

MINUTES

Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee

No. 5-22

Thursday, May 12, 2022

Virtual via Zoom

Committee Members in Attendance: Stephanie Bangarth, Selwyn Langlois, Julie Graham, and Victoria Lewin

Regrets: Councillor Ermeta, Chris Smith and Kristi Enns

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. Chair, Stephanie Bangarth, welcomed everyone and the meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m.

Disclosure of Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

Presentations

None.

Delegations

NIL

Minutes of Previous Meeting

Moved by: Julie Graham

Seconded by: Selwyn Langlois

THAT the decisions contained in the April 14, 2022 minutes be adopted as written.

CARRIED

Discussion Items

1. Micromobility Update

A report is scheduled for Council on June 14, 2022. The report is recommending changes to the Traffic and Parking by-law to permit e-scooters on roads and multi-use trails, as well as information on the joint RFP process with the Region and Cities to procure a shared micromobility

provider. A system could launch as early as Fall 2022, with a full season launch anticipated for Spring 2023.

Action: None

2. Trails Maintenance Budget follow-up

Claire gave an update on the budget that CCTAC previously asked about in the April meeting. Memo below:

Trails Operating Budgets – Follow-up memo

The account is a general maintenance account under Operations. Operations will be actively using this funding to undertake general repairs, trails maintenance, localized trail surface restorations, and address major vegetation encroachments.

Periodic inspections of the trail network are undertaken to identify hazards or potentially unsafe situations. Any hazards identified are rated. The hazard rating which is applied to the issue will drive the priority and the time frame in which maintenance or repairs are completed. Some issues are resolved immediately some are larger and the resolution may take multiple months/years. This is the same methodology that is used in sidewalk inspections.

Voting on some items might be feasible but becomes problematic when implementing a hazard-based approach to managing the trail network.

Any member of the public/ committee/ staff can use the following link to submit issues on the network or email Sam Scarlett, Lisa Chominiec, or Claire McLoughlin directly.

<https://online2.cambridge.ca/ServiceCambridgePortal/Parks.aspx>

Sam Scarlett, Manager of Operations Forestry & Horticulture (scarletts@cambridge.ca)



Parks, Cemeteries and Facilities

Operations will also work to provide periodic updates to the Committee through the staff liaisons on active and future works on the trail network. Also, if members of the committee have comments or concerns on certain locations please communicate through the committee or to Sam Scarlett directly.

The committee members and the general public are the City's eyes and ears. We consider all comments and suggestions valuable.

Action: None

3. Water St S Trail (Concession to Ainslie)

The trail along Water St S (between Ainslie and Concession) is in very rough shape due and is failing structurally. The City is looking at closing this portion of the trail for AAA reasons, accessibility reasons and financial reasons, and is seeking support from CCTAC.

CCTAC would support the closure of this trail, with the assurance of plans for an alternative off-road connection, recognizing the important link this serves to the Cambridge to Paris rail trail.

The Committee also had questions surrounding the decommissioning of the trail and if it can ever be reinstated as a trail in the future.

Action: Claire to follow up on how the trail would be decommissioned (i.e. signs only) and the potential to be reinstated as a trail along the river in the future.

4. Tourism Loop Naming

A sub-committee was formed consisting of Julie, Stephanie and Chris. Claire pointed out that when discussing the previous agenda item, the words “Water” and “Link” kept coming up, and suggested to look at those terms in the naming.

Action: Lisa to include the Tourism Loop Map in the meeting minutes

Action: Sub-committee to meet and report back at the June meeting

5. Bike Month and International Trails Day

A number of “riddles” were provided by CCTAC for a virtual “scavenger hunt style” bike month/trails day event. The main channel for the hunt will be through the CCTAC Facebook page (Cambridge Ontario Trails – CTAC), with support from City social media channels. Julie also suggested to look at putting it into the Letter from the Mayor that she receives monthly via email. Julie mentioned that Ancient Mariners used to run a really great scavenger hunt, and there could be great lessons learned from them if anyone knows someone who used to be part of it.

Participation Prizes: Water bottles, pens, swag bags

- Every post will be eligible for a prize. To be picked up at City Hall.

Weekly Prizes for engagement (every Wednesday)

- Indulge Ice-cream gift cards

One larger prize at the end of the month (June 30th)

- \$100 SAIL gift card

Action: Stephanie and Victoria to manage Facebook page, add posts and tally up names and votes for prizes.

Action: Lisa to follow up with Communications on a plan. Lisa to send Stephanie/Victoria information on posts/communications plan when complete.

Other Business

1. Municipal Election – Break for all committees

Given that it is an election year, there is a mandatory break for all Committees as of July until the new year. The last CCTAC meeting of 2022 will be June 9th 2022.

All memberships expire Dec 31 of an election year, so everyone will need to re-apply for January.

Action: Lisa to keep memberships in the loop when applications are out

Action: Lisa to verify that the “new” CCTAC reset the timelines (previous timelines were from the Trails Advisory Committee and Cycling Focus Group, which merged in 2019/2020 to form the Cambridge Cycling and Trails Advisory Committee). The 8 year max would effect Stephanie, Chris and Victoria.

Close of Meeting

Moved by: Selwyn Langlois

Seconded by: Victoria Lewin

THAT the CCTAC meeting does now adjourn at 8:06 p.m.

CARRIED



Stephanie Bangarth
Chairperson



Claire McLoughlin
Recording Secretary