



Parry Sound Area Active Transportation Submission to the Town of Parry Sound 2018 Budget

Parry Sound Area Active Transportation appreciates the Town of Parry Sound's efforts to promote healthy transportation options by improving the walk-and-bike-friendliness of our town and better protecting vulnerable road users. Developments this past year, such as the cycling lanes on William Street, reduced speed limits in community zones, sidewalk improvement on Wood Street, and the completion of Wink's Link reflect both progress on the Town of Parry Sound Trails Master Plan and alignment with the Town's Strategic Plan.

For your consideration during 2018 budget deliberations, the members of the Parry Sound Area Active Transportation committee encourage ongoing improvements in walking and biking conditions in Parry Sound. The prioritization of an on and off road trail network not only supports active/healthy living but also promotes our area as a cycling and hiking destination in our province. Connectivity and safety are essential aspects of safe and active transportation and recreation routes. On-road safety improvements as identified in the Trails Master Plan (see enclosed list, including Marion, Isabella, Wood, Bowes and Joseph Streets) are required. **We recommend capital dollars be allocated exclusively for infrastructure projects that support active transportation.**

The Committee appreciates the Town of Parry Sound's continued support towards our joint efforts to develop an environment that supports healthy, active living for all residents of Parry Sound. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Becky Pollock, Chair
Parry Sound Area Active Transportation Committee

Enclosure



On-Road Safety Improvements – Parry Sound Bicycle Loop
Item
Marion Street – widen section on the proposed Parry Sound Bicycle Loop
Isabella Street – widen section on the proposed Parry Sound Bicycle Loop
Wood Street – widen section on the proposed Parry Sound Bicycle Loop
Formalize the Parry Sound Bicycle Loop using route signage and mapping
Identify the Parry Sound Bicycle Loop (see map) with Signage including sections of Marion Street (at the NE end of the trail) Wood Street, Isabella Street, William Street, River Street, Great North Road and connecting to the waterfront trail at the pedestrian bridge.
Identify all local Bicycle Routes (see map) with Route Signage
Improve the existing snowmobile trail connecting Oastler Park Road to Great North Road for bicycle use
Bowes Street (from Oastler Park Road to River Street)
Joseph Street (from Parry Sound Drive to Isabella Street)
Parry Sound Drive (from Joseph Street to William Street)
William Street (from Parry Sound Drive to Addie Street)
Prioritize route improvements that extend and connect 'the Link' to the downtown (Joseph Street, Isabella Street, and Gibson Street)