

**THE MUNICIPALITY OF THE COUNTY OF KINGS
COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE**

March 11, 2021

6:00 pm

AGENDA

Audio Recording Times Noted in Red
(Minutes:Seconds)

1. Roll Call 00:00

2. Approval of Agenda 03:12

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3. Disclosure of Conflict of Interest Issues None

4. Presentations

a. 6:00 pm: Department of Justice 04:44

b. 6:30 pm: RCMP 33:03

c. 7:00 pm: Active Kings County: A DRAFT Active Transportation
Plan for the County of Kings 55:01

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5. Other Business None

6. Comments from the Public None

7. Adjournment 101:37



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TO Committee of the Whole

PREPARED BY Ashley Brooker, Active Living Coordinator

MEETING DATE March 11, 2021

SUBJECT Active Kings County: A DRAFT Active Transportation Plan for the County of Kings

ORIGIN

- [November 19, 2019 Committee of the Whole](#) - Presentation titled *Trails and Active Transportation: Connecting Our Communities*
- [April 9, 2020 Council](#) - Approval of 2020-2021 Municipal Budget, which included approval of funding for the Active Transportation Plan
- [January 19, 2021 Committee of the Whole](#) - Presentation titled *Active Kings County: An Active Transportation Plan for the County of Kings*

RECOMMENDATION

That Committee of the Whole receive for information the Briefing 'Active Kings County: A DRAFT Active Transportation Plan for the County of Kings' dated March 11, 2021.

INTENT

For Committee of the Whole to receive the draft of the Active Transportation Plan and provide feedback.

DISCUSSION

The Active Transportation Plan project commenced in July 2020, with the proposal awarded to UPLAND Consulting + Design. After the background analysis, engagement strategy and completion of the first phase of community consultation, the draft plan was completed and presented to staff on February 24, 2021.

As part of the work leading up to the creation of the draft, the following guiding principles were developed:

- Improved regional connections
- Expansion of local connections
- Creating welcoming spaces
- Prioritizing safety and concerns
- Making it easy and intuitive to navigate
- Reframing transportation values
- Supporting community resiliency

These guiding principles informed the proposed network design, as well as a series of recommendations related to infrastructure and amenities, education and programming, marketing and promotions.

The network design is pivotal to a strong and connected active transportation network. Proposed improvements to the network will help make Active Transportation a more desirable choice by connecting communities, parks, recreation, schools, workplaces, commercial hubs, tourist destinations, and other essential service hubs. In the County of Kings, this proposed network is, and would be improved with, a combination of sidewalks, crosswalks, trails, pathways, footpaths, bike lanes, paved shoulders, on-road bike routes, and more.

Additional recommendations will help influence the usability of the network design. Accompanying bike racks, picnic areas, benches, wayfinding signage, and other amenities are key to making active transportation safe, convenient, and comfortable to all users. An additional component to increasing user uptake of the network design is education and programming. Active Transportation will also be more appealing through the addition of events and programs provided by recreation departments that would



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focus on educational components of the benefits, safety tips, and road/trail etiquette. Finally, recommendations around marketing and promotion will help the Municipality of the County of Kings attract residents and visitors year round to active transportation initiatives, which will support sustainable tourism and economic development spinoffs for our communities.

To date, a background analysis and preliminary engagement have been completed to inform the draft Active Transportation Plan. Public feedback on this draft plan will be gathered through surveys, workshops, static pop-up displays, and other stakeholder engagements. Following engagement on the draft, adjustments will be made to reflect input from Council and community, and the plan will then return to Council along with the implementation plan for final adoption. The implementation plan will include proposed timelines, phasing, cost analysis and budgeting, and by-law and policy recommendations.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- There are no financial implications at this time. Project budget approved through budgeting process.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

Check Applicable	Strategic Priority	Description
✓	Vision Statement	
	Good Governance	
✓	Environmental Stewardship	
✓	Economic Development	
✓	Strong Communities	
	Financial Sustainability	
	Supports a Strategic Project	
	Supports a Core Program Enhancement	

ALTERNATIVES

- Not applicable

IMPLEMENTATION

- Community engagement to take place after Committee of the Whole presentation.
- Final plan will be brought to Council (target of June 2021).
- A phased implementation plan will be included in the final report.

ENGAGEMENT

- Preliminary engagement completed December 2020.
- Online Survey will be available for public consultation on draft plan.
- Stakeholder engagement with identified groups to take place on draft plan (example school groups).
- Static Pop-Up Displays with information on the draft plan will be placed throughout the County.
- Online Workshop including presentation and group discussions for community members.

APPENDICES (Click on link below to access)

- Appendix A: [Draft Active Transportation Plan](#)

APPROVALS

Rob Frost, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

March 5, 2021

Scott Conrod, Chief Administrative Officer

March 5, 2021