

Minutes
Active Transportation Committee Steering Committee
Meeting 29 August 2013, 7:00pm
Oromocto Municipal Office 3rd level conference room

1) Welcome

Attendance: Mary Ann Garagan, Debbie Dowling, Don Kelly, Eric Blair, Bob Earl, Bill Jarratt (Chair), Sarah Augot (Recording Secretary)

Absent: Annette Burgess (Regrets), John Taylor (Regrets)

2) Review of minutes of the 27 June meeting

The Committee reviewed the minutes of the previous meeting.

3) Approval of Agenda/ additions:

The agenda was approved with the addition of item a) Tunnel by train bridge.

4) Delegations and presentations - nil

5) Hans Moor cycling advocacy videos – Bob

The Committee watched a portion of the videos provided by Bob Earl illustrating the cycling/AT culture in Ottawa. The prevalence of non-motorized modes of transportation in Europe was also highlighted. The Chair will provide a package of videos and articles for each of the Committee members at the next meeting.

6) 16 year action plan draft 2 review – All

The Chair indicated that the second draft has been condensed to a 15 year action plan and a few items were adjusted based on the feedback provided by the Committee at June's meeting. The Committee discussed the plan and recommended slight changes to the placement of priorities. The Chair stated that the next step would be to develop a priorities map in conjunction with the action plan for Council's consideration. He noted that the action plan gives direction for the development of AT for the next fifteen years, but stressed that it is subject to change due to budget processes and funding opportunities.

7) Bike safe riding workshop – Chair

The Chair updated the Committee on the workshops that were held this year in conjunction with the RCMP. Participants learned about using proper hand signals, how to navigate intersections and the importance of helmet use. Participants also took guided tours from the Community Centre, through the trails to Deer Park and back, and had a picnic along the route. A few workshops were held this year, and will continue to expand in the future.

8) Bike rack style – All

The Committee looked at various examples of bike racks that could be installed in order to facilitate AT throughout the Town. Committee members provided input into the style of racks that would work best for cyclists. The Chair stated that this was an opportunity to begin looking at the issue and he will narrow down some options and pricing for the next meeting.

9) Additions:

a) Tunnel by train bridge – Debbie

Debbie Dowling requested to speak about the condition of the tunnel by the train bridge and potential safety issues. The tunnel has pooled water and sediment that has been washed into the area due to the high amount of rain this summer and poor drainage at that location. Of particular concern is the risk of cyclists shifting and sliding as they make their way through. Don Kelly stated that the rocks which helped hold the sediment in place have been moved. The Committee discussed ways in which these issues could be addressed. The Chair stated that the item would be added to the action plan for 2013 so that Council becomes aware of the issue.

10) Date of next meeting: 25 September 2013, 7:00pm

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:37 pm.