



Report of the Commissioner of Public Works

Pedestrian Cycling and Municipal Streetscape Partnership Programs Update

1. Recommendation

The Regional Clerk forward this report to the local municipalities, Lake Simcoe Region Conservation Authority and Toronto and Region Conservation Authority for information.

2. Purpose

The Commissioner of Public Works has delegated authority to approve projects as part of the Pedestrian Cycling Partnership Program (Pedestrian Cycling Program) and Municipal Streetscape Partnership Program (Streetscape Program) and approvals are regularly reported to Council. This report captures 2022 and 2023 approved projects.

Key Points:

- The Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program benefit local municipalities and other stakeholders by advancing projects identified by local municipalities through cost-sharing infrastructure that supports walking, cycling, and safe communities
- Programs contribute to Strategic Plan Healthy Communities and Sustainable Environment areas of focus by providing infrastructure to support active living choices and public realm enhancements
- The Commissioner of Public Works has delegated authority to approve projects funded through these Council-approved programs
- Successful applications must meet criteria outlined in the respective programs and highlight how the projects will contribute to larger community objectives including those recently funded in Georgina, Markham, Richmond Hill and Vaughan
- Regional funding allocated annually to these programs is up to \$500,000 for the Pedestrian Cycling Program and up to \$1,000,000 for the Streetscape Program

3. Background

Partnership Programs provide \$1.5 million annually in cost-sharing opportunities for locally initiated infrastructure projects which support larger community objectives

The Region commits up to \$500,000 annually to the Pedestrian Cycling Program and up to \$1,000,000 annually to the Streetscape Program. Funding is approved through the annual capital budget. Since the program launch in 2006/2007, 49 projects have been funded through the Pedestrian Cycling Program with a Regional contribution of \$8.4 million and 41 projects through the Streetscape Program with a Regional contribution of \$13.3 million.

Pedestrian Cycling Program objectives include contributing to build-out of the Region's active transportation network by improving pedestrian and cycling infrastructure and enhancing connections to major transportation infrastructure. Streetscape Program objectives aim to promote pedestrian-friendly design, attractive streetscapes, and connections to major transportation infrastructure. Projects are locally initiated and must demonstrate how they meet larger community priorities to be considered for funding.

Projects are eligible for funding of 50% of eligible project costs if they are completed as part of a Region capital project, and 33% funding of eligible costs on stand-alone projects demonstrating significant benefit to the community. A full list of approved projects for each of the Programs are shown in Appendix A and B.

Applications to both the Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program are reviewed through Pedestrian Cycling and Streetscape Review Committees. The committees recommend projects to be considered based on eligibility criteria outlined in their respective [policies](#). All applications receiving funding sign maintenance agreements to ensure clear ownership and future maintenance responsibilities for the completed capital projects.

4. Analysis

Increased use of Regional road corridors through walking and cycling during the COVID-19 pandemic heightened the importance of investments to expand sustainable transportation options and create attractive spaces along Regional road corridors that promote all modes of travel. The Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program contribute directly to enhancing Regional road corridors and reducing reliance on single occupant vehicles, which are both identified as key objectives in the 2022 Transportation Master Plan.

Four projects were funded under the Pedestrian Cycling Program

Four applications to the Pedestrian Cycling Program received funding. Funding was granted to projects in Georgina, Markham and Vaughan as shown in Table 1, as they aligned with program objectives. Available program funding for two years totals \$1,000,000 of which \$934,952 was awarded.

Table 1
Pedestrian Cycling Program 2022/2023 Funding Summary

Applicant	Year	Project	Total Eligible Project Cost	York Region Contribution	York Region Funding
Georgina	2022	Woodbine Avenue Multi-Use Path	\$1,095,641	33%	\$361,560
Markham	2022	Markham Road Multi-Use Path Intersection Enhancements	\$222,400	33%	\$73,392
Vaughan	2023	Major Mackenzie Drive Cycle Tracks	\$500,000	50%	\$250,000
Vaughan	2023	New Westminster Drive Cycle Tracks Phase 1	\$757,576	33%	\$250,000
Awarded Funding					\$934,952

The total eligible project costs and York Region’s contribution for the multi-use path on Woodbine Avenue, from Glenwoods Drive to the new Multi-Use Recreational Complex (MURC), are still being defined. The costs in the table represent a previous project submission from Georgina that could no longer be built because of utility issues. The multi-use path project creates a significant benefit to the community by providing a missing active transportation link to the MURC. The Region’s funding allocation for the project will be updated upon completion of the detailed design for the multi-use path.

Markham received \$73,392 for intersection enhancements along Markham Road, connecting two Regional Roads including 16th Avenue and Major Mackenzie Drive. The project includes enhancing

safety and accessibility at intersections along with improved pavement markings and signage for pedestrians and cyclists.

Vaughan received \$250,000 for active transportation enhancements on Major Mackenzie Drive between Jane Street and McNaughton Road, including new cycling facilities, accessibility improvements, signage, and pavement markings. This project leveraged existing Regional road improvement projects that were planned along Major Mackenzie Drive.

Vaughan applied for a second project and received \$250,000 for their cycle track project along New Westminster Drive, between Bathurst Street and Clark Avenue. The project connects into the Bathurst-Centre Bus Rapid Transit System and recently completed Clark Avenue cycle tracks.

Under the Municipal Streetscape Program four applications were approved for funding in 2023

Four applications were approved for funding in 2023 as part of the Streetscape Program as shown in Table 2. No Streetscape Program applications were received in 2022.

**Table 2
Municipal Streetscape Program 2023 Funding Summary**

Municipality	Year	Project	Total Eligible Project Cost	York Region Contribution	York Region Funding
Richmond Hill	2023	Bathurst Street Parkettes	\$60,000	50%	\$30,000
Richmond Hill	2023	16 th Avenue & Leslie Street	\$64,000	50%	\$32,000
Vaughan	2023	Major Mackenzie Drive (McNaughton-Keele)	\$998,226	50%	\$499,113
Vaughan	2023	Major Mackenzie Drive & Station Street	\$594,839	33%	\$196,297
Awarded Funding					\$757,410

The Bathurst Street Parkettes project in Richmond Hill received \$30,000. The project included two distinctively designed parkettes at Shaw Road and Weldrick Road that offer a landscaped space with a paved pathway, seating, and planting for a sheltered retreat. The project is integrated with the Region's Bathurst Street (16th Avenue-Teston Road) road widening project.

A second project in Richmond Hill received \$32,000 for four colour-enhanced crosswalks to bring greater visibility for pedestrians and cyclists crossing. The project is integrated with York Region's 16th Avenue (Leslie Street-Warden Avenue) road widening project.

The Major Mackenzie Drive (McNaughton-Keele) project in Vaughan received \$499,113 for an enhanced streetscape design and active transportation facility in the Village of Maple. The project includes low planters that offer planting opportunities along Major Mackenzie Drive. This project was coordinated with the Region's Major Mackenzie Drive (Jane-Keele) road improvement project.

The Major Mackenzie Drive and Station Street project in Vaughan received \$196,297. This partnership focuses on supporting the City in creating an accessible path to the Maple GO Station. Streetscape enhancements included new planting and cost-sharing on the part of the accessible ramp within the Regional right-of-way.

5. Financial Considerations

Timely project implementation is important to ensure that the limited funding for these programs is available for all qualified projects. As a result, the Region works with those local municipalities with projects that are not proceeding in a timely fashion and in some circumstances these projects may be deferred to a future year subject to available funding.

The Region commits up to \$500,000 annually to the Pedestrian and Cycling Program and up to \$1,000,000 annually to the Streetscape Program. The Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program are funded through 90% development charges and 10% tax levy. Allocations to these programs are reviewed annually through the budget process.

6. Local Impact

The Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program allow for collaborative approaches to enhancing the Regional road network in partnership with local municipalities and stakeholders. Programs aim to deliver additional transportation options for residents along with streetscaping enhancements to our Regional corridors to promote more pedestrian and cyclist friendly spaces.

7. Conclusion

The Pedestrian Cycling Program and Streetscape Program offer collaborative cost-sharing opportunities between the Region, local municipalities and other stakeholders to enhance corridors in York Region that promote the use of sustainable transportation options such as walking and cycling.

The Commissioner of Public Works has delegated authority to approve projects for funding that demonstrate significant benefit to larger community objectives. This includes projects that expand transportation options for residents, enhance the streetscape and provide safer and more seamless connections to major transportation systems and key destinations.

Staff will continue to evaluate the effectiveness of these partnership programs to ensure successful implementation of infrastructure.

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Appendix A - Pedestrian Cycling Program Projects

Appendix B - Municipal Streetscape Program Projects

Pedestrian Cycling Program Projects

Town of Aurora

- 1 Nokiidaa Trail Connection
- 2 Bayview Avenue Multi-Use Path: St. John's Sideroad - Wellington Street

Town of East Gwillimbury

- 3 Pedestrian Bridge: Holland River (Yonge Street - 2nd Concession)
- 4 Nokiidaa Trail Enhancement: Nokiidaa Trail (2nd Concession)
- 5 Trail Enhancement: Green Lane - 2nd Concession
- 6 7 Multi-Use Path Extension: Phase 1 and 2 - Green Lane (Peggy's Wood - Yonge Street)
- 8 Lake to Lake Route: Nokiidaa Trail Extension (Yonge Street)
- 9 Holland River Bridge and the Lake to Lake Connection

Town of Georgina

- 10 Dalton Road Multi-Use Path/Woodbine Avenue Multi-Use Path

Township of King

- 11 Multi-Use Trail: 2585 King Road - Dufferin Street
- 12 Bike Lane - 15th Sideroad

City of Markham

- 13 Multi-Use Path: Major Mackenzie Drive (Woodbine Avenue - Prospector's Drive)
- 14 Multi-Use Path: Major Mackenzie Drive (Prospector's Drive - Highway 48)
- 15 Multi-Use Path: Warden Avenue (16th Avenue - Major Mackenzie Drive)
- 16 17 18 Multi-Use Path: Rouge River Valley - Phases 1, 2 and 3
- 19 20 Rouge Valley Trail - Phases 4 and 5
- 21 Rouge Valley Trail Connections
- 22 Multi-Use Path: Markham Road Crossride Enhancements

Town of Newmarket

- 23 24 25 Tom Taylor Trail Extension - Phases 1, 2 and 3
- 26 Tom Taylor Trail at Davis Drive
- 27 Tom Taylor Trail Extension at The Tannery
- 28 Multi-Use Path: Fairy Lake
- 29 30 Multi-Use Path: Davis Drive and Bathurst Street - Phases 1 and 2

City of Richmond Hill

- 31 32 33 34 Multi-Use Path: Lake to Lake Route, Leslie Street - Phases 1, 2 and 3

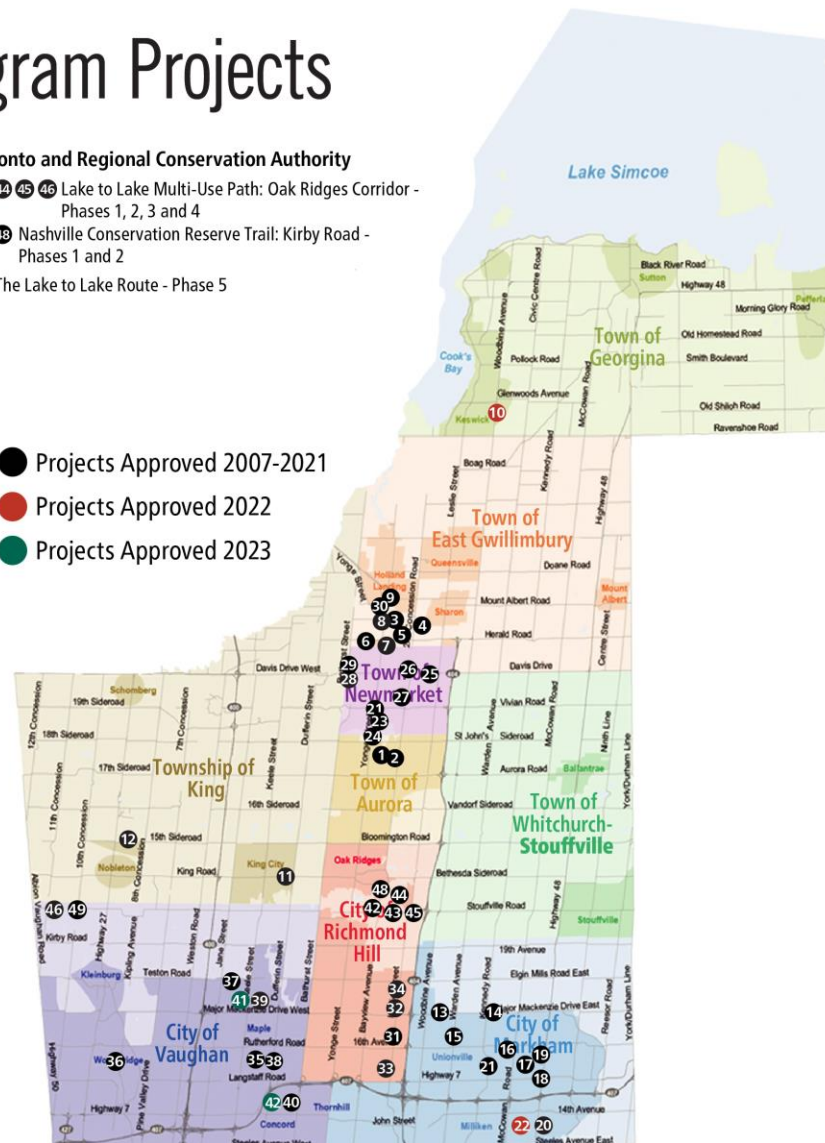
City of Vaughan

- 35 Bartley Smith Greenway Trail: Planchett Road - Jacob Keffer Parkway
- 36 William Granger Greenway Trail: Rutherford Road - Boyd Conservation
- 37 Multi-Use Path: Teston Road (Jane Street - Keele Street)
- 38 Bartley Smith Greenway Trail: Signage
- 39 Multi-Use Trail: McNaughton Road (Keele Street - Major Mackenzie Drive)
- 40 Cycle Tracks: Clark Avenue
- 41 Cycle Tracks: Major Mackenzie Drive
- 42 Cycle Tracks: New Westminster Drive

Toronto and Regional Conservation Authority

- 43 44 45 46 Lake to Lake Multi-Use Path: Oak Ridges Corridor - Phases 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 47 48 Nashville Conservation Reserve Trail: Kirby Road - Phases 1 and 2
- 49 The Lake to Lake Route - Phase 5

- Projects Approved 2007-2021
- Projects Approved 2022
- Projects Approved 2023



Municipal Streetscape Program Projects

Town of Aurora

- 1 Wellington Street (Bayview Avenue - Leslie Street)
- 2 Wellington Street (Bathurst Street - Murray Drive & Berczy Street - John West Way)
- 3 Wellington Street (Bathurst Street - Murray Drive)
- 4 Yonge Street and St. John's Sideroad Gateway Feature

Town of East Gwillimbury

- 5 Leslie Street and Mount Albert Road Gateway
- 6 Leslie Street and Mount Albert Road (East and West Sides)

Town of Georgina

- 7 Woodbine Avenue (Arlington Drive - Wexford Drive)
- 8 Woodbine Avenue (Glenwoods Avenue - Morton Avenue)
- 9 Woodbine Avenue (Ravenshoe Road)
- 10 Dalton Road Crosswalks

Township of King

- 11 King Road and Keele Street Gateway
- 12 Highway 27/King Road/Old King Road
- 13 Keele Street Sidewalks
- 14 Keele Street (South of King Road - Station Street)
- 15 King Road (2585 - Dufferin Street)

City of Markham

- 16 Warden Avenue (16th Avenue - Major Mackenzie Drive)
- 17 Highway 7 (Town Centre Boulevard - Sciberras Road)
- 18 Yonge Street (Colborne Street)
- 19 Highway 7/Warden Avenue Gateway

Town of Newmarket

- 20 Yonge Street and Davis Drive Gateway
- 21 Bathurst Street and Davis Drive Gateway

City of Richmond Hill

- 22 Gamble Road (Bathurst Street - Linda Margaret Crescent)
- 23 Yonge Street (Garden Avenue)
- 24 25 Bathurst Street (Weldrick Road/ Shaw Parkettes) - Phases 1 and 2
- 26 16th Avenue and Leslie Street

City of Vaughan

- 27 Maple Streetscape Phase VI
- 28 Keele Street (McNaughton Road)
- 29 Major Mackenzie Drive Enhanced Lighting
- 30 Major Mackenzie Drive
- 31 Highway 7 (Commerce Street - Creditstone Road)
- 32 Highway 7 (Keele Street - Bowes Road)
- 33 Centre Street (Dufferin Street - Bathurst Street)
- 34 Islington Avenue & Major Mackenzie Drive
- 35 Major Mackenzie Drive (Highway 400 - Jane Street)
- 36 Major Mackenzie Drive and Civic Centre Drive
- 37 38 Major Mackenzie Drive and Station Street (Maple GO) - Phases 1 and 2
- 39 Highway 7 (Edgeley Boulevard - Applewood Crescent)
- 40 Major Mackenzie Drive (McNaughton Road - Keele)

Town of Whitchurch-Stouffville

- 41 Ninth Line and Main Street Gateway

- Projects Approved in 2006-2022
- Projects Approved in 2023

