

Deputation to York Region Council, June 2019



Ad-hoc advocacy group
Started 2015

Background: Active Transportation

- Active Transportation = non-motorized travel
- **Commuting** rather than recreational trips; getting people where they need to go, efficiently
 - School
 - Library
 - Shopping
 - Medical
 - Work
 - Transit
 - Etc.....
- Benefits of Active Transportation
 - Health
 - Environment

TMP 2016: “Integrate active transportation in urban areas”; “Make the last mile work”; Increase ability to get everything done in one trip; “96% of trips <5km are made by car”

Regional Roads are Newmarket's Grid Framework

Opportunities

- Help Newmarket create a Safe & Interconnected network
- Model in YR for Complete Streets
- Enhances equity in our communities

Challenges

- Designing intersections for safety
- Car-centric mindset
- On-street parking
- Car-centric road design
- Education about Active Transportation vs Recreation

Newmarket has the highest live-work ratio
So – excellent opportunity to get ppl out of their cars
Could be model for the Region / Province

Cycle Newmarket has ideas based on cycling experience

- Can't reduce congestion by expanding road system
 - Adding bike lanes works better
 - Bike beside you is not a car in front of you
- Safety of left turns for cyclists
 - Bike boxes
- Regional roads need well-designed, separated, cycling-only tracks
- In the interim, a painted bike lane is safer than no bike lane
 - Traffic calming
 - Low cost



Bike boxes don't have to be tied into signal sensors
("Could even be bike lanes on Prospect" – lead in to next slide)

Cycle Lanes on Prospect?

We had them once, kinda, for a bit...



(Image: April & May 2016 construction)

Answers to possible questions/challenges:

Prospect meets only one of the four criteria for a regional road: “local connection to fill a gap”

- Not “X-boundary”, “link to Prov super-highway”, “rapid transit”

Cars on Prospect have to deal with No Dig trucks taking up at least a lane down the centre of the road, with nobody directing traffic

Cycle Newmarket has

Praise

- Cycle Newmarket praises the Region for the creation & reception of the Report of the Commissioner of Transportation Services: **Pedestrian and Cyclist Safety Improvements**

Hope

- Cycle Newmarket hopes for a good implementation of cycling infrastructure on Regional roads
- Cycle Newmarket hopes that the Region continues to be an active partner with Newmarket in expanding safe cycling infrastructure to make Active Transportation viable and popular
- Cycle Newmarket hopes that the Region will continue Smart Commute

Expectations

- Cycle Newmarket, as a stakeholder, expects to be consulted on future Cycling Active Transportation development
- Cycle Newmarket expects that a portion of the 2019 levy collected for road widening and improvement will be used for cycling infrastructure



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