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Councillor Ron Ashmore
Councillor Pat Dunn
Councillor Patrick O'Reilly
Councillor Tracy Richardson
Councillor Kathleen Seymour-Fagan
Councillor Emmett Yeo

Dear Members of Council:

The Green Trails Alliance is pleased to see that an Active Transportation Master Plan has been proposed for the 2020 budget and believes strongly that it needs to be approved for inclusion in the final budget.

The Provincial Policy Statement of 2014 directs municipalities to follow the goal of enhancing quality of life for Ontarians when planning development in their jurisdictions. It points to the importance of protection of resources, public health and safety and quality of natural environments. It recognizes "the complex interrelationships among environmental, economic and social factors in land use planning."

The purpose of the policy is to promote the building of strong healthy communities that protect the environment and public health and safety. In particular, "healthy, active communities should be promoted by

- Planning public streets, spaces and facilities to be safe, meet the needs of pedestrians, foster social interaction and facilitate *active transportation* and community connectivity
- Planning and providing for a full range and equitable distribution of publicly accessible built and natural settings for *recreation*, including facilities, parklands, public spaces, open space areas, trails and linkages
- Providing opportunities for public access to shorelines."

Therefore, it is important to identify a long term vision for pedestrian and bicycle movement within the City so that, when major developments are proposed or when major streets in town centers are being redone, we can ensure that pedestrian and bike trails are incorporated and connected to each other. We need to have a plan so that new subdivisions know where pedestrian and bike trails and sidewalks need to be located and where the linkages with other communities and town centers need to be.



We have missed some opportunities in Lindsay with the Kent, Peel and Russell Streets reconstructions. We now need a high level plan so that we can address an active transportation plan for other parts of Lindsay, other towns in Kawartha Lakes and the connections between them.

We trust that you will retain this decision unit in the 2020 budget.

Sincerely,

Peter Petrosioniak

Member of Board of Directors

Green Trails Alliance