



TOWN OF AURORA TRAILS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Date: Friday, June 17, 2016

Time and Location: 10 a.m., Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall

Committee Members: Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Alison Collins-Mrakas, Richard Doust (PRAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff, Nancee Webb (EAC Representative)

Member(s) Absent: Councillor Sandra Humfryes (Chair)

Other Attendees: Councillor John Abel, Jim Tree, Manager, Parks, Lawrence Kuk, Planner, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 10:02 a.m.

1. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest and general nature thereof under the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act*.

2. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Moved by Laura Lueloff
Seconded by Nancee Webb

THAT the agenda as circulated by Legal and Legislative Services, with the following additions, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Rail corridor expansion impacts on Aurora's trail system

- Delegation (b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Highland Gate

CARRIED

3. RECEIPT OF THE MINUTES

Trails and Active Transportation Meeting Committee Minutes of May 20, 2016

**Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Laura Lueloff**

THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of May 20, 2016, be received for information.

CARRIED

4. DELEGATIONS

- (a) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Rail corridor expansion impacts on Aurora's trail system**

Mr. Wehrenberg provided an overview of the submission that he made to Metrolinx regarding the impacts of the impending rail corridor expansion on Aurora. He noted that the Trails Master Plan includes provisions for trails crossing rail lines, and expressed concern regarding the lack of commitment from Metrolinx to non-motorized traffic crossing rail lines. Mr. Wehrenberg requested that the Committee recommend to Council that the Trails Master Plan be wholly respected during negotiations with Metrolinx. He submitted two items of correspondence with Metrolinx for the record.

**Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

(b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Highland Gate

Mr. Wehrenberg expressed concern regarding comments from Parks & Recreation Services, which indicate that the Highland Gate proposal is not in compliance with the Aurora Trails Master Plan. He also expressed concern regarding the lack of a creative, collaborative process to develop a proposal that could be used as a tool during the mediation process to clarify the needs of the community. Mr. Wehrenberg suggested that all underpasses currently in place at Highland Gate should remain and that linear parks be considered. He recommended that a creative process be initiated and that the comments on record from Parks & Recreation Services be communicated.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Bill Fraser

THAT the comments of the delegation be received for information.

CARRIED

5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION

- 1. Extract from Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting of May 20, 2016**
Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from Program Manager, Environmental Initiatives, Re: Corporate Environmental Action Plan (CEAP) Update

Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Bill Fraser

THAT the memorandum regarding Corporate Environmental Action Plan Update (CEAP) be received for information.

CARRIED

6. INFORMATIONAL ITEMS

None

7. NEW BUSINESS

The Committee put forward a recommendation, further to the delegation of Klaus Wehrenberg, regarding the Metrolinx rail corridor expansion impacts on Aurora's trail system.

New Business Motion No. 1
Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas
Seconded by Nancee Webb

THAT the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

THAT the two items of correspondence between Klaus Wehrenberg and Metrolinx, dated December 15, 2015, and May 11, 2016, be received; and

THAT the Town, when negotiating with Metrolinx, ensure that the principles as outlined in the Trails Master Plan are integrated into any consideration of rail upgrades in the Town of Aurora.

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The Committee discussed various aspects of the proposed Bike Aurora Day initiative, which will focus on cycling safety as well as showcase Aurora's trails, and agreed to the next steps.

The Committee suggested working with the Accessibility Advisory Committee regarding accessibility of the Town's trails, and with the Parks and Recreation Advisory Committee regarding trail signage that complies with the *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act* (AODA).

The Committee suggested that street catch basins, in relation to the safety of on-street cycling lanes, should be reviewed and discussed with Infrastructure & Environmental Services.

The Committee inquired about public awareness of the Town's trail system. Staff advised that there was extensive public consultation during the development of the Trails Master Plan and that, in addition to the *Streets, Parks & Trails Map*, information is available on the Town's website and is also included in the seasonal Parks & Recreation Program Guides.

8. ADJOURNMENT

**Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Bill Fraser**

THAT the meeting be adjourned at 10:47 a.m.

CARRIED

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS ARE NOT BINDING ON THE TOWN UNLESS OTHERWISE ADOPTED BY COUNCIL AT A LATER MEETING.