

MINUTES

Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

No. 3-22

Thursday, March 10, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Smith, Stephanie Bangarth, Julie Graham, Victoria Lewin and Kristi Enns

Regrets: Selwyn Langlois and Councillor Ermeta

Staff in Attendance: Jason Leach, Senior Transportation Engineering Technologist, Claire McLoughlin, Landscape Architect and Sam Scarlett, Manager of Forestry and Horticulture

Meeting Called to Order

The regular meeting of the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee (CCTAC) was held virtually via Zoom. Vice Chair, Kristi Enns, welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 7:07 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

Sam Scarlett, Manager of Forestry and Horticulture

Jason introduced Sam to the committee. Sam provided an overview of the trail maintenance operations that have been occurring over the last couple months including; winter maintenance of trails and closing and opening sections of trail due to flooding.

In the spring, staff will be inspecting the trails and identifying and addressing maintenance issues. Some of the maintenance operations will include addressing erosion, pruning and containing invasive species.

Chris noted that stone dust or natural trail surface often erode at the bottom of portions of steep asphalt trail.

Julie identified areas along the Linear Trail where invasive species (particularly garlic mustard) are a concern.

Sam will investigate the best way through the City website for the public to be able to submit trail maintenance concerns.

Clean-up requests can be submitted through the existing clean-up portal.

Other trail maintenance concerns mentioned included; boulders along the Devil's Creek Trail near the Waterfall being pushed into the creek and causing further flooding and clean-up of encampments along various trails.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Chris Smith

Seconded by: Victoria Lewin

THAT the decisions contained in the February 10, 2022 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Discussion Items

1. Hespeler Bridge Project Update

Various alternatives for the trail alignment and bridge location have been identified and are being reviewed by the study team. The study team will evaluate the alignment alternatives to identify a preliminary preferred solution. The study team will seek public input on the preferred alignment through public consultation in the spring.

2. Hespeler Trail Update

The detail design is progressing and is almost at the 60% design stage. Some constraints are still being worked out with stakeholders and an Archaeological Assessment will be commencing within the study area in the spring. A second round of public consultation is proposed for late spring / early summer.

3. Maple Grove Road EA Update

The Region is Planning to send a report to Council in May recommending filing of the ESR. Following Council approval, a Notice of Study Completion will be published, mailed and then detail design will commence.

Jason connected with the Region's Project Manager to identify the need for pedestrian crossing accommodation at the Boxwood Trail.

Stephanie will also contact the Region's Active Transportation Advisory Committee Chair to do the same.

Other Business

1. Staff Updates

Jason will be moving back into his previous role, but will be retaining some of the active transportation projects such as the Hespeler Trail and the Speedsville Road at Mill Run Trail crossing.

Lisa will be moving back into the Sustainable Transportation Coordinator position.

2. CCTAC Vacancies

Jason has advised the Clerk's Division of the current vacancies on CCTAC. Clerk's advised they will be forming a striking committee soon to recruit new members.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Chris Smith

Seconded by: Stephanie Bangarth

THAT the CCTAC meeting does now adjourn at 7:52 p.m.

CARRIED



Stephanie Bangarth
Chairperson



Claire McClaughlin
Recording Secretary