



City of
Peterborough

To: Members of the Planning Committee

From: W.H. Jackson, Director of Utility Services

Meeting Date: April 13, 2015

**Subject: Report USTR15-008
Active Transportation and Health Indicators Presentation**

Purpose

A report to introduce the presentation related to Active Transportation and Health Indicators.

Recommendation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report USTR15-008 dated April 13, 2015, of the Director of Utility Services, as follows:

That the presentation given by Susan Sauve, Brianna Salmon and Janet Dawson on Active Transportation and Health Indicators be received for information.

Budget and Financial Implications

There are no budget or financial implications to the receipt of this report.

Background

In September, 2014 the Active Transportation & Health Indicators Report for Peterborough City and County was released. The objectives of the Active Transportation and Health Indicators report were to:

- Increase awareness about the impact transportation has on personal health, the health of the community, and the health of the natural environment;
- Enhance understanding regarding factors that influence levels of walking, cycling, and transit ridership;
- Identify critical issues and trends that can inform the development of evidence-based policies;
- Establish indicators that can be used to meaningfully measure progress toward a more walkable, bike-friendly, and transit-friendly community; and
- Highlight successes and opportunities for future intervention.

A unique aspect of this report is that it was created through a partnership between the City Of Peterborough, the Peterborough County-City Health Unit and GreenUP. The primary authors of the report are:

- Brianna Salmon, GreenUP;
- Janet Dawson, Peterborough County-City Health Unit; and
- Susan Sauve, City of Peterborough.

The authors are here tonight to present an overview of findings and trends revealed in the Active Transportation and Health Indicators report. In recent years there has been an increase in the number of policies, plans and programs designed to support and increase the use of active transportation in the Peterborough area. This work has seen an increase in rates of walking and cycling. The Active Transportation Indicators Report helps to explain the interaction between personal characteristics and transportation choices, and shows how the present built environment might influence these choices thereby offering indications of what actions will best improve the walking, cycling and transit experience.

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