

Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee Minutes Electronic Meeting

October 20, 2021

Present Clara Blakelock
 Mary Elizabeth Konrad
 Sandra Orsatti, Chair
 Stephanie Rutherford
 Fraser Smith
 Councillor Zippel

Regrets Dana Jordan
 Peter Lafleur
 Craig Mortlock

Staff James Byrne, Climate Change Coordinator
 Natalie Garnett, Deputy Clerk
 Kevin Jones, Manager, Transportation
 Michael Papadacos, Manager, Infrastructure Planning

Confirmation of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Zippel

That the minutes of the meeting of September 15, 2021 be approved, as amended.

Carried

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Consent Agenda

No items were passed as part of the consent agenda.

Reports and Communications

Transportation Master Plan - Phase 3 Update

PEAC21-024

Moved by Mary Elizabeth Konrad

That the Peterborough Environmental Advisory Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-024 dated October 20, 2021, of the Manager – Transportation Division as follows:

That the presentation from the Transportation Division regarding the Transportation Master Plan – Phase 3 Update be received for information; and,

That the following comments be provided:

- **The presentation was detailed and well done**
 - **However, it should include actual measured current percent mode share numbers to make the change/shift of each modelled scenario clearer**
- **How the TMP reflects the climate change emergency**
 - **We need to make radical changes to address climate change and the proposals do not seem to address this**
 - **Question setting achievable goals rather than goals that reflect the urgency of the climate change situation**
 - **City needs to move towards EVs for the fleet (and ultimately for public transit)**
- **Concern with survey methodology**
 - **Concern that questions were leading to a particular conclusion**
 - **Need to reframe questions with more positivity, showing examples of the lifestyle promoted/supported by these policy changes**
 - **Survey is only completed by those who choose to do so**
 - **Some survey questions were out of sync with the timing of some decisions in both phase 2 (i.e., cycling) and phase 3 (land use planning)**
 - **Survey asked participants for feedback on mode percentages that had not yet been supported by modelling (the model later suggested that the measures in each scenario could not achieve the targeted mode share) percentages)**
- **Incentivize electric vehicles and use of transit**
 - **Size of City and density does not lend itself to complete/walkable communities, so EVs and public transit must be used to see radical emissions reduction**
 - **Possible support/incentive for installing home Level 2 (50A 240V) charging stations to increase convenience**
 - **Possible support/incentive and education for purchase of new and used EVs and PHEVs**
 - **Consider exempting 'green license plate' vehicles from parking fees**

- Encouraging/incentivizing taxi and private transportation companies to move to EVs
- **Expand use of parking fees**
 - Revenue generated can be used to offset costs of programs
 - Culture shift through punitive measures and EV/PHEV parking incentives mentioned earlier; clearly communicate the rationale for punitive measures
 - Survey feedback on increased parking costs and congestion fees is evidence that punitive measures will be very effective at discouraging vehicle usage
 - Institute parking fees on all City streets to encourage fewer vehicles
 - Address concerns around the impact parking changes would have on small downtown businesses (e.g. by providing strategic parking options close to the downtown)
 - Begin with pilot projects i.e. fees for parking at City Hall for staff and Council members and/or incentives for not using a vehicle or for using an EV/PHEV
- **Community Safety**
 - Speed limit reductions (also may reduce emissions and ‘calming’ infrastructure costs) to:
 - 40 km/h in local neighbourhoods, and
 - 30 km/h in the downtown core
 - When addressing mode shifts, place more emphasis on sidewalks and walking as the focus currently seems to be on cycling and transit
 - Undertake road safety programs with neighbourhoods
 - Clear link to Vision Zero principles and a philosophy of safety in design for all transportation infrastructure
- Consider including climate change adaptation costs and EA requirement costs in infrastructure cost estimates

Carried

Climate Initiatives Update

PEAC21-025

Moved by Stephanie Rutherford

That the PEAC approve the recommendation outlined in Report PEAC21-025 dated October 20, 2021 of the Manager of Infrastructure Management Division, as follows:

That the report be received for information.

Carried

Other Business

Mary Elizabeth, Vice Chair, assumed the Chair.

Moved by Sandra Orsatti

That PEAC invite the Chief Building Official to a future PEAC meeting to give an overview of sustainable building tools/practices at the municipal level.

Carried

Sandra Orsatti, Chair, assumed the Chair.

Next Meeting -November 17, 2021

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Zippel

That this meeting adjourn at 7:48 p.m.

Carried

Natalie Garnett

Deputy Clerk

Sandra Orsatti

Chair