



Active Transportation Working Group

January 8, 2015 Meeting Minutes

AGENDA

1. Welcome and introductions
2. Review of minutes of December 11 meeting
3. Business arising:
 - 3.1 Communications
 - 3.2 Matrix review
 - 3.3 Municipal liaison
 - 3.4 Ontario Municipal Conference (deadline January 31)
 - 3.5 Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund
 - 3.6 AT Summit
 - 3.6.1 venue
 - 3.6.2 partners
 - 3.6.3 funding
 - 3.6.4 support
4. Opportunities to monitor
 - 4.1 Rails to Trail
 - 4.2 County Trails Strategy
 - 4.3 North Bay to Ottawa trail
5. Next meeting – **APRIL 02 – 10 am - noon**

PARTICIPANTS:

1. **Shawna Babcock** Co-chair, PAN-RC/ KidActive.
2. **Damien McCarthy**, Co-chair, Physical Activity Network, Owner, Gearheads
3. **Ish Theilheimer**, Working Group Secretary, co-founder, Bike Renfrew County
4. **Anthony Hobbs**, County forestry and trails technician
5. **Angie Schultz**, GIS Technician, Development and Property, County of Renfrew
6. **Ron Moss**, volunteer / community champion, Pembroke
7. **Brian Brohart**, Health Promoter, Renfrew County and District Health Unit
8. **Jason Davies**, GIS, County of Renfrew
9. **George Hodgkinson**, volunteer / community champion, Laurentian Valley
10. **Betty Biesenthal**, Friends of Bonnechere Parks
11. **Dave Unrau**, Town of Petawawa

Item	Discussion	Action(s)
Welcome	See participant list above	Add City of Pembroke - Susan Ellis OPP – Beth Ethier
Agenda Review		Agenda revised to deal with most

		pressing issues first
Ontario Municipal Conference	<p>Ron discussed a meeting he attended with Laurentian Valley Twp and a presentation there by Bob Sweet and Paul Moreau</p> <p>Discussion rails to trails conversion of Mattawa-Ottawa link</p> <p>Bob Sweet was recommended as a presenter to the conference on AT expertise / experience</p>	Ron will ask Bob Sweet to present
Development of AT component in official plan for Petawawa	<p>Town has been active studying and researching AT issues, bringing in cycling routes for schools and infrastructure and other features</p> <p>KidActive has done workshops on safe routes to school</p> <p>park redevelopment plan under way with AT in mind</p>	Shawna – connect Dave Unrau with KA work at Valour.
AT Summit	<p>Thursday and Friday, May 28 & 29 look good & confirmed.</p> <p>Partners are needed. Candidates include County, Petawawa, City of Pembroke, Algonquin College, OPP, boards of education, OVTA, NOTO, Ottawa River Institute, Ont. Parks Shaw Woods</p> <p>Reps from lower tier municipalities should be encouraged to attend.</p> <p>County has completed draft version of trails strategy Goes through staff for review, then politicians in February</p> <p>Petawawa has adopted a similar approach to County's Other municipalities getting involved in official plan reviews</p> <p>Horton's involvement with rail lines could be a good example to highlight</p> <p>Ron suggested Marlene Koehler would be an excellent speaker.</p> <p>George has a great nephew who has been involved in outdoor education and raising money for it. Would be a good speaker</p> <p>Jeff Jackson of Algonquin College gave a great presentation at last year's summit and should be asked again. He is expert at discussing risk and liability issues.</p>	<p>Shawna – confirm Algonquin College as a venue for Thursday.</p> <p>Update – confirmed</p> <p>On-site venues in Petawawa</p> <p>Matrix discussion should be in Summit</p> <p>Shawna to ask Susan Ellis for Pembroke's involvement</p> <p>Brian to approach Beth Ethier about OPP involvement</p> <p>Shawna to approach Nicole Whiting of OHTO for involvement</p> <p>Ish to draft Save-the-date poster Shawna to ask Jeff for venue and to be a speaker – done</p> <p>Damien will ask Bob Sweet to speak at both events</p>

	<p>A Save-the-date poster is needed to circulate KidActive can provide support for registration and administration.</p> <p>Silver Chain challenge launch should be part of it. All agreed on the need to build in lots of time for discussion.</p> <p>A strong rural component is needed. Pembroke and Petawawa will be seen by rural townships as "urban"</p> <p>Urban example – Petawawa Rural example – CN Rail through Horton</p> <p>Day 2 - bike park, bike maintenance adults</p> <p>Brown bag lunches with local site visits</p> <p>45 minute block – round table discussion – afternoon of first day, morning of second day</p>	<p>Shawna to invite Marlene – Jeff Mills now asking.</p> <p>Shawna to draft tentative schedule for workshops – done</p> <p>Ish to discuss rural and tourism elements with Chris Hinsperger, OVTA President</p> <p>Damien and Ron are developing a presentation on the matrix.</p> <p>Working Group formed: Brian, Ish, Damien, Ron & Shawna</p> <p>Include Bob Woods & Jeff Mills</p> <p>Done</p>
<p>Ontario Sport and Recreation Community Fund</p>	<p>PAN-RC / KidActive is putting together a proposal Focus - activities with specific outcomes - elements include trails, bike routes, training, public education such as safety for riders, walkers and drivers, trail etiquette</p> <p>Renfrew County has little or no presence in province-wide listing of cycling routes / maps</p> <p>Damien would like a basic safety and rules of road handout.</p> <p>Shawna is developing a draft application.</p> <p>Damien identified need for project to help the County to develop an organized plan lower-tier municipalities can use as a model.</p>	<p>KidActive will be lead applicant. They will need partners.</p> <p>Update: submitted</p>
<p>Next meeting</p>		<p>Next meeting is April 2 at the County building</p>