

**Roll Call**

Samantha Baulch, Peter M. Clark, Benjamin Reitzel, Steve Reitzel, Cortney St. Jean, Herve Sauve, Heather Smith, Deb McIntosh, Carol Craig, Barb McDougall, David Shelsted, Dave Kilgour, John Wesley McGraw, Sgt. Daniel Despatie

Guests: Rachelle Niemela and Chris Gervais

**Regrets:** Donald Dennie, Peter Clark, Sgt. Daniel Despatie

**Recorders:** Deb and Ben

**Transportation Update: David Shelsted/MMM Group Progress**

- Have draft information re: Transportation Study.
- Draft Boards for Public meeting are ready
- He will let us know when the Public meeting will be
- MMM Group will be here for May 2<sup>nd</sup> SMAP meeting to make presentation on pedestrian and cyclist issues Transportation Study
- Issue of pedestrian lighting standards:

Question to the Group: Understanding that there is a limited \$\$ Do we want more sidewalks or more lighting on existing sidewalks.

- Group suggested that CAN's and police be consulted on where lighting is needed.
- David is looking for a published national standard for pedestrian lighting, to develop a standard for Greater Sudbury. Need to set a standard that meets everyone's needs.

**Action:** If we have any other thoughts on this issue or specific areas of concern, we can bring it forward to David through Samantha.

**Review of Action Items from Previous Meetings:**

**Stroller Policy and Operations Committee:** Deb McIntosh

Deb reviewed the efforts that the Policy Committee:

- **June 2010** - SMP recommends to "Adopt a new policy which would allow parents to keep children seated and secured within a stroller while riding the Transit"
- **February 2012** - SMAP Policy committee produced a document looking at 11 cities (9 cities from Ontario and Montreal and Edinburgh). Of these 11 only 2 did not allow open strollers on the bus (Sudbury and Oakville). It came back to us that we hadn't look at enough cities.
- **April 2012** - So.... SMAP policy committee looked at **38** of the 49 transit systems in Ontario. Of those 38 only **9** do NOT allow children to remain in strollers on buses. Of those 9 only **3 have populations of 150 000 or more** (Sudbury, London and Oakville). Also had Montreal and Edinburgh in there as some examples of transit systems outside Ontario (they also allow open strollers). This document was submitted to Robert Gauthier from City Transit Dept.
- **June 2012** - Robert Gauthier and members of transit came to our SMAP meeting. We are told that transit looks favourably on the policy and have submitted it to their risk management team for review
- Transit has been silent for many months despite repeated emails from Samantha and Barb MacDougall
- **January 2013** - Samantha attends a meeting with Friends of Sudbury Transit, Robert Gauthier and Steve Lucas. Robert Gauthier informs her that the legal team never saw the research on other transit system policies so they recommended to keep the current policy. It is **STRONGLY** recommended that we go to the Operations Committee.

- This issue is also of concern to the Children's Round Table and the Friends of Sudbury Transit.

**Action:** SMAP agreed that we should ask to make a presentation to the Operations Committee.

**Reporting to Council:**

- We don't have to report to Council. Samantha suggested that we would like to present to council, but we are suppose to go to a committee of council. Dave Kilgour said that he could help us to get in front of council before the end of our term. He also suggested that we always go to the Budget Presentations in May or June.
- Dave Kilgour also suggested that we keep our eyes open for opportunities to attend public hearings on new developments or at least commenting on them during public hearings with respect to sustainable mobility. Said we should comment on the situations and that we not against or for development but rather the inclusion of amenities that are part of a more family friendly future.

**Action:** Samantha to ask Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury (Lilly and Naomi ) to let us know when opportunities arise.

**Action:** Dave Kilgour suggested that we meet with developers to offer input on sustainable mobility in new developments

**SMAP Survey for Advisory Panels:** Samantha Baulch

(<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/S969ZGZ>)

- 30 advisory panels contacted. Heard back from 6. Diversity, Accessibility and Children's Round Table provided the best feedback. (See survey report)

**Action:** Each committee should identify issues that relate to their mandate.

**SMAP website:** Steve Reitzel

- <https://sites.google.com/site/sudburysmap/home>
- Simple website that includes one interactive page with a Gmail account. The public won't have access to the page however people will be able to work with this page through interaction to enhance communication between meetings. If you're creative, you can figure it out.

**Action:** Report to Steve if you would like to work on website (i.e. make it more creative)

**Bicycle Friendly-City Application** (feasibility on-going) Barb McDougall & Steve Reitzel

- An account has been opened and it's been forwarded to Janet and Barb. There is detailed information that is required (e.g. how many bike racks exist, how many cycling trails exist, in km). There is data that is required and it must be submitted by the end of April. It may not be practical to consider at this time. People have looked at this information and it looks like this may be worth gathering information and submit this for next year's submission date.

**Action:** this will be removed from the agenda for this time.

**Public Transportation & High School Students** (on-going): Samantha Baulch & Steve Reitzel

- Steve and Samantha have been calling throughout the province to gain an appreciation as to which communities used public transportation for their kids. The goal is to determine why we were looking for this information. Are we looking for a formal proposal or to gain a flavour for the situation in the province? Various communities approach this situation in different ways with transportation provided in some cases, in other cases it's subsidized and in other cases it's not provided at

all.

- The average cost is \$380/student/year to transport students. It must be cheaper to offer this to have public transit for these students. If we can utilize communities that are “similar” to Sudbury for “cost-effectiveness” that would be beneficial; however, in this is a very difficult subject matter because different communities are finding different results.

**Action:** Samantha/Steve contact Friends of Sudbury Transit regarding school-boards and the use of the public transit committee. Also contact school-boards for some insight into whether or not this is being investigated.

**Rules for cyclists at intersections:** David Shelsted

- David Shelsted can provide answers via email

**Confirm cyclists can travel on boulevards/paved shoulders under HTA:** David Shelsted

- David Shelsted can provide answers via email

**Report back on Book 18 updates:** David Shelsted

- David Shelsted can provide answers via email

**Ask David Kilgour on feasibility of a Car-Free Day (i.e. Sunday Bike Days on Colonel By in Ottawa):** All

- Deferred

**Subcommittee Updates:**

**Policy:** Deb McIntosh (see notes attached)

- The committee further researched the Coroner’s Report on Pedestrian Deaths recommendation that speed limits on residential streets be reduced to 40kph.
- North Bay has approved a bylaw to this effect.
- It is suggested that we make contact with North Bay to see how this is working and find a “SMAP” in North Bay, if there is one.

**Action:** David suggested having Kevin Shaw communicate with his counterpart in North Bay to see how the new bylaw is working.

- “Bike on the Right” campaign: Rainbow Routes has shared its Leisure Guide Page with SMAP to promote this message.

**Education:** Ben Reitzel

- A mini-education campaign is being conducted with cycling, walking and transit. We have been given permission by transit to put posters on buses with a simple message. Transit’s poster will include deducting the 31 day pass for tax purposes (120 posters, 60 in both languages). This will be rolled out in March and will be a neutral approach. For walking, “No sidewalk, walk on the Left”, and the third for cycling “Ride on the Right – For your safety and the safety of others.”
- The Grace Hartman sign has also been booked three times (March 18 – 20; 26 – 29 and May 17 – 20) which will include the three different types of transportation with similar messages. They will be simple and easy for people to remember.
- The Health Unit also has an electronic sign where we can put our messages on their sign as well. Another health unit employee works with the CBC Morning North frequently discussing safe walking, cycling, and transit riding. This will be another opportunity for SMAP publicity. Some of the topics that were proposed were those contemplating to cycling: what to choose, how to maintain, what roadways to choose, choose your route,

forming a bike club at your workplace etc.

- As per David Kilgour, there are four monitors that are controlled by the City of Sudbury monitors which can be done consistently and by distance. Eric White would be another person worth considering as well. There are large advertisements on some of the major routes that change every 15 seconds and they may be willing to place a public advertisement as well.
- The CANbike courses should also be advertised as well that will be put on by Rainbow Routes this summer as well.

**Action:** Education sub-committee to contact Barb MacDougall to see if we can use the city's closed-circuit television where we can promote our message

**Action:** Education sub-committee to contact Carol Craig about using the Health Unit Sign

**Infrastructure:** Cortney St Jean (see attached form)

- Following their meeting January 21<sup>st</sup>, there was a discussion regarding research on the various different bike rack facilities available. The previous bike meeting it was quickly indicated that there was a \$10,000 budget for bike parking and it was going to disappear if not spent by March. Key information was missing regarding advising the city on where to spend the money. There was a bit of confusion regarding the standard bike rack used by the city, what the cost was per unit and when the advice should be given. The other component was the racks needed to go to the city owned sites and we didn't have a document to indicate which city owned sites existed and whether or not there was bike infrastructure that was there or not.
- Most sites never got back to the contact person.
- Janet (Rainbow Routes), from another meeting, was able to provide various quotes as to the cost per unit for different styles. It's hoped that we don't wait until the next SMAP meeting. It's very much going to be cost versus practicality. There are many different types throughout the city. Currently, through the cycling union, they are working on documenting a detailed outline of the biking infrastructure throughout the city; this could be a resource as well, however this is a large project that would take us away from our advisory panel role.
- Therefore, a recommendation will be put forward that includes a data-entry sheet and this will be completed by each city building to ensure that there is a bike rack that is located in an area and its usage. In addition, the cost of units will be examined so that the best choice is selected. This research would be provided as a standard and it is hoped that there would be a standard so that when bike parking is installed, it could be the standard.
- The former Bike Advisory Panel approached a shop program at a local high-school and they indicated that they would be willing to produce bike racks and they would be present at the bike rack when it was installed. Another option includes a city employee (Vivian) who works closely with the colleges. While they've worked with brick-work in the past; they could be approached for this as well.

**Action Item:** to continue working on bike rack infrastructure

**New Items:**

**Review of SMP & BAP recommendations – subcommittees:** Samantha Baulch

- It has been a year since we last review the recommendations

**Action Item:** All Sub-committee to review the SMP Progress Report Card the policy sub-committee created last year

**Commuter Challenge:** Deb McIntosh

- June 2 to 8<sup>th</sup>. This is a challenge usually promoted by Earth Care. It has not seen a lot of uptake over the years. Deb suggested that SMAP join hands with like minded panels and organizations to create a bigger impact and get a critical mass of people choosing another means to get to their destination (walk, cycling, transit or car pool), even for one day.
- Steve suggested some group rides during this week.
- Rachelle suggested Commuter Challenge T-Shirts: Earth Care?

**Bike Fest:** Samantha Baulch

- Lake Laurentian Conservation Area is holding a Bike Fest on June 2. SMAP is invited to set up an “info booth” . Deb offered to share the Rainbow Routes Tent as they will be there as well.

**Safe Routes to Schools:** Samantha Baulch

- Safe Routes to Schools is a national program to get children to walk to school. It was an interesting meeting because the parents had concerns beyond what were “normal” issues. Some parents were concerned about their elementary school children walking past “crack homes” and were racing trains as well. Particularly Lansdowne public school was a concern because of the traffic, trains, etc. Many of the children are provided with school transportation up to grade 3; after that time they are obligated to walk but there are various factors that are more difficult because of lights etc. It’s been noted that parents are switching schools so that they’re further away but they can be safely bussed.

**Important Dates**

- 📅 Seniors Summit: Tuesday, March 5 @ 6pm @ Science North
- 📅 Public Consultation for Elgin Greenway Project: Week of March 18
- 📅 Grace Harman Sign: March 18 – March 20, April 26 – 29, May 17 – May 20
- 📅 Bike Fest: Sunday, June 2 @ Lake Laurentian Conservation Area BioSki Cottage
- 📅 Commuter Challenge: June 2 – June 8, 2013

**\*next meeting dates:**

- 📅 Thursday, May 2, 2013: 5:30pm – 7:30pm (NT: Carol Craig)
- 📅 Monday, June 24, 2013: 7pm – 9pm (NT: Pam Banks)
- 📅 Thursday, September 5, 2013: 5:30pm – 7:30pm (NT: Herve Sauve)
- 📅 Monday, November 4, 2013: 7pm – 9pm (NT: Heather Smith)
- 📅 Thursday, January 9, 2014: 5:30 pm – 7:30pm (NT: Ben Reitzel)

**Review of Homework/Action Items**

- **All Subcommittees:** look at the committees survey and where we fit in
- **All Subcommittees:** review the SMP Progress Report Card the policy sub-committee created last year
- **Policy Sub-Committee:** to work on presenting stroller policy to Operations Committee
- **Policy Sub-Committee:** David suggested having Kevin Shaw communicate with his counterpart in North Bay to see how the new bylaw is working.
- **Infrastructure Sub-Committee:** to continue working on bike rack infrastructure
- **Education sub-committee:** to contact Barb MacDougall to see if we can use the city’s closed-circuit television where we can promote our message
- **Education sub-committee:** to contact Carol Craig about using the Health Unit Sign
- **All:** Any comments regarding light-standards and pedestrians please send them to

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Meeting Notes

Monday, March 4, 2013, 7pm

Tom Davies Square Rm. C-12

Samantha

- **All:** Contact Steve if you would like to work on the website (i.e. make it more creative)
- **Samantha:** Look into planning our presentation to the budget meeting about our successes
- **All:** Decide on whether or not we will be present at Bike Fest (once more information is acquired)
- **Samantha:** to ask Coalition for a Liveable Sudbury (Lilly and Naomi) to let us know when opportunities arise.
- Dave Kilgour suggested that we meet with Dalron to offer input on new developments
- **David Shelsted:** to provide answers to questions via email
- **Samantha/Steve:** contact Friends of Sudbury Transit regarding school-boards and the use of the public transit committee.
- **Samantha/Steve:** contact school-boards for some insight into whether or not this is being investigated.

**Adjourn Meeting**

Next meeting: Thursday, March 2, 5:30 pm – 7:30pm. Note-taker: Carol Craig