

## SMAP Meeting Notes

Thursday, September 6, 2012

17:30 to 19:20

C-12, Tom Davies Square

**Present:** Deb McIntosh, Barb McDougall, Ben Reitzel, Steve Reitzel, Samantha Baulch, John-Wesley McGraw, Cst Andrew Heinz

**Guests:** Pam Banks, Matt Alexander

**Regrets:** Daniel Barrette, Carol Craig, Cortney St. Jean, S/Sgt Sanderson, Selene Yan, Donald Dennie, David Shelsted, Dave Kilgour, Peter M. Clark, Jim Gough (MMM Group Limited), Mark Simeoni, Chris Gore

### 1. Roll Call & Introduction

Members and guests were introduced.

### 2. Video

SMAP decided not to show videos at the beginning of meetings anymore because of technical issues.

### 3. Transportation Update

David Shelsted and the MMM Group Representative were not able to attend and the update was deferred.

### 4. Review of Action Items

#### a. CGS Transportation Website Update

Samantha and Ben have said that the website has not yet been updated, and that its layout is somewhat illogical:

#### *Action Items:*

- Will ask Dave S. to confirm at the next meeting what content is going to be included in the Transportation section of the new website
- Barb said the launch date has yet to be confirmed

## b. Bicycle-Friendly Communities

Steve R. investigated the initiative and reported his findings:

- A yearbook from the organization was obtained featuring its member communities' profiles and accomplishments
- Steve contacted representatives from Waterloo, Ajax, and the organization itself
- The two communities said that the 20-page application itself is beneficial, since it makes you reflect on cycling facilities in a logical and organized manner, and makes you think about solutions to improve infrastructure
- However, applications must be endorsed by official representatives of the municipality, so the SMAP cannot complete the application by itself
- If the SMAP wants to support this initiative, we must find support from municipal representatives to complete many parts of the application, and to officially submit it
- This would require around 40 to 50 hours of work to complete the application
- SMAP can help coordinate the process by delegating sections to the appropriate individuals, if we are permitted to do so
- In Waterloo, they had several noteworthy initiatives that are worth investigating:
  - One four-lane roadway in the municipality was converted into a two-lane roadway with a central median and bicycle lanes, with great traffic-calming results
  - Four times per year, King St. is closed down on Sunday morning and turned into a pedestrian, cyclist, roller bladder, etc., thoroughfare from the Waterloo town square to the Kitchener town square
  - Members expressed support for a similar Sunday road-closure event in Sudbury

### *Action Items:*

- Barb and Steve to follow-up on finding support within the CGS for the Bicycle-Friendly City application
- Dave K. will be asked what would be required to get Council support for a Sunday road-closure type event

## c. Budget Presentation

Samantha informed the Panel that SMAP, represented by Samantha Baulch and Carol Craig, made a presentation to the Finance Committee for the 2012 Budget on June 19, 2012. Recognizing budgetary constraints the presentation focused on "creative solutions" (i.e. lower speed limits in areas without sidewalks). The presentation is posted to the SMAP's web portal.

*Action Item:*

- Steve to ensure the budget presentation is uploaded onto the website

**d. SMAP Survey**

Samantha presented a draft survey to be brought forward to other CGS advisory panel members with regards to Sustainable Mobility. Moreover, Samantha indicated that the Senior's Advisory Panel was requesting the SMAP if we had any questions to add to their survey that will be targeted towards seniors in the community.

- Members decided that our question for the Senior's Advisory Panel should be targeted towards gathering ideas on how to promote more sustainable or active transportation among that demographic
- Examples could be: "In which area of Sudbury are you most comfortable walking, and why?"

*Action Items:*

- All members to review the SMAP draft survey, and respond directly to Samantha by **September 20, 2012**.
- Deb to get back to the Panel on questions used in the SMP surveys, and members will decide on which question(s) to ask to be included

**e. Share the Road Ride**

Deb informed the Panel that the ride was attended by approximately 150 cyclists. There were two separate rides—5 km and the usual 15 km—and that free helmets were donated for individuals who did not have one. A discussion informing members of the rules of the road and proper fitting of helmets occurred. The Mayor's speech was videotaped and can be found on Rainbow Route's Facebook page.

**f. Transit Meeting Re-Cap**

Sudbury Transit expressed a willingness to work with the SMAP towards improving sustainable transportation in the city. SMAP reviewed some highlights from our meeting with Sudbury Transit in June:

- Their website will be updated in October
- They adopted the SMAP stroller policy
- The School Bus Consortium is investigating the use of public transit for transporting high school students, instead of school buses
- Excellent meeting and showed doors of communication are open

*Action Item:*

- Samantha and Steve to investigate Ontario school boards or school bus consortiums that utilize public transit for high school students

## 5. Subcommittee Updates

### a. Policy Subcommittee

Deb attended the VeloCity conference which had several highlights:

- Many European communities make use of 30 km/h or 40 km/h speed limits in sensitive urban areas, and the idea could be of use in North American communities
- E.g., to improve safety for children walking and cycling to school, all roadways in a 1-km radius of a school could have their speed limits reduced to 30 or 40 km/h
- Traffic speed complaints are a very large concern among citizens of Sudbury
- The by-law regarding sidewalk riding could be amended to allow children to cycle there

#### *Action Items:*

- Investigate the procedure for lowering speed limits on CGS roadways where it could be beneficial to road safety
- Ask Dave S. with regards to their policy on boulevard riding

### b. Education Subcommittee

Ben said that his subcommittee investigated CGS websites for information regarding sustainable mobility, and that they will investigate once the new websites are launched.

- Deb brought forward that we can have poster advertisement space in busses for no cost for future campaigns
- We can also use the Bell Park display board at no cost
- One campaign could be “bikes keep to the right” at the start of spring

### c. Infrastructure Subcommittee

No subcommittee members were present at the meeting so no update was made.

## 6. New Items

### a. Walk Friendly Ontario

The expression of interest is due on September 10; CGS staff must make the application.

*Action Item:*

- Barb to follow-up on Walk Friendly Ontario expression of interest

**b. Coroner's Report on Cycling**

- Kitchener is the first municipality in Ontario to accept the report's findings
- What would be required for Sudbury to also do so?

*Action Item:*

- All members should look through the Coroner's report before the next meeting
- Steve will ensure a link is posted onto the SMAP's website

**c. CGS Carpooling Website**

Barb brought forward information on the carpooling web portal for citizens of Greater Sudbury, Carpool Zone.

**d. Transit Series on Morning North**

Deb brought attention to the CBC's series on transit use in Sudbury that will air during the Morning North show during the week of September 10 to 15.

**e. City Funding for Bicycle Racks**

Deb informed members that there was still \$10k available in a fund for bicycle parking. Barb informed that responses from CGS properties requiring bicycle parking are being received.

*Action Item:*

- Barb to follow-up on list of properties requiring bicycle rack funding

**f. MTO Transportation Demand Management Municipal Grant Program**

Steve brought to the Panel's attention that other communities had received funding for bicycle directional or way finding signage through the TDM grant.

*Action Item:*

- Steve to follow-up on eligibility for the TDM grant

**g. Silver Hills Development**

There was still uncertainty with regards to the positioning of the cycle track and sidewalk in the proposed Silver Hills development. It was suggested that the SMAP research recommendations for best practices, and bring the information to the

developer's attention. Matt pointed out that the MTO has guidebooks for active transportation, cycling and pedestrian infrastructure best practices.

*Action Item:*

- Dave S. will be asked for information on these MTO guidebooks, and what the best practices are insofar as positioning of off-road cycle tracks vis-à-vis sidewalks

## 7. Next Meeting:

Monday, November 5, 19:00 to 21:00

Note-Taker: Steve Reitzel

## 8. Meeting Adjourned at 19:20