

Sustainable Mobility Advisory Panel Meeting

September 24, 2015

7:00 p.m., C-11, Tom Davies Square

Meeting Notes

- 1. Introductions:** Chris Gore, Stephen Holmes, LyAnne Chenier, Pam Banks, Carol Craig, Mary Ann Duynisveld, Niall Williams, Marc Pleu, Michelle Ferrigan, Rachelle Niemela, Daniel Barrette, Steven Russell, Barb McDougall-Murdoch, Lilly Nobel, Deb McIntosh

Regrets: Naomi Grant

- 2. Role of Advisory Panel, Review of Mandate and Rules/Code of Conduct:**

The role of SMAP was discussed. The mandate and objectives were reviewed. The Panel felt the mandate was wordy and asked if the mandate could be re-worked. One suggestion was to remove 'holistic approach' so the new mandate would be 'To assist staff and Council in implementing a vision for a multi-model transportation system where citizens can walk, cycle and/or use public transit efficiently and safely to get to their destinations'. There was one revision to the third bulleted point in the objectives, 'to advocate for non-motorized transportation requirements within Greater Sudbury's Official Plan'. The code of conduct developed by the previous SMAP was accepted.

- Chris informed the panel that Advisory Panels are open to the public.
- Some reported that they found it difficult to have access to information on meetings/minutes, etc. and suggested that a website be created and maintained to be open and transparent. Rachelle has offered to set this up and maintain.

- 3. Election:** Naomi Grant expressed interest in the Chair position and was acclaimed as Chair. Daniel Barrette offered to be Co-chair. No secretary was appointed at this time.
- 4. Transportation Study Update:** LyAnne provided an update to the panel. MMM Group has reviewed the comments received from the public consultation from June to August and a report will be going to council in October.
- 5. Transportation Study Input:** Stephen advised that the Transportation Master Plan (TMP) will be going to Council in October. The public input has been done, and the intent is to finish the plan. The question arose whether SMAP would have the opportunity to comment or have input on this. Councilor McIntosh indicated that she feels that the TMP could be referred back to SMAP for input since it is the advisory panel to Council. She suggested SMAP should be able to review and address to Council. LyAnne will send an update in advance.

6. Official Plan Update: the draft will be released in 2016 and there will be extensive opportunity for public input before it goes to Council for final approval.

7. Discussion:

- Council allocated significant dollars for cycling, will help us move ahead with some infrastructure.
- Trail development received some additional dollars to fix up the trails this year.
- Would like update on previous SMAP accomplishments.
- Requested that SMAP have an opportunity to comment construction projects before the final design phase). Rachelle informed the panel that discussions that were had with Tony Cecutti, was that Tony was open to discussion with the panel for infrastructure to be done for the coming year. It would be a win-win situation if we could review the plans and endorse them in a timely manner. (Stephen advised the panel that it may be difficult to present the plans, but hopeful that we could have discussions. The current plans are done and going to tender on Monday. You want to have discussions in the preliminary stage).
- Previous SMAP was frustrated as a whole in how the process took place, something missing in two way communication, didn't always see results, need both sides to communicate better.
- SMAP has the opportunity to make a presentation to the standing committee, and perhaps Council.
- Suggest we look at the same working groups as the previous SMAP (the rationale for the last working groups came out of the SMP).
- Interested in seeing if we can adopt some standards for bike infrastructure, to make sure things are built effective, including routes (Stephen reported that it has been done on an initial basis with the Transportation Master Plan which is the basis for the design of our facilities and infrastructure. The TMP will identify where the bike routes are. When an expansion or resurfacing project comes up, we use the TMP as the guide and the standards we use are Ontario Traffic Council Book 18. We are bound by the TMP and the standards we have to use.
- Attlee and Southview are dangerous because the bike lane and bump outs force cyclists into traffic.
- There is no Transit Master Plan (yet). Deb reported that there are recommendations in the SMP for transit that have not been addressed yet. (Michelle has been working on getting key performance indicators, would like to

bring to SMAP, and have discussions with the panel to see where improvements could be made).

- Sunday bus service is problematic, need to build on routes and enhance ridership.
- Would like to see SMP and an Active Transportation Plan mesh together to give us great leadership, know there is going to be a pedestrian index developed (but no cycling index), how do trails work into active transportation mix?
- Would like to see transportation page on the City's web site.
- Need to determine priorities before we determine what working groups/sub-committees we want to establish and sit on.

HOMEWORK:

- Come up with your three priorities that would you like the panel to look at over the next 3 years.
- Background information will be provided for review on web site – please visit before next meeting.

8. Meeting Schedule: the fourth Thursday of every second month was selected for SMAP meetings. The meetings will start at 5:30 p.m. The next meeting will take place on October 22.

9. Meeting Adjourned