



Town of Aurora
Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Friday, September 16, 2016
Time and Location:	10 a.m., Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Sandra Humfryes (Chair), Councillor Tom Mrakas (Vice Chair), Alison Collins-Mrakas, Richard Doust (PRAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff, and Nancee Webb (EAC Representative)
Member(s) Absent:	None
Other Attendees:	Jim Tree, Manager of Parks, Lawrence Kuk, Planner, Jamal Massadeh, Traffic/Transportation Analyst, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:08 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 Richard Doust

That the agenda as circulated by Legislative Services, with the following addition, be approved:

- Delegation (a) Eric McCartney, Resident
Re: Item 1 – Memorandum from Manager of Parks, Re: Atkinson Park Trail
Extension to St. John's Sideroad

Carried

3. Receipt of the Minutes

**Trails and Active Transportation Meeting Committee Minutes of June 17,
2016**

Moved by Bill Fraser

Seconded by Nancy Webb

That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of June 17,
2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

On a motion of Richard Doust seconded by Laura Lueloff, the Committee consented on a two-thirds vote to waive the requirements of the Procedural By-law to allow for the addition of Delegation (b) Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., representing Treasure Hill Homes; Re: Trail Connections for Proposed Plan of Subdivision, 1289 Wellington Street East.

(a) Eric McCartney, Resident

Re: Item 1 – Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad

Mr. McCartney spoke in support of the memorandum and noted the benefits of providing a trail connection from Atkinson Park to the south side of St. John's Sideroad. He presented a video of the Atkinson Park Trail and noted the trail and overpass improvements needed, and parking issues.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

(b) Angela Sciberras, Macaulay Shiomi Howson Ltd., representing Treasure Hill Homes
Re: Trail Connections for Proposed Plan of Subdivision, 1289 Wellington Street East

In response to a comment raised by Council at the June 29, 2016 Public Planning meeting, Ms. Sciberras introduced the proposed draft Plan of Subdivision application and acknowledged Council's comment with regard to a possible trail connection from the subject property to the trail system as identified within the Town's Trails Master Plan. She confirmed that the trails within the Town's Trails Master Plan are located outside of the subject property, and acknowledged the possibility of a trail connection, from the easterly portion of the property or along the north side of the subject property on Wellington Street East, to the planned trail as indicated on the Town's Trails Master Plan. Ms. Sciberras advised that this matter would be taken into consideration by the developer.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

1. Memorandum from Manager of Parks
Re: Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad

Staff provided an overview of the memorandum and responded to Committee inquiries about the population served by the trail and possible flood plain issues. The Committee suggested that further data and consultation is needed.

Moved by Laura Lueloff

Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas

1. That the memorandum regarding Atkinson Park Trail Extension to St. John's Sideroad be received; and
2. **That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:**
 - a) **That staff be directed to investigate the cost of the proposed Atkinson Park trail extension, consult with Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and York Region, and report back to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee for consideration.**

Carried as amended

2. Memorandum from Manager of Parks

Re: Lake to Lake Trail Update

Staff provided background to the Aurora component of the proposed Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail between Lake Simcoe and Lake Ontario, and noted that the proposal was satisfactory in principle.

Moved by Councillor Mrakas

Seconded by Nancee Webb

1. That the memorandum regarding Lake to Lake Trail Update be received; and
2. **That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:**
 - a) **That the draft plan of the proposed Lake to Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail be publicly communicated.**

Carried as amended

3. Memorandum from Mayor Dawe

**Re: Conservation Ontario Council Report – Passage of Bill 100
*Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016***

The Committee inquired about formal protection of trails in relation to current or pending legislation. Staff advised that the Town's Trails Master Plan, as part of the Official Plan, offers good protection. The Committee suggested that the memorandum be shared further on a General Committee meeting agenda.

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the memorandum regarding Conservation Ontario Council Report – Passage of Bill 100 *Supporting Ontario Trails Act, 2016* be received for information.

Carried

4. Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016

Re: Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of June 17, 2016

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of July 12, 2016, regarding the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of June 17, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

The Committee discussed aspects of the proposed Bike Aurora initiative, including a possible connection to Activate Aurora. It was agreed to extend an invitation to representatives from Activate Aurora to present at the next Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting. Councillor Humfryes noted that she would formulate a Notice of Motion regarding the Bike Aurora initiative for Council's consideration.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas

Seconded by Councillor Mrakas

That the meeting be adjourned at 10:58 a.m.

Carried

Committee recommendations are not binding on the Town unless otherwise adopted by Council at a later meeting.