



# Committee Report

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## Transportation Committee Report

**Meeting Date:** June 9 2022  
**Meeting Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON

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### Transportation Committee Recommendations

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**NOTE:** The following are recommendations from the Transportation Committee to be considered for adoption by Council

- [Receive Minutes \(June 9, 2022\)](#)

**Recommended** (Move, second)

THAT Council of the Town of The Blue Mountains receives the Transportation Committee minutes dated June 9, 2022, as attached, for information purposes.



# Minutes

## The Blue Mountains, Transportation Committee

**Date:** June 9, 2022  
**Time:** 1:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Town Hall, Council Chambers - Virtual Meeting  
32 Mill Street, Thornbury, ON  
**Prepared by:**  
Kyra Dunlop, Deputy Clerk

**Members Present:** Andrew Siegwart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, Councillor Rob Sampson, Councillor Bill Abbotts

**Members Absent:** John Ardiel

**Staff Present:** Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser

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### A. Call to Order

#### A.1 Traditional Territory Acknowledgement

We would like to begin our meeting by recognizing the First Nations, Metis and Inuit peoples of Canada as traditional stewards of the land. The municipality is located within the boundary of Treaty 18 region of 1818 which is the traditional land of the Anishnaabek, Haudenosaunee and Wendat-Wyandot-Wyandotte peoples.

#### A.2 Committee Member Attendance

Councillor Sampson called the meeting to order at 1:00 p.m. with all members in attendance except John Ardiel who sent his regrets.

Town staff present were Director of Operations Shawn Carey and Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser.

**A.3 Approval of Agenda**

Moved by: Andrew Siegart  
Seconded by: Councillor Abbotts

THAT the Agenda of June 9, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any additions to the Agenda.

Yay (5): Andrew Siegart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, Councillor Rob Sampson, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (1): John Ardiel

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 1 absent)**

**A.4 Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and general nature thereof**

NOTE: In accordance with the *Municipal Conflict of Interest Act* and the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76, Transportation Committee Members must file a written statement of the interest and its general nature with the Clerk for inclusion on the Registry.

None

**A.5 Previous Minutes**

Moved by: Councillor Abbotts  
Seconded by: Councillor Uram

THAT the Minutes of May 12, 2022 be approved as circulated, including any revisions to be made.

Yay (5): Andrew Siegart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, Councillor Rob Sampson, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (1): John Ardiel

**The motion is Carried (5 to 0, 1 absent)**

**B. Staff Reports and Deputations**

**B.1 Deputations, if any**

None

**B.2 Public Comment Period (each speaker is allotted three minutes)**

NOTE: In accordance with the Town Procedural By-law 2021-76 fifteen minutes is allotted at the Meeting to receive public comments regarding Transportation Committee matters included on the Agenda. The speaker shall provide their name and address, and shall address their comments to the Chair. Comments

shall not refer to personnel, litigation or potential litigation matters, or matters that are a follow-up to a Public Meeting.

Committee meetings are taking place virtually to assist with social distancing with respect to COVID-19. Comments received from the public that have not been included on the Agenda will be read at the meeting by the Executive Assistant.

None

**B.3 Staff reports, if any**

None

**C. Matters for Discussion**

**C.1 Stantec Consultants**

**Re: Transportation Master Plan Public Information Centre 2 Summary Report**

Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser provided an overview of the Stantec Consultants' Public Information Centre 2. John White asked if part of Public Information Centre 2 had been to review whether Off-Road Vehicles would be allowed on the road. Adam advised that participants had looked at ways Off-Road Vehicles could be allowed on roads in future including looking at what sort of policies neighbouring municipalities had, and which local corridors could be an option.

Councillor Uram asked if there was a way to gain an understanding of where resident concerns were coming from geographically in the Town, such as from a particular community. Adam advised that the surveys had requested that feedback and that staff could analyze the IP address information used if it was felt there was a benefit to having that information.

Councillor Abbotts noted that there needed to be education of drivers and cyclists about sharing the road and noted that some areas to consider were that: cyclists generally do not like rumble strips; that double-white painted lines could be a good indicator for cars to provide space to cyclists; that side-by-side riding was not illegal if done correctly; and that if speed limits needed to be reduced in areas an explanation to residents as to why was important. Councillor Sampson noted that there is opportunity through the Transportation Master Plan to communicate to cyclists, drivers and tourists about road safety.

Andrew Siegwart noted that the Blue Mountain Village Association had hosted a stakeholder meeting after the Public Information Centre 2 and it was found that the materials were relevant and well-taken by the participants.

Councillor Sampson experienced technical difficulties from 1:33 p.m. and was unable to re-join the meeting. Vice-Chair John White chaired the meeting for the balance of the meeting.

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart

Seconded by: John White

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee receive Item C.1 for information.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (2): John Ardiel, and Councillor Rob Sampson

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 2 absent)**

## **C.2 Draft Transportation Master Plan Executive Summary**

Transportation Master Plan Project Coordinator Adam Fraser provided a brief introduction of the Draft Transportation Master Plan and noted that the consultants and staff had been able to bring forward an initial draft of the plan rather than just an Executive Summary at this time. Adam noted that the timelines would need to be changed to bring forward the Draft Plan to the Committee, to Committee of the Whole and to Council. At present the intention was to bring forward a second Draft Transportation Master Plan to a Special Committee meeting in July 2022, then to the Committee of the Whole on August 9, 2022 and bring the final plan to a Committee of the Whole in September 2022, which would be endorsed at Council on October 11, 2022.

Councillor Uram asked if there would be any additional questions not answered through the draft Transportation Master Plan at this time that would need to be answered through the next Public Information Centre and through staff reviews. Adam noted that it was not expected that more questions would arise that would need to be addressed or would significantly alter the current plan trajectory as a result of the final stages of the project as robust consultation and review had taken place. The Committee discussed the timeline changes and concerns over the lame-duck period and how that would impact the completion of the Transportation Master Plan. Director of Operations Shawn Carey noted that the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan would come through budget items. Councillor Uram noted that the document would also be filtered through the Official Plan Review process into 2023 and inform that plan as well.

Jo Olsen, Stantec Consultant, provided a review of the Draft Transportation Master Plan.

Councillor Uram noted that the Official Plan could include a clause to go back and review statistical data on an annual basis to ensure relevant data being applied through the implementation of the Transportation Master Plan and to

track changes year-over-year. John White noted concerns regarding speed limit changes and the Committee discussed the need for clarity on why, how and if a speed limit were to change. Councillor Uram asked when the Committee would be exploring primary transit routes to communities that needed to be served. Adam noted that through the Public Information Centre 2 transit servicing had been discussed and some potential future services areas identified.

Councillor Uram asked if unassumed roads would be up to full municipal standards through the plan and noted that the Town was reviewing engineering requirements. Jo Olson noted that he would speak further with Town staff about this section of the plan as it would require a review of the definition used for unassumed roads.

Councillor Abbotts noted that with respect to mention in the Transportation Master Plan section on Public Access Lakes the Town's Leisure Activities Plan documented public lake access very well.

The Committee discussed ensuring their comments on the draft plan would be provided to staff as soon as possible and that a Special Meeting could be called to review a forthcoming revised draft plan.

Moved by: Councillor Uram  
Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee receive Item C.2 for information and recommends that comments be targeted to staff by Friday June 17, 2022 on the Draft Transportation Master Plan as presented.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (2): John Ardiel, and Councillor Rob Sampson

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 2 absent)**

Moved by: Andrew Siegwart  
Seconded by: Councillor Abbotts

THAT the Transportation Advisory Committee refers Item D.1. and D.2 to staff for consideration, and defers Item C.3, D.1 and D.2 to the next Committee meeting.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (2): John Ardiel, and Rob Sampson

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 2 absent)**

**C.3 Action Item Tracking Updates, as available**

- Victoria/Louisa/Elma/Alice Reconstruction
- Unopened Road Allowances (including water access)
- Highway 26 Paved Shoulder - Councillor Sampson and John White
- Traffic Counters
- Taxi Services and Transit Options
- Alternate Route Sub-Committee

Note: This item deferred to the next Committee meeting.

**D. Correspondence**

**D.1 Lynsi McCutcheon Re: Gibraltar Intersection 4th Line and 6th Side Road**

Note: This item deferred to the next Committee meeting.

**D.2 David Kee Re: Shore Acres Property Owners Request for Speed Reduction**

Note: This item deferred to the next Committee meeting.

**E. New and Unfinished Business**

**E.1 Additions to Agenda**

**E.2 Items Identified for Discussion at the Next Meeting**

- Action Item Tracking Updates, as available
- Lynsi McCutcheon Re: Gibraltar Intersection 4th Line and 6th Side Road
- David Kee Re: Shore Acres Property Owners Request for Speed Reduction
- Terms of Reference Review

**F. Notice of Meeting Dates**

July 14, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

and

August 11, 2022

Town Hall, Council Chambers (virtual)

## **G. Adjournment**

Moved by: Councillor Abbotts

Seconded by: Andrew Siegwart

THAT the Transportation Committee does now adjourn at 2:58 p.m. to meet again at the call of the Chair.

Yay (4): Andrew Siegwart, Councillor Jim Uram, John White, and Councillor Bill Abbotts

Absent (2): John Ardiel, and Councillor Rob Sampson

**The motion is Carried (4 to 0, 2 absent)**