



**RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURE COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
December 17th, 2021**

PRESENT: Rick Champagne, Committee Chair Rob Currie
 Bill Ramore Wendy St. Denis
 Ronald Roy

ABSENT: Gerald Brochu

OTHERS PRESENT: Pauline Rochefort, Rodney Bilz

STAFF PRESENT: Jason Trottier, Treasurer/CAO
 Kari Hanselman, Deputy Clerk
 Greg Kirton, Manager of Planning and Economic Development

1. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution No. 2021-08
Wendy St. Denis – Bill Ramore

THAT the draft agenda presented to the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee and dated the 17th day of December, 2021 be hereby adopted as circulated.

CARRIED.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof: None for this session

3. Correspondence and Information:

a. Draft Active Transportation Plan Presentation

Mayor Rochefort, Rodney Bilz, and Greg Kirton presented the draft Plan to the Committee. The working group for the development of the plan also includes Denise Beaupre, Mike Burke, Shona Camirand, Tim Foster and Donna Maitland.

The Plan spans over a 20 year period and sets out goals and objectives to lead the community into a new era of active transportation. The plan proposes an increase to \$75,000 in annual active transportation reserves. Input for the plan was received from the Police Services Board, Provincial policies, Municipal policies, citizens, stakeholders, and Strava heat mapping.

There is approximately seventy-eight kilometers of trails in East Ferris which includes the Wasi Ski Trail, NBMCA Corbeil Trail, Voyer Trail, and Stepping Stones trails. There are concerns for safety and road speeds while using municipal roadways. Many roads do not have appropriate shoulders to walk or bike down.

The plan was built upon four guiding principles which are safety, convenience, affordability, and comfort. The goals and objectives of the plan need to be realistic. Sixty five roads have been evaluated and rated based on their safety priority.

The plan includes a high level budget which is a starting point for the municipality. A budget is

required in order to apply for funding. Potential funding sources include FEDNOR and the National Cycling Strategy, among others. The plan is in line with the Municipality's Asset Management Plan.

Committee members are in support of adopting the plan at the Committee level and recommending to Council for approval.

Resolution No. 2021-09

Wendy St. Denis – Rob Currie

THAT the Parks, Recreation and Culture Committee approve the Draft Active Transportation Plan, as prepared by the Active Transportation Plan sub-committee, and that the Plan be recommended to Council for approved.

CARRIED.

4. **In-Camera Session (if required):** None for this session
5. **Resolution as a result of In-Camera Sessions (if any):** None for this session
6. **Adjournment.**

Resolution No. 2021-10

Bill Ramore - Wendy St. Denis

THAT the Recreation, Parks and Culture Committee meeting adjourn at 3:03 p.m. and meet again at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED