

Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of every month at Barrie City Hall. Meetings are open to the public at all times and anyone with an interest in Active Transportation is encouraged to attend.

Please report any changes to minutes or send an Agenda item via e-mail to (sheila.macdonald@barrie.ca) Sheila MacDonald prior to the Friday before the meeting. An agenda will be circulated that Friday.

Meeting Minutes

- Present:** Wendy Loevenmark, COB
Jeff Sharpe – COB
Mike McConnell – COB
Sherry Diaz – SMDHU
Robb Meier – resident
Al McNair – resident/ McNair Consulting/ Brereton Field Naturalist
Lesley Warren – resident
Adam Ballah – resident
Nick Flinn – resident
James Mitchell – resident
Sheila MacDonald – recording secretary
- Regrets:** J. Northcote, Bob Warner, Mike Stewart, M. Brown, Tom Hanrahan – COB, Tom Gardzinski - Georgian College, Nadia Munshaw – advocate, Cheryl Dillon – COB
- Purpose:** Active Transportation Awards and Active Transportation Committee status update
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ITEMS

1. Round table introductions.
2. **Announcements:**
 - The Active Transportation Barrie Working Group (ATBWG) has evolved to an Advisory Committee status and has merged with the new Sustainable Committee of Council (formerly Environmental Advisory Committee of Council). Applications for the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee will close Friday Jan. 25, 2019. The committee will be made up of 5 citizens, 1 representative from the Health Unit, 1 representative from Nature Barrie and 2 Council members. S. Diaz will be representing the Health Unit and A. McNair will represent Nature Barrie. The 2 Council members are Sergio Morales and Keenan Aylwin. Everyone is encouraged to apply to be a member of the Advisory Committee. This is our last ATBWG meeting today. The Engineering Department will not have authority to hold ATBWG meetings, it would be at the discretion of the Advisory Committee if an informal Working Group is required to work on a special project. The Mayor and Council have decided that the Active Transportation Working Group will amalgamate with the Environmental Sustainability Committee to become the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee and by doing so, the ATBWG shall dissolve. Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public; the agenda is available one week prior; the public can make a request for item to be added to the agenda (at the discretion of the chair).
 - Leslie Warren brought in an article from a Saanich, British Columbia newspaper to share with the group. The Saanich newspaper reported that Saanich council approved new goals; they would like to see active transportation account for 50% of all trips by 2050; their definition of active transportation are walking, cycling and public transportation.
3. **Encouragement:**
 - Active Transportation Awards
 - Wendy L. circulated the Active Transportation (AT) Award nomination for Cailyn Fitzgerald. AT Award criteria was reviewed; rationale for supporting the nomination was discussed; role modelling, cycling expertise, promotes cycling and encouraging people who are under-represented. The majority were in favour of the award going to Cailyn. Wendy will arrange for award to take place during a council meeting and get back to this committee with the date.

- Robb Meier nominated Innovative Automation for AT Award. They are supporting their employees by continuously adding bicycle parking spots for employees. The group reviewed the criteria and nomination was accepted. The majority were in favour of the award for Innovative Automation. They will be contacted for more information on their initiatives.
- **ACTION 1:** The group requested that a summary of the Active Transportation Barrie's terms of reference; work plan for past 10 years; milestones; key projects, etc., be prepared as background history for the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee. Wendy will circulate to the ATBWG.
- **ACTION 2:** Wendy will investigate how/who/whether the City will be managing the AT community recognition awards in the future.
- Goals and aspirations for new committee:
 - The group opened the discussion for recommendations on priority topics for consideration by the new Advisory Committee and propose the following:
 - Salt-free roads and sidewalks in the winter.
 - Management of the Active Transportation web page.
 - Pursue political support for the removal of on-street parking on key cycling network roads where bike lanes can be added immediately by painting lines on the road.