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**DEVELOPMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SERVICES - ENGINEERING SERVICES  
INFORMATION REPORT ES 2017-30**

TO: Mayor Van Bynen and Members of Council

SUBJECT: **Active Transportation Implementation Update**

ORIGIN: Director, Engineering Services

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**PREAMBLE**

In accordance with the Procedure By-law, any Member of Council may make a request through the Town Clerk for this Information Report to be placed on an upcoming Committee of the Whole Agenda for discussion.

**COMMENTS**

Currently, staff is working on two Active Transportation (AT) initiatives: the 2017 East-West Bikeway, and the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling grant application, which was submitted in time for the Friday, September 8, 2017 deadline.

The construction of the East-West bike route is proceeding well. However, the proposed bike lane location along Prospect Street requires a slight revision. The original application draft included a short bi-directional cycling lane to be located on the east side of Prospect Street, with no cycling lane on the west side. The East-West Bike Route plan, which included the bi-directional cycling lane, was shown at the Public Information Centre (PIC) held in May, 2017 and was also presented to York Region for comment. The Town's consultant (WSP) commenced the design in accordance with comments received and in line with the Ontario Traffic Manual - Book 18 (OTM Book 18) entitled "Cycling Facilities".

The short (210 metre) bi-directional section of the East-West bike route is subject to final permitting and approvals from York Region. Just recently, York Region shared with Town staff that various groups within the Transportation Department of York Region had concerns with safety of the bi-directional lane. There were also operations and maintenance concerns. After reviewing these concerns with our consultant, the designs will be modified to address York Region's comments. All affected stakeholders shall be notified.

The Provincial Government has recently announced further funding opportunities under the Ontario Municipal Commuter Cycling (OMCC) grant. This grant will provide funding to enhance active transportation facilities that constitute “commuter” routes (as opposed to “recreational” routes). Funding is available to offset up to 80% of the eligible design and construction costs. Although the Town’s Active Transportation Implementation Plan will not be completed until later this year, Town staff has worked with the consultant (WSP) to develop a list of candidate routes which would be acceptable to the Ministry of Transportation (MTO).

The routes are:

1. Main Street North – a) Town Limit to London Road, and b) London Road to Davis Drive
2. Woodspring Avenue – Ray Snow Boulevard to Bathurst Street
3. Harry Walker Parkway – Ringwell Drive to Mulock Drive
4. Mulock Drive – Cane Parkway to Yonge Street
5. Mulock Drive – Leslie Street to Harry Walker Parkway
6. Hydro Corridor – Bathurst Street to Mulock Drive.

The successful applications and amounts of funding to be extended by the Province are expected to be announced in September/October 2017. The design and implementation of the Town’s candidate routes are being budgeted in 2018 through to 2020, based on expected funding. This grant opportunity allows all participating municipalities some flexibility in scheduling route implementation. Therefore, changes can be made to accommodate priorities, budgeting and available resources.

## **PUBLIC CONSULTATION**

All affected stakeholders will be notified regarding the East-West Bike route change. More specifically, properties along the 210 metre section of Prospect Street from Srigley Street to Timothy Street will need to be made aware of the change.

With respect to the OMCC grant application, York Region staff was consulted to obtain their approval for the candidate routes that will be located along Mulock Drive, which is a Regional road. York Region expressed their support and they are in agreement with the routes selected.

## **BUSINESS PLAN AND STRATEGIC PLAN LINKAGES**

- Well-planned and connected...strategically planning for the future to improve information access and enhance travel to, from and within Newmarket.

## **HUMAN RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS**

There is no impact on current staffing levels.

## **BUDGET IMPACT**

### Operating Budget (Current and Future)

There is no impact on the current Operating Budget.

### Capital Budget

There will be additional costs for both re-design and contract changes for the Prospect Street portion of the East-West Bike route. The upset limit for these changes is \$10,000.00. There are sufficient funds available in the project budget.

With respect to the OMCC grant application, the specific costs will be highlighted in future budget requests, which are dependent on the success of the grant application. If successful, some of the priority routes would be eligible for up to 80% of the implementation costs.

## **CONTACT**

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