

Active Transportation Task Force Report to Parks, Recreation & Culture Committee

The Task Force held its 1st meeting on May 3rd 2021. The Task Force is composed of Rod Bilz, Pauline Rochefort, Richard Champagne, Tim Foster, Denise Beaupré, Bruce McShane, Shona Camirand, Mike Burke, Greg Kirton and Jenna Cowden. Also in attendance was Donna Maitland who will assist with identifying funding opportunities.

It was explained that Active Transportation was identified as a priority in the Municipality's 2019-2022 Strategic Plan and that it is intended to form part of the Master Plan for Parks, Recreation and Culture. It was also mentioned that Active Transportation is expected to be identified as a priority stemming from the Community Safety & Well Being Advisory Committee. The Task Force Terms of Reference were set as follows.

- Focus is on the recreational aspects of cycling, jogging and walking in East Ferris with attention to opportunities to connect to existing trails in neighboring communities.
- Identify both short and long term opportunities and by December 2021 present a Plan that includes objectives and strategies.

Following are points of interest as outlined at the meeting.

- The 2019 Master Plan for Parks, Recreation & Culture survey results were reviewed as they pertain to Active Transportation and confirming the community's interest in cycling, jogging and walking.
- The Discovery Routes study conducted by reputable MMM Group (now WSP Global) was examined highlighting Lake Nosbonsing Road as a priority from a cyclist safety perspective (see map at end.)
- Strava Heat Map images were shared highlighting the roads in East Ferris that are used most often by pedestrians and by cyclists.
- The OPP outlined emerging traffic calming measures that are used in other communities in support of Active Transportation.

