

ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on Tuesday, November 26, 2019, at 6:30 p.m., in the Esquesing Room Halton Hills Town Hall.

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair,

Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, Vice Chair, R. Hendry, C.Lenz, A. Sommer, A. Stiehl,

S. Superina (left at 7:52 p.m.)

Regrets: Councillor C. Somerville, K. Willard, Halton Region, T. Keenie.

G. Price-Jones, A. Welter

Staff Present: M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect,

I. Drewnitski, Traffic Analyst; R. Brown, Deputy Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor J. Fogal, Chair called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary or conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

RECOMMENDATON NO. AT-2019-0005

THAT the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on July 23, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Presentation by WSP Consulting regarding Project Updates on the Active Transportation Master Plan and Maple Avenue Feasibility Study

Claire Basinski and John Zunic of WSP Consulting provided the committee with an update regarding the Active Transportation Master Plan and the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study.

C. Basinski provided an overview of the Active Transportation Master Plan project status, engagement update, input received, network development overview, proposed network and network considerations and assumptions. C. Basinski and J. Zunic updated the committee on the status of the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study and then concluded by highlighting next steps for education and promotion for both the Active Transportation Master Plan and the Maple Avenue Feasibility Study.

4.b Regional Cycling Tourism Summit

Councillor J. Fogal provided an update on the Regional Cycling Tourism Summit informing the committee that the summit was held at the Milton velodrome, there were lots of people in attendance and that the purpose of the summit was to educate people about cycling tourism. Another summit will be taking place in the future.

4.c Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan (SNAP)

M. Taylor advised the committee that Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) in partnership with the Town are looking at the Delrex neighbourhood to participate in a Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan. They are in the early stages of developing a plan with the action plan report expected to come forward at the end of 2020. The plan will focus on a broad range of sustainable initiatives from homeowner property initiatives to Hungry Hollow trail connectivity and stewardship planting in parks and open spaces.

4.d Trails Capital Project Update

1. Early Court, Standish Street, Eighth Line Trail Connection

M. Taylor advised that this trail connection includes an elevated boardwalk over an intermittent water course. This project is partially constructed with some access but due to early winter conditions, will be completed in spring 2020.

2. Bridge Replacement, Main Street South and Arborglen Drive

M. Taylor explained that the steel bridge along Main Street South crossing Black Creek located on the opposite side of the road from the multi-use path, is at the end of its life span, it will be replaced with an aluminum bridge with an asphalt deck. The project is currently out for tender with the expected completion date in the spring of 2020.

3. Maple Creek Parkette Trail Linkage

M. Taylor noted that there is currently no connection to Hungry Hollow from the South East section of Georgetown South. Staff have completed the required studies and design work and have submitted a permit application to Credit Valley Conservation (CVC) and are hoping for a permit by February 2020. The connection will consist of limestone screenings trail, wooden boardwalk and bridge across Silver Creek. The funding has already been approved by Council and the project is on track for completion by Fall 2020.

4. Hungry Hollow Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Permit

M. Taylor advised that the Town is pursuing trails connections from West Branch Drive Park to Cedarvale and Downtown Georgetown. These connections require a Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks Permit. To assist in getting this project moving forward the Chief Administrative Officer wrote a letter to the Deputy Minister and got a great response. Staff met with the Deputy Minister and key species at risk staff in September. The Ministry has acknowledged that the project can move forward to an Overall Benefit Permit process and sees no concern with the Towns request to have a permit in place by fall 2020. The Town has been banking money for this project and will be asking Council for the last 1/3 of the budget through the 2020 Budget process. Staff are cautiously optimistic that all of the permits will be received by fall of next year and that construction can start in 2021.

5. Birchway Place Neighbourhood Trail

M. Taylor advised that in the past there was a trail connection that went through private property but due to safety concerns that connection has been closed. The town is starting consultation with the neighbourhood to see if an alternative connection is required and how receptive the neighbourhood is to having an alternative connection. There is currently no budget allocated or construction timeline for this project, staff are just looking to gage community interest.

5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

RECOMMENDATON NO. AT-2019-0006

THAT the Minutes of the Bike-it Sub-committee Meeting held on September 12, 2019 be received.

CARRIED

6. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

7. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

Mountain Biking Trails

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

Rick Bonnette, MAYOR
Suzanne Jones, CLERK