson met with Tom Rankin to discuss the Spurline Rail Trail project. Rankin Construction will assess the trail and provide a cost estimate. They will also explore alternative paving methods to reduce expenses. Tom Rankin is expected to provide pricing within the next couple of weeks.

Frank was also informed about a potential Federal Tourism Grant offering \$250,000 in funding per project. Although it may be too late for this cycle, he believes the grant will be available again in the future.

Frank has been exploring funding sources, including the Trillium Foundation, Rotary Clubs, and the Branscombe Foundation. He proposed a funding model where each municipality contributes 20% of the overall costs, supplemented by grants from the Trillium Foundation, Rotary Clubs, and potential federal funding.

He suggested that the Rotary Club could manage the project, including tendering and oversight, with support from the municipalities.

Frank also noted a possible challenge with a Hydro transformer located in the middle of the trail east of Cataract Road but believes it can be worked around.

Jason Marr recommended the Committee attend the Open House on October 2, 2024, to present prioritized projects for the Capital Budget.

Motion: The Committee will send a delegate to the Open House to present its prioritized projects, including the Spurline Rail Trail.

Mover: Lori Lehne

Secunder: Thom Hounsell

Carried

6.2. PATC Banners – Discussion

The Committee will table this discussion until Adam Carter is able to attend.

6.3. Bicycle Signage- Summersides Boulevard

Frank Adamson suggested putting a "Do Not Pass" cyclists sign on both ends of the road, or alternatively allowing for cycling on sidewalks.

The Committee discussed adding both sharrows or signs, or both, as the pathway is too narrow for both cars and cyclists.

There was general discussion regarding using a "shared pathway" sign or making the sidewalk dual-purpose. It was determined that adding a sign would be the quickest and most

effective solution, but the Committee would eventually like to see both signs and sharrows added.

Jason Marr did not believe it would be improbable to add signage but will check with Ryan.

Motion: To have Public Works look into adding signs and sharrows to Summersides Boulevard.

Mover: Frank Adamson

Seconded: Patrick O'Hara

Carried

6.4. Bicycle Loop Signage

Agenda item was moved to next Committee Meeting

7. Other Business

7.1. Upcoming Agenda Items – Committee Discussion

Chair Brian Baty initiated a discussion regarding the application deadline for the Bicycle Friendly Communities Application through the Share the Road Coalition. The deadline is October 11, 2024. He suggested researching other communities with high ratings and proposed setting a goal of submitting the application by October 2025.

Brian also raised the idea of purchasing bike lights through the Share the Road Coalition. The lights are sold in packages of 250, priced at \$5.00 per light. He asked the Committee to consider purchasing 250 bicycle lights. The Committee agreed that this would be a good initiative to promote bicycle safety. There was further discussion about distributing the lights to migrant workers who ride at night without proper lighting.

Motion: To ask the Chair Brian Baty to get the lights and information to the Committee for the next meeting.

Mover: Patrick O'Hara

Seconded: Lori Lehne

Carried

Action: Frank Adamson will collect information on the number of migrant workers and bring his findings to the next meeting

Nicholas Palomba was asked to report on Bike Repair Stations – where are these being installed are they to be installed at the MCC & TH.

He listed the locations as: Centennial Park, Harold Black Park, North Pelham Park, and the Steve Bauer Trail parking lot off Port Robinson Road. There will also be one installed at MCC, along with a bike locker.

Chair Brian Baty inquired of Jason Marr about how Emergency Medical Services (EMS) would locate an injured person on the Steve Bauer Trail.

Jason Marr noted that there is an app available to assist in locating individuals.

Thom Hounsell suggested the possibility of adding "mile markers" along the trail, while Patrick O'Hara added that EMS can also locate injured individuals using cellphone GPS.

Action: Jason Marr will investigate and speak on mile markers and the app next meeting.

Chair Brian Baty inquired about the status of the proposal to lower the speed limit on the regional section of Effingham Road between Webber and River Road.

Jason Marr read the findings from the Region and informed the Committee that the proposal is on the agenda for the next Council meeting on October 2, 2024. They will consider lowering the speed limit to 70 kilometers per hour, but not to 60 kilometers per hour.

7.2. Next meeting is scheduled for October 23, 2024

8. Adjournment

Moved: Frank Adamson

Seconded: Lori Lehne

THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee be adjourned at 5:27 p.m.

Carried



Chair, Brian Baty



Administrative Assistant, Erin McCormick