



Town of Aurora  
Trails and Active Transportation Committee  
Meeting Minutes

**Date:** Friday, April 21, 2017

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

**Committee Members:** Councillor Tom Mrakas (Chair), Councillor Sandra Humfries (arrived 10:13 a.m.), Alison Collins-Mrakas, Richard Doust (PRCSAC Representative), Bill Fraser, Laura Lueloff (departed 10:58 a.m.), and Nancee Webb (EAC Representative)

**Members Absent:** None

**Other Attendees:** Jim Tree, Manager of Parks, Sara Tienkamp, Acting Manager of Parks, Lawrence Kuk, Planner, and Linda Bottos, Council/Committee Secretary

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The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 a.m.

The Committee consented to recess the meeting at 10:09 a.m. and reconvene the meeting at 10:14 a.m.

## 1. Approval of the Agenda

**Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

**Seconded by Bill Fraser**

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

- Delegation (a) Joanne Bartholomew, Resident; Re: Item 2 – TATC17-002  
– Highland Gate Trails

**On a two-thirds vote the motion  
Carried**

## **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 February 17, 2017**

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

That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee meeting minutes of February 17, 2017, be received for information.

**Carried**

## **4. Delegations**

**(a) Joanne Bartholomew, Resident  
Re: Item 2 – TATC17-002 – Highland Gate Trails**

Ms. Bartholomew expressed concerns regarding the proposed illumination of the Highland Gate Trails, and its impact on surrounding homes and wildlife, and the possible loss of ponds. She noted that a majority of the home owners abutting the Highland Gate Park are satisfied with the trails and passive nature of the park, and are opposed to illuminated trails.

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

That the comments of the delegation be received and referred to Item 2.

**Carried**

## **5. Matters for Consideration**

### **1. TATC17-001 – Atkinson Park Trail**

**Moved by Richard Doust**

**Seconded by Bill Fraser**

1. That Report No. TATC17-001 be received; and
2. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That, pending Council approval, the Atkinson Park Trail project be included in the 2018 Capital Budget for Council's consideration and approval.

**Carried**

### **2. TATC17-002 – Highland Gate Trails**

Committee consented to consider Item 2 prior to consideration of Item 1.

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the report. The Committee discussed and inquired about various elements of the report including trail lighting, further opportunities for input to the Conceptual Trails Plan, trail surfaces, accessibility, and requested legal clarification regarding the Minutes of Settlement. The Committee noted that it is unanimous in its support of the recommendation to Council.

**Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Report No. TATC17-002 be received; and
2. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:
  - (a) That the recommendations and suggestions from the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be taken into consideration by staff and Council in the development of the final draft of the Highland Gate

Trails Concept Plan, in accordance with the guidelines set out in Section 5.6 of the Town's Trails Master Plan respecting trail lighting; and

- (b) That the final draft of the Highland Gate Trails Concept Plan be brought to the Trails and Active Transportation Committee and the Accessibility Advisory Committee for consideration and comment, prior to submission to Council for final approval.

**Carried**

### **3. TATC17-003 – Cycling Master Plan Update**

Staff provided background and a brief overview of the report. The Committee discussed and inquired about various elements of a Cycling Master Plan including appropriateness, timing, funding, development, priorities, by-laws, research, and the formation of a sub-committee.

**Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas**  
**Seconded by Councillor Humfryes**

1. That Report No. TATC17-003 be received; and
2. That a sub-committee of the Trails and Active Transportation Committee be formed, following Bike Aurora Day, for the purpose of determining the next steps in the process of developing a Cycling Master Plan.

**Carried**

### **6. Informational Items**

None

### **7. New Business**

Nancee Webb extended a reminder that the Environmental Advisory Committee's Eco Fair will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2017, at the Stronach Aurora Recreation Complex.

Staff referred to Attachment No. 2 of Item 3, Report No. TATC17-003 – Cycling Master Plan, and noted that, per the communication from York Region, there would be gaps in the multi-use path installation between State Farm Way and St. John's Sideroad.

**New Business Motion No. 1**

**Moved by Nancee Webb**

**Seconded by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

1. That the Trails and Active Transportation Committee recommend to Council:

- (a) That staff be directed to investigate the connectivity to Newmarket and the costs of completing the multi-use path between State Farm Way and St. John's Sideroad.

**Carried**

**8. Adjournment**

**Moved by Alison Collins-Mrakas**

**Seconded by Bill Fraser**

That the meeting be adjourned at 11:41 a.m.

**Carried**

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