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May 16, 2012

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Re: **Region of Peel Active Transportation Study (File G70)**

The following recommendation of the Committee of Council Meeting of May 2, 2012 was approved by Council on May 9, 2012:

- CW110-2012
1. That the delegation of Norma Moores, Senior Transportation Engineer, IBI Group, on behalf of the Region of Peel, to the Committee of Council Meeting of May 2, 2012, re: **Region of Peel Active Transportation Study** (File G70) be received; and,
 2. That the correspondence from the Region of Peel, dated February 15, 2012, to the Committee of Council Meeting of May 2, 2012, re: **Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy** (File G70) be received; and,
 3. That the report from H. Zbogor, Acting Director of Planning Policy and Growth Management, Planning, Design and Development, and M. Parks, Manager of Traffic Engineering Services, Works and Transportation, dated April 5, 2012, to the Committee of Council Meeting of May 2, 2012, re: **Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy** (File R15) be received; and,

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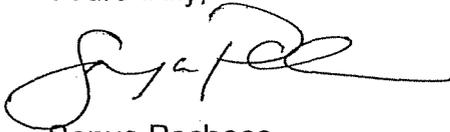
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4. That staff continue to work with the Region of Peel on implementation of Peel's Active Transportation Plan including undertaking necessary negotiations with external stakeholders such as the Ministry of Transportation and evaluation of the plan and associated current and capital funding through the development of Brampton's Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan and annual budget review; and,
5. That the subject report be circulated for information to the Region of Peel, Town of Caledon and City of Mississauga.

A copy of the subject report is attached.

Yours truly,



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D. Kuperman, Transportation Policy Planner, Planning, Design and Development
M. Chung, P. Eng., Principal Transportation Planner, Public Works Department,
Region of Peel



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Report
Committee of Council
Committee of the Council of
The Corporation of the City of Brampton

COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL

DATE: May 2, 2012

Date: April 5, 2012

File: R15ACT

Subject: Recommendation Report: Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy

Contact: Henrik Zbogor, Acting Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management (905-874-3553)
Michael Parks, Manager, Traffic Engineering Services (905-874-2572)

OVERVIEW:

- In 2010 the Region of Peel initiated an Active Transportation Study with input from its area municipal partners. The objectives of the study were to raise awareness of the benefits of active transportation and to inform residents of available transportation options, thereby reducing the numbers of vehicular based trips taken in Peel and encouraging healthy travel behaviour.
- The study consisted of two parts: A social marketing strategy designed to enhance the profile of walking, cycling and other forms of active transportation in the Region. This culminated in the development of the "Walk and Roll" website, launched in 2010. The second part of the Study consisted of the development of an overall Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy.
- The Region has consulted with area municipalities on the development of the plan which includes the development of active transportation policies, preliminary design guidelines and a long-term implementation plan.
- Implementation of the plan is envisioned to be shared between the Region and its area municipalities. In this regard, the plan will be considered when municipalities are developing their own active transportation plans and annual capital budget recommendations.
- Regional Council approved the Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy at their meeting of February 9, 2012, and referred the plan to area municipalities for endorsement. This report is intended to provide an introduction to the plan and facilitate Regional staff's representation of the plan at Committee of Council.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** the report from Henrik Zbogor, Acting Director, Planning Policy and Growth Management and Michael Parks, Manager, Traffic Engineering Services, Works and Transportation Department, dated April 5, 2012, to the Committee of Council Meeting of May 2, 2012, re: **Recommendation Report: Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy**, be received;
2. **THAT** City of Brampton staff continue to work with the Region of Peel on implementation of Peel's Active Transportation Plan including undertaking necessary negotiations with external stakeholders such as the Ministry of Transportation and evaluation of the plan and the associated current and capital funding through the development of Brampton's Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan and annual budget review; and,
3. **THAT** this report be circulated for information to the Region of Peel, Town of Caledon, and City of Mississauga.

BACKGROUND:

The Region of Peel's Active Transportation (AT) Plan includes the development of a cycling and pedestrian network for regional facilities with the objective of increasing the share of trips using active transportation. The AT Plan also includes an implementation strategy with proposed timelines and funding from the Region, the Province, and area municipalities. In addition to previously committed and planned investments, the first two implementation phases of the Plan (construction in years 1-5 and 6-20) will require approximately \$52 million for implementation, including an estimated \$19.2 million from area municipalities in the second phase.

Safety, convenience, and accessibility are key objectives of the Plan that:

- Establishes new comprehensive policies aimed at making Peel communities more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly;
- Strengthens partnerships with stakeholders to enhance programs to shift travel behaviour; and,
- Recommends active transportation infrastructure improvements to the existing cycling and pedestrian networks that support the area municipal plans and fill the gaps within the network.

The Study has involved participation from all area municipalities, including representatives from Brampton's Planning, Design and Development Department

and the Works and Transportation Department. The Peel AT Plan complements the City of Brampton's Pathways Master Plan and the current ongoing Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan, as well as the City of Brampton Official Plan. Given the large number of Regional Roads in Brampton, City staff concur with the participation of area municipalities to implement the AT plan in an effort to provide adequate and seamless networks for pedestrians and cyclists and make active transportation options a viable alternative.

CURRENT SITUATION:

The Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy was approved by Regional Council on February 9, 2012, and has been referred to area municipalities for endorsement. Throughout the study process, Brampton staff has lent support to the plan and its objectives. Staff has commented that the financial contributions in support of the plan remain subject to the annual corporate budget review process.

CORPORATE IMPLICATIONS:

At its meeting of September 21, 2011, Committee of Council directed staff to proceed with the development of a strategy to be used for the implementation of bicycle facilities within the City's road allowance. The Bicycle Facility Implementation Plan (BFIP), once completed, is intended to be used by staff to implement a safe and efficient citywide pathway system and to promote the use of the bicycle for purposes other than recreation. To date, the BFIP steering committee:

- has completed a legislative review of the City's traffic by-law and processed the enactment of an amending by-law to support the implementation of bicycle facilities throughout the City;
- has developed a set of guiding principles to identify facility types for each road classification;
- continues to provide feedback to the steering committee responsible for the development of the Ministry of Transportation Ontario's Book 18: Bicycle Facilities, which is intended to provide municipalities in Ontario with a consistent approach to plan, design, build, regulate and maintain bicycle facilities; and,

- is currently developing a proposed cycling network for the City.

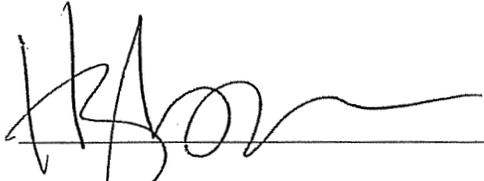
A total of \$19.2 million has been identified by the Region of Peel to be contributed by the area municipalities beyond the first five years of AT Plan implementation, subject to a funding agreement and annual capital budget deliberations. City staff has not agreed, at this time, to the proposed sharing of funding responsibilities and will continue to work with Region of Peel staff and other stakeholders to ensure implementation is consistent with Official Plan, Transportation and Transit Master Plan and related plans.

Since maintenance expenses and capital project expenditures will continue in accordance with current agreements and practices for sidewalks and multi-use trails, there are no significant budget implications over the next five years, with timing and approvals to be confirmed through the approval of the annual capital budget. However, the long-term implementation of Peel's Active Transportation Plan will potentially require the commitment of area municipal resources for a share of projects crossing municipal boundaries (Regional Trail facilities). The construction and cost share formula of these facilities is dependent on negotiations between the City, the Region, and occasionally external stakeholders such as the Ministry of Transportation.

CONCLUSION:

City staff will continue to work with the Region of Peel to implement the policies and projects contained in the Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy, while concurrently continuing to expand the PathWays system and bicycle facilities within the City's road rights-of-way as developed through the Bicycle Facilities Implementation Plan. The timing of the implementation of facilities will be dependent on successful negotiation of funding partnerships and approval of capital budgets. The overall objectives include making Regional Roads and connecting facilities more pedestrian and bicycle-friendly, filling gaps in our PathWays and overall active transportation network, and increasing the share of trips made by walking and cycling in order to support the transportation and sustainability policies outlined in the Official Plan and Transportation and Transit Master Plan.

Respectfully submitted,



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Commissioner, Planning, Design and
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Attachments: Region of Peel Council Report, "Peel Region Active Transportation Plan and Implementation Strategy," approved by Regional Council on February 9, 2012.