

Date: 24 April 2024
Time: 4:00pm to 5:30pm
Location: Meridian Community Centre – Main Floor Meeting Room –
100 Meridian Way

Attendance: Brian Baty (Committee Member)
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)
Adam Carter (Committee Member)
Brian Eckhardt (Councillor Ward Two)
Nicholas Palomba (Engineering Technologist, Public Works)
Sydney Van Leeuwen (Administrative Assistant, Public Works)

1. Call to Order and Declaration of Quorum

Chair Baty called meeting at 4:00 pm

2. Land Recognition Statement

Chair Baty recited the land recognition statement.

3. Approval of Agenda

Amendment: Addition to mention Pelham PATH Steve Bauer Trail Clean Up on April 15th.

Moved by: Lori Lehne

Seconded by: Thom Hounsell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda for the April 24, 2024, regular meeting of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee be adopted, as amended.

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

Amendment: That 6.2, 6.3, 6.4 and 6.5 of the March 2024 PATC Minutes have corrections to content.

Moved by: Lori Lehne

Seconded by: Frank Adamson

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

Carried

6. Regular Business

6.1. Update on Upcoming Active Transportation Projects Pertaining to the Master Plan

Action: Jason to ask who oversees setting up the bike valet at Summerfest.

Station St to Hwy 20 Lumber Yard is projected to have a connection made in 2027.

Hurricane Road connection project is not in the Towns Capital Forecast.

Briefly reviewed various maps within the Pelham Active Transportation Plan.

Adam spoke on the possibility of installing signage on roadways coming into Pelham identifying that the Town does have various bike paths/loops. The idea would be to encourage out of town visitors to

also use the loops and connect to other bike trails within surrounding municipalities.

Staff spoke to how the Town is currently looking into furthering the sidewalk connection on Effingham from Canboro Rd. to Highway 20. This would benefit students that are walking to and from E.L. Crossley Highschool.

The Niagara Region is looking at a project to street scape from Station St. to Canboro Rd. along Highway 20. There may be opportunity to do something related to active transportation during this reconstruction.

Active transportation connection between Fonthill and Fenwick, there is a report that is going to Council May 1st. There is currently a grant that the Town is interested in applying to that pertains to researching active transportation methods being used within a municipality and how there is opportunity for improvement.

6.2 Bicycle Loops Signage & Banners

Staff provided the committee with pricing for banners. The potential use of banners was discussed. Staff did mention to the committee that the size they are requesting (2.5" x 4") may be too small to display the detailed loops, especially if they are being used for parades.

Staff mentioned to the committee members that they would have to provide PDF files to them of the maps and imagery they would like on the banners.

Action: Committee members to confirm what type of banner/signage for promotion they would like.

Perhaps more specific signage that is directional to each of the trail/bike loops (directional). Potentially 18 signs. About 3 signs at each intersection for all loops. Names that indicate which trail they are currently on or entering. The loops are both counterclockwise and clockwise. Jason advised if the committee comes up with a plan/model, then then PW can organize that into the operating budget.

Provide more signage at the Maple St. and Memorial Dr. intersection. This could potentially be confusing to those using the loops as there are two different routes intersecting here.

Action: Committee members to provide staff with a map indicating which signs in this intersection need to be changed/improved.

6.3 Bicycle Friendly Designation

There is no update that this time on the Town of Pelham bicycle friendly designation. Brian Baty did mention that by Fall there should be more of an update.

6.4 Summerfest

There was \$350 granted to PATC from the Summerfest Committee last year from Frontrow Sports, the committee purchased bikes as give aways with this money.

The committee members to think about what they would like to for prizes this year.

Committee would use their budget to purchase give aways and prizes.

Action: Committee members to decide who they would like to be in attendance for one day at Summerfest.

6.5 Canada Day Parade

Town is asking committees and groups to register for the parade/event this year.

6.6 Trail to Short Hills Provincial Park & Bruce Trail

The Town is currently working on gathering options and seeing who owns properties along those proposed pathways. Specifically, if the terrain is appropriate for a trail.

Committee members offered to walk the proposed trail and see if it appropriate.

Action: Staff to map out a route with John Raso and look into who owns properties and potentially provide notice that we are planning a path. Provide the committee with the route.

Town to look into reaching out to the Bruce Trail Conservatory to see if they have an agreement that they have with landowners that allow pedestrians to access their properties.

6.7 Bicycle Safety Programs

There are 2 safety programs coming in June. One is at the MCC, and one is at Bethany Church. Dave is also going to be attending a Senior Advisory Committee Meeting, 55+ Bike Seminar.

7. Other Business

7.1. Upcoming Agenda Items – Committee Discussion

Haist & Hwy 20 intersection, speeding through the intersection and almost hitting a pedestrian. Haist St. and Canboro Rd.

The Town is reconstructing Canboro Rd. between Haist & Hwy 20. The project is currently in design and the Town will look into what potentially can change in that intersection, however there is plans that the Niagara Region is coming through with a new water main and they will be opening that interesting to access that area.

Action: Staff to investigate the signaled crosswalk lights. Specifically look into the intersection of Churchill and Pelham St.

The Town is still looking into the Town being able to own and operate their own speed cameras.

Effingham Speed Limit between Webber & River Rd is an 80km/h zone.

Motion: For Council to make a recommendation to the Niagara Region Public Works Committee, to reduce the speed limit on Effingham Street between Webber Road and River Road from 80kmph to 60kmph.

Mover: Adam Carter

Seconded: Frank Adamson

Carried

Action: For the committee to provide information to Councillor Eckhardt to bring to Council.

Action: Ask Sarah about how to do this.

7.2. PATH Earth Day Steve Bauer Cleanup

Monday April 15th, PATH was involved in an initiating a clean up of the Steve Bauer Trail. Lori Lehne mentioned that although PATC was mentioned on their banner, PATC was not aware of the event taking place.

7.3. Next meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2024

8. Adjournment

Moved: Frank Adamson

Seconded: Adam Carter


THAT this Regular Meeting of the Pelham Active Transportation Committee be adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Carried





Chair, Brian Baty



Administrative Assistant, Sydney Van Leeuwen

