

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Meeting Minutes

5:30 p.m. May 25, 2017

Room C-10, Tom Davies Square, 200 Brady Street, Sudbury

Attendees: Marisa Talarico, Deb McIntosh, Carol Craig, Naomi Grant, Rachelle Niemela, Niall Williams, Marc Pleau, Mary Ann Duynisveld, Cindy Dent, Drew Poeta

Regrets: Pam Banks, Dan Barrette, Lilly Noble, Stephen Holmes, LyAnne Chenier

Guests: Joe Rocca

Agenda Item	Presenter	Time
Welcome – Naomi welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.	Naomi Grant	(5 min)
Review of Previous Minutes. The minutes of April 6, 2017 were approved as circulated.	Naomi Grant	(5 min)

Presentations and Updates

Title: City of Greater Sudbury Traffic Calming Policy and Process

Description: Joe will present an overview of the policy and process and will highlight upcoming projects, including Southview Drive.

Joe Rocca

(20 min)

Description: Joe Rocca summarized that traffic calming is basically about changing the traffic environment to reduce vehicular speeding behaviour. Providing safer environments for vulnerable road users is the primary focus of the Traffic Calming Policy. Joe indicated that the enhancement of pedestrian and cyclists safety is a priority. In 2010, the CGS adopted the policy that was created by IBI Group, which was based on other districts and current provincial and federal guidelines.

Currently the policy is a six step process;

- i. Receive request/complaint from the community
- ii. Screening process – a complex algorithm is utilized that examines type of roadway, speed threshold, cut through traffic, volume threshold
- iii. Scoring and ranking – there are ten different weighted criteria that are used for this step.
- iv. Review traffic calming toolbox – examines the current tools that could be utilized to meet needs
- v. Project selection – a project is selected based on planned roadwork
- vi. Design and public support – a public information session is conducted and residents vote, via a survey, to support or not support the traffic calming activity. If they are supportive, a preferred traffic calming plan is developed and residents vote on this.

Discussion ensued about the following:

- Consider including cycling warrants in the ranking criteria in Step 3
- The voting process in Step 6 was critiqued as residents vote and not the road users. It was suggested that the policy evolve to include other decision-making options other than residents voting.
- Consider cyclists when developing speed humps.

The results of the impact of traffic calming via pre- and post-speed and volume studies were presented. Results varied from particular roadways as there are various traffic calming treatments that were installed. The example of Southview Drive was discussed in detail due to the number of builds that took place on the specific roadway. A number of meetings took place with the residents to discuss how to calm the traffic including installing pedestrian crossovers and bicycle routes/edge lines. The residents voted on speed humps.

Naomi indicated that there are some suggestions that have been summarized in a report that Samantha Baulch developed. Joe suggested that the scope of input be limited to the mandate of the group however he would be amenable to receiving the report for consideration.

Action Items: Naomi will share the report with Joe.

Title: Paris Street and Ramsey Lake Road Intersection

Description: SMAP members will have an opportunity to review and comment on proposed changes to this intersection.

Marisa Talarico /
Joe Rocca

(30 min)

Description: Marisa indicated that the above noted intersection will be undergoing curb work, paint and signage to improve the intersection for cyclists. She noted that signal timing and major construction will not take place for now. The members present broke out into small groups for 20 minutes to brainstorm ideas and provide feedback on the intersection of Ramsey Lake Road and Paris Street, which was collected and will be summarized. The concept will be implemented by end of summer and an education campaign will be conducted in the community about how to use new cross rides.

Action Items: Marisa will summarize the information and feedback.

Title: Transportation Demand Management Plan

Description: Brief update on Report to Operations Committee (May 15) and online survey and review of Draft Vision and Principles for TDM Plan for feedback.

Marisa Talarico

(20 min)

Description: Marisa provided an update on the TDM plan and survey. Over 700 responses have been received within the first week of launch. The survey has most recently been shared with workplaces and post-secondary institutions. Once the data has been collected, community consultation will be held in September 2017. The consultant hired is developing a vision and principles for the plan. The members present were asked to complete a brief activity to provide feedback on the vision and principles.

Marisa noted that she presented to Operations Committee in mid-May on the plan and received numerous questions and comments. It was noted that the consultant would like to attend the September meeting (September 14, 2017) to present the components of the plan in order to receive input from SMAP members.

Action Items:

Marisa will share the draft vision and principles with SMAP for comment, once developed. This may take place via e-mail. Marisa to book September meeting for September 14, 2017.

Title: Introduction and Transit Action Plan Update

Description: Drew will introduce himself and give the group an update on the Transit Action Plan and upcoming opportunities for engagement.

Drew Poeta

(15 min)

Description: Drew Poeta introduced himself, as he will be the new transit representation on SMAP. He also updated the members present on the Transit Action Plan. Transit is in the preliminary phases of gathering public input. They will be looking at bus frequency, possibilities of hubs and different routing options.

There will be three phases:

- i) evaluating the current system and consulting the public (including analysis of ridership data)
- ii) reporting back to the public on what was heard and
- iii) a draft report will be prepared for in Fall 2017 with a final report in 2018.

Drew indicated that stakeholders will be engaged via workshops. First round of 'pop ups' will be taking place in mid to late June 2017. Discussion ensued about places to gather data including; employment centres, riding transit and talking with people, high schools, staff and operators of transit friendly locations.

Action Items: Drew will share locations and times with Marisa who will then share with SMAP members to attend consultation meetings.

<p>Title: SMAP Administration and Function</p> <p>Description: With full-time staff (Active Transportation Coordinator and Transit Planning Coordinator) now in place, SMAP’s role and function has changed.</p>	<p>Leisure Services Representative (Cindy Dent)</p>	<p>(20 min)</p>
<p>Description: Cindy Dent attended this meeting and noted that Pam Cranston, Manager of Parks, may be the permanent member on this Advisory Panel. Due to the various human resource changes in a number of departments, she noted that her department (Leisure Services) is committed to supporting this Advisory Panel but unsure of their actual role. She noted that most of their concerns are about connecting trails not on roadways. Discussion ensued about whether another member of CGS staff attend on behalf of Leisure.</p>		
<p>Marisa noted that she sees that her role as Active Transportation Coordinator partially overlaps with the role and mandate of SMAP. She indicated that she would like to receive input on our thoughts on the continuing role of SMAP.</p>		
<p>Members commented:</p>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The current meetings are more focused. • Having the opportunity to be informed about projects in time effective manner. • Having the opportunity to comment on specific projects. • There is difficulty in engaging the community and gathering input on a variety of topics, well beyond SMAP. • No need to continue with SMAP past mandated timeline as role of AT coordinator, embedded wording in key policy documents, and effective community engagement will meet the current needs. • CGS communications is changing and community engagement is evolving. • There is a role for a panel to provided educated opinions on specific topics. 		
<p>Action Items: N/A</p>		

Sub-Committee Reports			
<p>Description: Subcommittee leads to provide status update on current priorities and future work</p>	<p>Infrastructure Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Niall Williams</p>	<p>(5 min)</p>
	<p>Description: The subcommittee is hoping that they can get insight into what the upcoming projects are in order to be proactive with input. The group would also like to have a method to identify new ideas/infrastructure and/or reporting areas of improvement in an effective and efficient manner.</p>		
	<p>Action Items: Marisa to share the budget documents that highlight the upcoming projects. Marisa to think about ideas on reporting.</p>		
	<p>Policy Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Carol Craig</p>	<p>(5 min)</p>
	<p>Description: N/A</p>		
	<p>Action Items: N/A</p>		
	<p>Transit Subcommittee Update</p>	<p>Pam Banks</p>	<p>(5 min)</p>
	<p>Description: N/A</p>		
<p>Action Items: N/A</p>			

<p>Other Business</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Traffic and Parking By-Law – Outstanding Questions - Determine date for September meeting (TDM Plan Consultation) 	<p>All</p>	
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Adjournment: The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm	Naomi Grant	

Next Meeting Date: Thursday, June 22, 2017, 5:30 pm TBD