

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Notes

November 22nd, 2012 – 17h30

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Present: John-Wesley McGraw, Benjamin Reitzel, Stephen Reitzel, David Shelsted, Deb McIntosh, Barb McDougall, Courtney St. Jean, Chris Gore, Daniel Barrette, Samantha Baulch, Carol Craig

Regrets: Mark Simeoni, Donald Dennie, Peter Clark, David Kilgour, S/Sgt. Terry Rumford

Guests: Glenn Murray, Rachele Niemela, Janet Evans, Chris Gervais

Transportation Update (David Shelsted/MMM Group)

- **Transportation Study**
 - Public Input session will be held in mid-January
 - The population projections from StatsCan have been put in to report.
 - With Cliffs Resources making their announcement in Capetown this has changed where future growth is expected. All forms of transportation are being considered with this new information. The consultants with MMM have been providing significant guidance.
- **Silver Hills**
 - Working with SCU; there have been great questions regarding the Silver Hills development
 - Consultants have provided insight into this, including use of “cross-rides”
 - Silver Hills will be a bi-directional bike path. Bike path will meet up with another bi-directional bike path already planned
 - On one side of the road there are 26 driveways
 - Bike path will be between road and sidewalk
 - The Silver Lake development with its very specific language regarding cycling infrastructure to ensure that the developers are ultimately required to stay within the dictated directions. That is unique because this was the first development. In the future a more general approach will be taken because it will allow the developer to accommodate their unique situations however this Silver Lake development is the first of its kind for the city.
 - It’s important that as an organization we are cognisant of what’s being said so that we’re not being caught in the future with organizations citing previous publications.
 - Some questions arose on what the cyclists responsibilities are at intersections
- **Book 18**
 - Ontario Traffic Manual Book 18 is a book on bike facilities
 - Not expected to come out for another 6 – 12 months
- **Bicycle Detectors**
 - Detectors have been installed on the Ramsey Lake Route to determine how many cyclists are using the infrastructure and the preliminary numbers have been higher than

expected. More of these data technologies may be installed and the information is accurate and cost-effective.

- Detectors have been used in Ottawa
- **The Laughing Buddha Summit**
 - Members of SMAP met with David Shelsted to talk about cycle infrastructure. These included general discussions about where the focus of the group should go. Discussion involved supporting infrastructure that encouraged cyclists of all ages and abilities. To have an 8-80 focus. Also discussed opportunities for “creative solutions” to have cycle infrastructure in the short term rather than long term. One example of achieving short-term infrastructure was to allow cycling on boulevards. This would require a change in by-law.
 - Currently the bylaw states that to be a cyclist one must be on a roadway. Sidewalks and boulevards are not considered roadways in this regard. There is a lack of clarity when it comes to “paved shoulder”. David has been looking at changing the bylaw with cyclists and boulevards. This would be permitted in boulevards that are 1.5 metres or greater as well as avoiding utilities such as hydro lines etc. About \$250,000 has already been spent moving utility poles from York to Walford. These are some plans with Paris St.
 - The city has a number of wide curb lanes that have yet to have the sharrows painted. In addition there is the hope that bike-lane signs would be installed in a number of routes.
 - Currently there are some issues regarding what the cyclist’s responsibilities are with intersections etc. These will require significant painting.
- **Other Infrastructure**
 - Currently investigating cycling signage, roundabouts, bicycle lights, wide curb lane and paved shoulders
- **ACTION: David S.**
 - **To look at the rules for cyclists at intersections**
 - **Confirm cyclists can travel on boulevard’s/paved shoulders under the highway traffic act**
 - **Report back on Book 18 updates (MTO)**

Review of Action Items from Previous Meeting

- **Updating GCS transportation website (David Shelsted)**
 - Every department is responsible for their own portion of the website. Currently short staffed so until can hire someone update of Transportation page is on hold.
- **Coroner’s Review on Cycling Deaths (All)**
 - Panel looked into whether we should encourage city council to endorse the Coroner’s Review on Cycling Deaths like the City of Kitchener.

- Panel supported many recommendations.
- Most of the recommendations can only be implemented at the provincial level, not the municipal level.
- Panel decided that better to focus energy on encouraging the City to adopt recommendations that can be implemented at the municipal level (i.e. implementation of complete streets)
- **Bicycle Friendly-City Application: (Barb McDougall & Stephen Reitzel)**
 - **April 20th, 2013** – is the next submission date
 - Application is quite comprehensive and will need support, information, data from several city departments. Barb and Steve are looking at whether this is something that can be done
 - Purpose would be to see where we are and to have a benchmark for improvement. Cities are ranked Bronze, Silver, Gold for cycling infrastructure.
ACTION: Barb and Steve will continue to review feasibility of applying and report back to panel with updates.
- **Bicycle Rack Funding (Barb McDougall)**
 - There is some money that has been allocated for bicycle racks. We have about \$10,000 available for the purchase of bicycle racks at this time.
 - Need to figure out where these bike racks should go
 - Currently a map with potential bike rack sights
 - **ACTION: Barb to share map with infrastructure sub-committee**
 - **ACTION: Infrastructure sub-committee will lead project to review where bike racks should go**
- **Transportation Demand Municipal (TDM) Grant (Stephen Reitzel)**
 - MTO was contacted and there is no money for this grant for 2012/2013. The ones that were highlighted in 2011 were working off of 2010 money.
- **SMAP Survey for Advisory Panels (Samantha Baulch)**
 - SMAP sent out survey to the other Advisory Panels
 - The advisory panels have until November 30th to respond.
 - There are three (3) responses so far and it's hoped that in January there will be more information to report.
ACTION: Samantha to report back on results on SMAP Survey at January meeting
- **Walk Friendly Ontario (Deb McIntosh & Barb McDougall)**
 - Applied and turned down.
 - It was a pilot project so will look again will at applying
- **Public Transportation and High School Students (Samantha Baulch & Stephen Reitzel)**
 - We're going to look into different communities in Ontario to see which communities have High School students riding the city bus versus School Bus.
 - Different cities seem to have different strategies. Have looked at Waterloo and London
ACTION: Samantha and Steve will continue to research
- **Updates to SMAP website (Stephen Reitzel)**

- MySudbury website is shutting down. We currently post all our documents and notes on this site.
- **ACTION: Steve downloaded documents to ensure their safekeeping.**
- **ACTION: Barb and Steve will look into whether or not there is another website for Advisory Panels to use**
- **Bike Days/Car free days**
 - Last meeting discussed Car Free Days (where a street or section of a street is closed for biking, strolling, roller blading etc.)
 - These events are held in the summer in many cities such as Ottawa and Waterloo
 - Question brought up at last meeting to ask David Kilgour about possibility of such events being held in Sudbury.
 - Historically this has been a very difficult process to close a street; with protests it's an issue with emergency vehicles and space.
 - There have also been "Joy-Rides" throughout the community where a BAP members would establish a location go on a monthly route. However, this would be difficult to re-establish because of issues with insurance.
 - **ACTION: Ask David Kilgour on feasibility of implemented Car-Free Days at January Meeting.**

Subcommittee updates

- **Policy (Deb McIntosh)**
 - Policy sub-committee submitted sustainable mobility questions to the Seniors' Advisory Panel for potential use in the Seniors' Perception Study. Survey is meant to identify gaps in services in the community for citizens aged 55 and older. Questions submitted include: Do have a valid driver's license, most common form of transportation, where you travel on a regular basis and asked them specifics about public transit, if you didn't walk there or if you didn't cycle there, why not? That way we could determine why they didn't travel to their location using the different methods.
 - Looked at the Coroner's Report on Pedestrian deaths. Some of the suggestions were similar to the cycling. Suggestion on both reports is to lower speed limits. WHO states pedestrians have 90% survival if hit by a car travelling 30 km/hr, less than 50 % chance of survival if hit by a car travelling 45 km/hr
 - Question on whether lowering speed limit has impact or should we be designing roads for slower speeds. Questions about enforcement.
 - **ACTION: Policy Sub-Committee will continue to research lower speed limits and street calming on residential roads**
- **Education (Benjamin Reitzel)**
 - Working on a poster campaign for sustainable mobility for buses. Looking for ideas. We have access to someone who can provide us with imaging to support this campaign.

- We have access to the Bell Park signs; 14 characters, 4 lines; these would be simple messages for drivers
- **ACTION: Continue to work on poster campaign**
- **Infrastructure (Cortney St Jean)**
 - Looking at Silver Hills and possibly looking into the bike rack counting

New Items

- **CAN summit Nov. 8**
 - Samantha attended the CAN summit. Posted information about stroller policy. There was a fairly positive response.
- **Monday meetings and operations committee**
 - Operations Committee meets on Mondays. Discussed if we should we change all our meetings to Thursdays.
 - Some members said Thursdays were there worst nights for meetings as had other meetings or time was not good.
 - Decided to keep meetings as is.
- **Update: Stroller Policy and transit**
 - At June meeting, representatives from Transit very positive on Stroller Policy and indicated they had sent it to legal department for review. Samantha & Barb have contacted Transit on many occasions for an update, but have not had a response. Samantha looking for suggestions:
 - Transit has moved to support priority seating policy for seniors, disabled and expectant mothers. Perhaps a letter congratulating Transit and then asking for an update.
 - Contact Friends of Sudbury Transit
 - CC David Kilgour on letter
 - Contact Jacques Barbeau
 - **ACTION: Samantha will continue to work on an update**
- **Minnow Lake Bike Paths**
 - There was a request from the Minnow Lake area that some of the paint is wearing away. David Shelsted said that the bike lanes are painted twice a year.
 - Legislation moved from oil to water based paint meaning that there are specific requirements for painting. Water based paint cannot be used if dew on ground. Has to be at a certain air temperature. Shorter window to paint than with oil based paint
- **Handi-Transit Input**
 - City is invites citizens to a public input meeting on Monday, November 26, from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. in Room C-11 at Tom Davies Square, to discuss current levels of service and potential for improvements to alternative transportation in the city.

- Can also comment on their website:
<http://www.greatersudbury.ca/living/accessibility/public-input-to-improve-handi-transit-service/>

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- **Steve**
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- **Barb**
 - **Barb to share map of potential bike rack locations with infrastructure sub-committee**
- **Steve and Samantha**
 - **Samantha and Steve will continue to research public transportation for high school students**
- **Samantha**
 - **Review SMAP survey results for the next meeting**
 - **Continue to work on an update from Transit on stroller policy**
- **Policy Sub-committee**
 - **ACTION: Policy Sub-Committee will continue to research lower speed limits and street calming on residential roads**
- **Education Sub-Committee**
 - **Come up with 11"x 17" (0.5" border) posters for sustainable mobility for the public transit system.**
 - **Slogans for Bell Park sign**
- **Infrastructure Sub-Committee**
 - **Lead project to review where bike racks should go**

Next meeting: Thursday, January 10th, 17h30 – 19h30. Note Taker: Cortney St. Jean.