

MINUTES

Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

No. 4-22

Thursday, April 14, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Chris Smith, Selwyn Langlois, Julie Graham, and Kristi Enns

Regrets: Councillor Ermeta, Stephanie Bangarth and Victoria Lewin

Staff in Attendance: Lisa Chominiec, Sustainable Transportation Coordinator and Claire McLoughlin, Landscape Architect

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 7:10 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

None.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Chris Smith

Seconded by: Julie Graham

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

CARRIED

Discussion Items

1. Active Transportation Fund

Lisa informed the committee that applications have been submitted for the ATF, for both the Hespeler Bridge (design) and the Hespeler Trail (construction). No announcements have been made yet. Lisa thanks the Committee for preparing a Letter of Support.

Chris had asked about the trails budgets and where that now operates from. CCTAC previously had some input on expenditures in the operating account.

Action: Claire to confirm budget

2. Micromobility Update

Two reports were presented at Regional Council on April 12th:

- E-scooter permissions (Permitted as of July 1, 2022). ([TES-TRS-22-06](#))
 - To permit e-scooters on Regional roads. The local municipalities will be taking reports to their Councils for the same permissions.
- Shared Micromobility (Bike Share / E-scooter Share) Implementation Plan (Target launch: Mid-summer (July) 2022) ([TES-TRS-22-07](#))
 - To authorize staff to issue a request for proposals, in coordination with the Cities of Cambridge, Kitchener and Waterloo, for a single shared system operator across the three cities.

Julie asked about the previous provider that was in the City, DropBike, and if they were coming back. The RFP process will allow any provider to apply. Regional Council also requested that the RFP consider e-bikes in the fleet. Staff have been waiting on the province's direction on the reclassification of e-bikes (currently there is no difference between a pedal-assist e-bike and something like a moped). Some concerns were brought up with e-bikes on trails.

Action: None

3. Elgin St N – Reconstruction and MUT

A virtual PIC for the reconstruction of Elgin St N is being planned for April 22, 2022. Construction will be in 2 phases, with the first phase starting in 2024. Lisa went through the designs for the MUT, and flagged a few spots for the Committee's feedback. Overall, the Committee supports the MUT along this stretch. Items flagged include:

- Cross rides should be provided at all intersections;
- Include a MUT connector on the east side (where sidewalk is) at Glamis Rd to connect to the bike lanes;
- Confirm that elephants feet pavement markings will be provided for across all driveways;
- Concerns near Samuelson intersection (businesses), can see a lot of conflict between driveways, parking and the MUT. Need more than just paint in this area. Suggestions:
 - Flexible bollards (so cars don't drive over the MUT)
 - Raised curbs
 - Consider doing that portion of the MUT in concrete—as it changes the texture from asphalt parking lots/driveways.
- Cross ride needed at Samuelson (and all other crossings);

- Connect trail towards the pedestrian tunnel. The trail should connect to the road and not just end at the sidewalk.

The committee also mentioned the pedestrian underpass being unsafe, and suggested that lighting and cleaning up the landscaping would make this a safer connection.

Action: Lisa to send comments to PM for Elgin St N

Action: Lisa to send Committee the link to the PIC

3. Coronation Blvd

The Region has started the design work for Coronation Blvd. The designs include separated facilities on both sides of the road, from Bishop St to Hespeler Rd. Public consultation is planned for June. The Committee commented that this is a major link in our system.

Action: Lisa to request PM from the Region to attend CCTAC meeting in May/June to give a brief presentation.

4. Tourism Loop Naming

The Committee is still brainstorming some names for the Tourism Loop in the City. Kristi suggested including history/heritage, Haldimand county, grand river etc. and involving Indigenous communities in the naming. The Committee suggested forming a sub-committee, but will bring this up at the May meeting since we did not have full attendance.

The committee also discussed the need for more CCTAC members, and an interest in increasing the diversity on the Committee. The committee suggested that the City broaden the notice to other communities and to post in community centers. Chris also mentioned that this is something that Clerks looks after (city-wide, not just for this Committee) and that Councilor Ermeta could possibly look into that concern.

Action: Chris to circulate list of names from past meetings

Action: Lisa to follow up with Clerks again on appointing new members and getting more information on where the City posts vacancies.

5. Bike Month and International Trails Day

Given that some social distancing protocols are still in place, the Committee agreed that a social media campaign would be best for Bike Month and International Trails Day this year. Claire mentioned that we have a lot of swag (water bottles) if we wanted to do some giveaways. Some ideas included:

- Highlighting routes like CCTAC has done in the past;
- Tie in social media campaign with naming the Tourism Loop;
- Photo scavenger hunt, Treasure hunt

- Geocaching
- Weekly riddles
- “I-SPY” type game
- Host a virtual event, like an author for a theme? Idea Exchange could be approached?

Action: Committee members to think of a feature/destination/clue in each of the areas of Galt, Hespeler and Preston and email to Lisa and Claire before the next meeting for a City wide scavenger hunt. Deadline for items is to be May 5th.

Other Business

1. CCTAC Vacancies

The Committee has 2 vacancies. No new members yet. Clerk’s advised they will be forming a striking committee soon to recruit new members.

2. Events/Links/Info Sharing

Julie shared an article about the Netflix show “Old Enough”

<https://slate.com/business/2022/04/old-enough-netflix-do-japanese-parents-really-send-toddlers-on-errands.html?fbclid=IwAR3cAoaoeLo63NjvNVh1uZtv9VYQf3R54zEPsfUnpBBrLS01m19ZmGAhPWU>

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Chris Smith

Seconded by: Selwyn Langlois

THAT the CCTAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:45 p.m.

CARRIED



Stephanie Bangarth
Chairperson



Claire McLoughlin
Recording Secretary