

Legislation Text

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REVIEW OF CIP PLANNING ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION WEBINAR

Kelly Patterson-McGrath indicated to the Committee that she had attended an Active Transportation webinar through the Canadian Institute of Planners (CIP) on May 21, 2021 and wanted to share some of the key points provided by: the moderator, Member of Parliament for Halifax and Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities, Andy Fillmore, as well as by the panellists Armi De Francia from the Town of Ajax, Dr. Ahmed El-Geneidy from McGill University, and Chris Bruntlett from the Dutch Cycling Embassy. Ms. Patterson-McGrath further provided points on steps that need to be taken next:

- Need short-term action - using Federal money;
- More development of Coulter Street cycling/pedestrian bridge;
- Create safe passage over 400 from NE St. Vincent Street; and
- Recommend - Hire full-time Active Transportation Coordinator to begin education/engagement.

Brett Gratrix, Infrastructure Planning Engineer indicated that a staff report could be ready by June 2022, which would also include any recommendations for additional staff.

Councillor Aylwin indicated that it is important that the Committee be able to view the staff report, acknowledging the timing issues, as soon as a draft is available.

Brett Gratrix mentioned a Public Information Centre (PIC) in the fall would enable the Committee to have a look before the public, followed by a spring PIC which would include the Committee.

The Committee asked questions and discussed other potential funding opportunities.

Councillor Aylwin inquired about the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals; Brett Gratrix informed the Committee that he is a member.

Councillor Kungl inquired if it would be beneficial for the Committee to pay the \$80 fee to register to have membership access to their resources.

The Committee discussed the NRCan Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative for funding to create an education and awareness program to promote ZEV use, including, but not limited to the promotion of electric bicycles in partnership with a community organization, like Living Green Barrie.

Note: The recommended motion in Section "B" of this report, concerning the Letter of Support - Zero Emissions Vehicle Awareness Initiatives is being brought forward as an item for discussion at the August 9, 2021 General Committee meeting, due to the timing of the next City Building Committee meeting of September 21, 2021 and the deadline of submission is August 16, 2021.