



Town of Aurora
Trails and Active Transportation Committee
Meeting Minutes

Date:	Friday, February 17, 2017
Time and Location:	10 a.m., Council Chambers, Aurora Town Hall
Committee Members:	Councillor Tom Mrakas (Chair), Richard Doust (PRCSAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff, and Nancee Webb (EAC Representative)
Members Absent:	Councillor Sandra Humfries (Vice Chair) and Alison Collins-Mrakas
Other Attendees:	Jim Tree, Manager of Parks, Lawrence Kuk, Planner, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:12 a.m.

1. Approval of the Agenda

Moved by Richard Doust

Seconded by Laura Lueloff

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

- Delegation (a) Bruce Corbett, Aurora Chapter Chair, Oak Ridges Trail Association; Re: Proposed Re-routing of Oak Ridges Trail through Rotary Park
- Delegation (b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident; Re: Trails Signage and Murray Drive Underpass

Carried as amended

2. Declarations 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*.

3. Receipt of the Minutes

Trails and Active Transportation Meeting Committee Minutes of November 18, 2016

Moved by Bill Fraser

Seconded by Nancee Webb

That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

4. Delegations

**(a) Bruce Corbett, Aurora Chapter Chair, Oak Ridges Trail Association
Re: Proposed Re-routing of Oak Ridges Trail through Rotary Park**

Mr. Corbett requested that consideration be given to re-routing the Oak Ridges Trail through Rotary Park, from Kennedy Street East and Gurnett Street to Cousins Drive, instead of continuing on Kennedy Street East to Wells Street to Cousins Drive.

Moved by Bill Fraser

Seconded by Laura Lueloff

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

**(b) Klaus Wehrenberg, Resident
Re: Trails Signage and Murray Drive Underpass**

Mr. Wehrenberg presented images of trail signage used in Santiago, Chile, which he suggested could be considered for use at future trail connections in Aurora to indicate trail usage and encourage the caution of vehicular traffic.

Mr. Wehrenberg provided an update on his discussions with Highland Gate Developments Inc. regarding the Murray Drive underpass and options for a looped trail from Yonge Street to stay off-road completely.

Moved by Richard Doust
Seconded by Nancee Webb

That the comments of the delegation be received for information.

Carried

5. Matters for Consideration

None

6. Informational Items

1. Verbal Update from Manager of Parks **Re: Metrolinx Rail Expansion**

Staff gave an update on the progress of the Barrie Rail Corridor Expansion project from Toronto to Barrie, and noted that two of the eight proposed underpasses or level crossings have been approved. Staff advised that Metrolinx is aware of the Town's priorities, but Metrolinx has not committed to building or funding any underpasses. The Committee stressed that the crossings need to be prioritized and built in conjunction with the expansion. Staff agreed to forward a copy of the site drawings to Committee members.

Moved by Nancee Webb
Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the verbal update regarding Metrolinx Rail Expansion be received for information.

Carried

2. Verbal Update from Manager of Parks

Re: Leslie Street Underpasses

Staff provided an update regarding the plans for construction of Leslie Street Underpasses C and D, which are estimated to be completed within five years, Staff noted that the costs would be shared equally with York Region, and the Town has requested that the administration and inspection costs be waived.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Richard Doust

1. That the verbal update regarding Leslie Street Underpasses be received for information.

Carried

3. Verbal Update from Manager of Parks

Re: Yonge Street South Development and Trails Issues

Staff gave an update on the Yonge Street South Development and trails issues, and noted that there are technical issues respecting noise walls and grading, and further information has been requested. The Committee inquired about trail alignment and the Butternut tree, and staff confirmed that there will be replantings and setbacks for trees.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Bill Fraser

1. That the verbal update regarding Yonge Street South Development and Trails Issues be received for information.

Carried

4. Verbal Update from Manager of Parks

Re: Wellington Street Crossing Feasibility Study

Staff provided an update and advised that trail users are currently diverted to the Wellington Street East and John West Way intersection. Staff noted that this matter is addressed in the Trails Master Plan and the Feasibility Study

would consider various crossing options, with the preliminary designs and costs to be reviewed by the Committee prior to consideration by Council.

Moved by Richard Doust

Seconded by Bill Fraser

1. That the verbal update regarding Wellington Street Crossing Feasibility Study be received; **and**
2. **That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:**
 - (a) **That the Wellington Street Crossing Feasibility Study be first submitted to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee for review.**

Carried as amended

5. Verbal Update from Manager of Parks

Re: Current Trails Maintenance Standards and Emerging Needs

Staff provided a brief overview of the trails maintenance standards for various surfaces and areas within the Town, and advised that there is more pressure to increase the maintenance service levels, and lighting, through all seasons. The Committee inquired about accessibility and staff confirmed that a sign strategy, which would indicate surface and grade, is in progress.

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Laura Lueloff

1. That the verbal update regarding Current Trails Maintenance Standards and Emerging Needs be received; **and**
2. **That the Trails Maintenance Standards and emerging needs be brought forward for review by the Trails and Active Transportation Committee at a future meeting.**

Carried as amended

6. Extract from Council Meeting of December 13, 2016

**Re: Trails and Active Transportation Committee Meeting Minutes of
November 18, 2016**

Moved by Richard Doust

Seconded by Bill Fraser

1. That the Extract from Council Meeting of December 13, 2016, regarding the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of November 18, 2016, be received for information.

Carried

7. New Business

Further to Delegation (a) regarding the proposed re-routing of the Oak Ridges Trail through Rotary Park, the Committee put forward a motion.

New Business Motion No. 1

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Laura Lueloff

1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:
 - (a) That the Oak Ridges Trail be re-routed through Rotary Park, subject to notification of area residents.

Carried

Mr. Doust gave an update on the progress of the Bike Aurora Day initiative and advised that the tentative event date is Saturday, June 24, 2017.

Councillor Mrakas inquired about the development of the Cycling Master Plan, and staff suggested that information could be provided on the agenda of the next meeting.

8. Adjournment

Moved by Nancee Webb

Seconded by Richard Doust

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:40 a.m.

Carried

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