



**MINUTES OF THE
ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee meeting held on
Tuesday January 26, 2021 Via Zoom

Members Present: Councillor J. Fogal, Chair, Councillor C. Somerville,
Councillor W. Farrow-Reed, R. Hendry, C. Lenz, G. Price-Jones,
A. Sommer, S. Suprina, A. Welter

Regrets: A. Stiehl

Staff Present: K. Okimi, Director of Parks and Open Space;
I. Drewnitski, Transportation Planning Technologist;
M. Taylor, Senior Landscape Architect;
R. Brown, Committee Clerk

1. CALL TO ORDER

Councillor C. Somerville, Chair called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no disclosures of pecuniary/conflict of interest.

3. RECEIPT OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Recommendation No. ACT-2021-0001

That the Minutes of the Active Transportation Committee Meeting held on
January 28, 2020 be received for information.

CARRIED

4. SCHEDULED ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

4.a Completion of the Active Transportation Master Plan

I. Drewnitski explained that the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP) was undertaken over the course of a 2-year process. The goal was to provide a comprehensive master plan that addresses on and off-road active transportation as well as active mode specific recommendations related to walking, cycling and other self-propelled forms of transportation. The information contained within the ATMP reflects an intentional and collaborative approach to provide the Town of Halton Hills and its partners with a reference, guide and resource to inform future decision making, partnerships, programming, outreach, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation.

On October 26, 2020 Town Council endorsed the Active Transportation Master Plan (ATMP), the plan provides a comprehensive master plan document that address on and off road active transportation and recreation as well as active mode specific recommendations related to walking, cycling and other self-propelled forms of transportation.

The ATMP has been developed taking in to consideration the Cycling Master Plan (2010) and Trails Strategy; building on the original plan creating a path forward that is flexible, shorter-term and focused on the needs of the community. The Plan formalized the on-going progress the Town has made in making our community more bikeable and walkable within our road right-of-way and open spaces.

As part of the development of both the network and supportive recommendations for the ATMP the following assumptions and criteria were used:

- Refine the Cycling Master Plan
- Expand the Trails Network
- Connect Major and Minor Communities
- Integrate Touring “Loop Routes”
- Create an Integrated System
- Reinforce the Region’s Network
- Consider Physical and Social Barriers
- Prioritize meaningful improvements
- Integrate with Capital Priorities

The active transportation network was refined from the network presented in the 2010 Cycling Master Plan, and the Town's Trails Strategy and includes a variety of facility types such as signed routes, bike lanes, buffered bike lanes, protected bike lanes, cycle tracks and multi-use paths (located within road allowance) and multi-use trails (located within parks and valley lands).

The recommendations presented within the ATMP are a long-term blueprint and guide for staff involved in the day to day decision making and provide a phased approach for implementation. The ATMP network and recommendations has been developed based on a 10+ year horizon and divided into three (3) categories, short-term (0-5 years), medium-term (6-10 years) and long-term and aspirational (10+ years).

The Active Transportation Masterplan and executive summary can be found online here:

<https://www.haltonhills.ca/en/residents/active-transportation-master-plan.aspx>

4.b Active Transportation Projects 2021

I. Drewnitski explained that the Town has been able to immediately begin implementation of the recommendations from the ATMP with a few upcoming active transportation related projects.

McCullough Crescent

As part of our infill sidewalk program, McCullough Crescent has been identified for sidewalk connections on the south side of the corridor, this will provide better connection towards the underpass leading to Mowat Crescent.

Barber Drive East

Barber Drive bike lane implementation will be picked up this year, due to the delays by COVID from 2019. This project is intended for bike lane installation from Mountainview Road to 10 Side Road.

Tanners Drive

Tanners Drive is another proposed corridor for bike lane installation from Churchill Road N to Churchill Road South.

22 Side Road

The Town will be paving shoulders along 22 Side Road from Limehouse to Trafalgar Road/Hwy 7

Halton Hills Dr

Construction for the Halton Hills Dr extension has begun, this project will not be completed this year but will be an important active transportation link with sidewalks and bike lanes along the corridor that provides connection to Princess Anne Dr and Maple Avenue.

Maple Avenue

Maple Avenue from Main Street to Mountainview Road. The breakdown is from Main Street to Guelph Street will be a multi-use path on the north side of Maple, and from Guelph Street to Mountainview will be a cycle track facility.

More Active Transportation Updates

- There will be additional installations of “Share the Road” signs in the Rural area.
- New safety enhancement pilot project along Eighth Line
- Continuation of the Bike-It Committee Cycling Map.

4.c Off-Road Projects 2021

M. Taylor provided an overview of 2020 Trail Development he noted that the Hungry Hollow - Maple Creek Parkette Linkage has been completed and is being heavily used. Improved direction signage is planned for Hungry Hollow in the spring.

2021 Trail Development is to include Hungry Hollow Trails from West Branch Drive Park to Main Street and Maple Avenue to Park Ave. This is close to getting a permit through CVC and MECP. The funds for Phase 1 were already approved through the capital budget process and assuming we receive the permits construction will start this year.

Main Street to Cedarvale Park will be Phase 2 of the project constructed in 2022. The project will include a bridge over Black Creek. Cedarvale Park will provide a real trail head, a destination for advertising and promotion and there will be signage and mapping.

2021 Trail Development will include Credit Street to Wildwood Trail to Anne Street and is being constructed by the developer through the development of the Eden Oak Creditview Heights Subdivision. It is expected to be completed in 2022 for public use.

(I. Drewnitski to supply R. Brown with PowerPoint and executive summary for circulation to the Committee)

2023-2024 Trail Development Forecast includes Acton Legion to Fairy Lake connection, Upper Canada College and the Credit Valley Trail (footpath Sheridan Lands to River Road)

M. Taylor provided an update on the Guelph Radial Trail noting they have met with the Guelph Hiking Club regarding trail connections in Limehouse. Changes in land have forced the trail onto the road in some sections as some of the new owners are not interested in having a trail go across their property, they are still talking with landowners about this. The Guelph Radial Trail goes from Downtown Guelph to Limehouse.

4.d Traffic Calming and Addressing Speeding Concerns on Residential Streets - safety of pedestrians and cyclists (Councillor J. Fogal)

Councillor J. Fogal explained to the Committee about the ongoing complaints received by Councillors and the Town about speeding. She noted that the Town has taken these complaints seriously and have gone to streets to have speed measurements taken and it turns out that cars are mostly going the speed limit. The issue is that people don't feel safe on their own streets. Councillor Fogal noted that there have been pilot projects in other communities that have reduced the speed limits on some local streets from 60 kmh to 40 kmh. The Town of Oakville today approved the lowering of speed limits on local streets to 40 kmh.

Councillor J. Fogal requested the Committees support in bringing forward a resolution to Town of Halton Hills Council requesting that Town staff look at other municipalities to see how they are dealing with speeding on local streets and the different pilot projects and actions that they have undertaken, to determine if there is a good option for the Town of Halton Hills to reduce speeds on local roads or other traffic calming measures.

Recommendation No. ACT-2021-0002

THAT the Active Transportation Committee supports bringing forward a Resolution to Town of Halton Hills Council requesting that staff research potential reduction in speed limits on local streets and other traffic calming measures and report back to Council on the findings and any options that may be appropriate for Halton Hills.

CARRIED

5. SUB-COMMITTEES AND WORKING GROUPS

Councillor Fogal highlighted some of the things that the bike It Committee are working on including a Bike Map, planning events (if they are permitted to proceed) and exploring the idea of doing safety videos.

Councillor Fogal noted that the Bike It Committee has recruited two new members.

Recommendation No. ACT-2021-0003

THAT the following minutes be received by the Active Transportation Committee:

5.a Minutes of the Bike it Committee Meeting held on November 12, 2020

5.b Minutes of the Bike It Committee Meeting held on December 10, 2020.

CARRIED

6. CLOSED SESSION

NIL

7. ITEMS TO BE SCHEDULED FOR NEXT MEETING

NIL

8. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 8:08 p.m.