

**July 15, 2019**  
**MEETING OF THE PORT COLBORNE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION**  
**ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Minutes of the fourteenth regular meeting of the Committee Members of the Port Colborne Active Transportation Advisory Committee, held in Committee Room 3, Third Floor Library, City Hall, 66 Charlotte Street, Port Colborne July 15, 2019, 5:00 p.m.

The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Committee Members:	Tom Harrietta, Ann Kennerly, George McKibbon
Council:	Councillor Angie Desmarais
Staff:	Stefanie DeCicco, Nicole Halasz, Karen Walsh
Regrets:	Michael Scott, Wade Smith
Guests:	Staff Sergeant Rob Laplante, from Niagara Regional Police

**1. CALLED TO ORDER:** 4:58 p.m.

**2. CONFIRMATION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES:**

Moved by:	George McKibbon
Seconded by:	Tom Harrietta

THAT the minutes from the June 17, 2019 be accepted as presented.  
CARRIED

**3. BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES:**

- Waste Recyclable working with Environmental Committee.
- George meeting with the Students for walkabout throughout the city.
- ATN – minutes, Port Colborne is hosting next meeting.
- Four bike racks are in place, Nickel Beach, Marina, VHWC, City Hall.

**4. STAFF REPORT**

Farmer's Market – Spencer at the Farmer's Market for Active Transportation.  
Trail update – Spencer and Courtney going along the trails and doing a report back.

**5. BUSINESS**

- a) Niagara Regional Police Services – Welcome Staff Sergeant Rob Laplante
- Willing to partnership with ATAC if we are interested.
  - Multi-use trail, enforcement, public awareness & Education (examples ATV and Golf carts on trails) – is enforce through the Highway traffic act, off-road vehicle act, trespassing act.

- ATV and Golf cart are vehicles in the Highway Traffic Act, the same regulations – they are required to have license, insurance, safety equipment including lights.
- Educating the public on social media, festivals and city run events about trails and restrictions for ATV and golf carts, also the pedestrians crossing.
- Canada Safety Council would have brochures.
- Partner with Quad Niagara – enforcement – trail warden (similar to Ontario Snowmobile), do control as much as we can. Minimum of two officers to go out. Big ride please notify the police when organize trail dates.
- Complaint has to be immediately - Something that can be act on. If you see something call in right away. If you see someone riding in an unsafe matter call in right away.
- ATV and golf carts can be stopped for safety check and insurance. It is timely.
- Tent city - one person living in the tent – couldn't find the person, haven't been receiving reports on it. If you see any notify the police and they will look into and work with them. Don't wonder onto people's property.
- If they are off the trail, property owner the police act on the property owner behave, we can move them along but not force them to get help example have mental health. Charge is \$65 for trespassing. If it is criminal. Mechanism are there through city's by-law.
- Welfare check – are they capable to take care of themselves, and will not cause harm to themselves or others. They can not be arrest. You are never faulted for calling in on a welfare check. Volunteer help if they want help. (agencies include police, addiction, housing, community services – Bridges, Port Colborne). The intervention team works and gets them help. 60 people have been helped. Port Colborne is the only municipality in Niagara doing this.
- Success stories from other Niagara Municipalities - having similar issues.
- We don't chase ATV – too much risk and liabilities, enforcement can be difficult. Education people. Reach out to the police.
- The chart of vehicle types and permit use - Very informative and well done.
- Double check with legal and insurance companies.
- Page 15 electronic and motorize scooters and mopeds. – not too many in Port Colborne
- School Crossing Guard risk.
- Ontario Travel Council May 2017 otc.org has training.
- Guard is there no cars can go through if the guard on the road. Pedestrian can cross when there is a gap.

- Attending accidents along the trails and road way – none that comes to mind. Robin Hood – not save, East Side just did some clearing and widen it.
- Elizabeth and Killaly Street East – accidents.
- Fielding more complaints last year compared to this year.
- Around Port Colborne hot spots – could depending on any neighbour with a person calling.

b) Active School Travel – article attached.

- forward to Lisa at the region to do in McKay School
- looked at the school premises, did not do walk routes to school
- behavior for where you feel comfortable walking, walk on different – the way the sidewalk is design helps the walk (people walk on the further distance direct to best
- good data on how the kids would walk.
- (include map in next agenda).
- Walking school bus.

c) School Crossing Guard count – numbers attached

- Map together to for the numbers and location.
- Crossing check data with the

d) Trail update

e) Walkabout in the City

- George and Spencer, create a map how the city is perceived by walking, using the samples from Draft ... distributed by George at last meeting. Have some good paths to walk on.
- Sidewalks are not any worse then anywhere else.
- EAC – boulevard trees – walking down a tunnel.

## 6. NEW BUSINESS

- Stefanie – touch a truck event (emergency), Fire Prevention event, Open house with departments, awareness with tent, ATV club. Donation with Niagara Nutrition Breakfast Club (funds kept in Port Colborne). Awareness about Crossing Guide, Trial etiquette. October 5<sup>th</sup> at Operations Centre and Fire Hall.
- Clean it, green it.
- Delivery trucks on West Street parking on the side where there is no parking are causing an issue.
- Trees on boulevard.

## 7. INFORMATION/CORRESPONDENCE

None

## 8. ADJOURNMENT:

Moved by: Tom Harrietta  
Seconded by: Stefanie DeCicco

Resolved that we do now adjourn.  
CARRIED

Time of adjournment 6:15 p.m.

Next Meeting: Monday, September 16, 2019 at 5:00 p.m.

Invite Patti Moss to September meeting.