



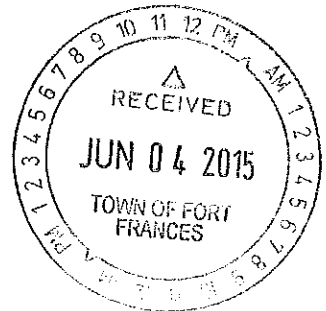
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Mayor & Council

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Dear Mayor & Council,

Re: Strategic Plan....the Need and Importance of Active Transportation

As the Town of Fort Frances moves forward with its strategic planning process, we would like municipal staff and council to consider the importance of active communities. There are strong policies in the town's Official Plan to support active transportation and recreation and there is support by community stakeholders for these types of policies. As both a transportation strategy and a mode of transportation, active transportation (AT) meets multiple community, planning, environmental and transportation objectives.

In the next strategic plan we urge you to consider renewing and including the following in the Town's goals and strategies:

- Integrate active transportation into the Town's budget. It is essential that the Town commit funding and support toward implementation of designated safe and active routes outlined in the Active Transportation Plan. Local stakeholders would be active partners in seeking out alternate sources of funding to support the municipal budget
- There are strong policies in the town's Official Plan to support active transportation. We urge you to consider active transportation needs with all infrastructure projects. Multi-modal transportation should be considered with all infrastructure and construction projects (i.e. road construction, re-surfacing, re-designing, zoning and site development). The provision for road designs for pedestrians (e.g., sidewalks) and bicycles and other non-motorized vehicle traffic (e.g., bicycle lanes, pre-paved boulevards).
- Consider the implementation of the '1-Path Project'. The Active Transportation Plan is a multi-million dollar long-term diverse transportation plan. Council and stakeholders are aware of safety concerns related to walking and cycling. We are encouraging the Town to incorporate 'the 1-Path Project'. Utilize the Active Transportation Plan to determine one priority route. We work collectively toward the development of that one priority route to initiate the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan and set direction for future active and safe routes within the Town of Fort Frances.

We applaud the Town of Fort Frances staff and council, key stakeholders, media partners and volunteers for their ongoing support related to active and safe routes. We will continue to work on a comprehensive approach that will ensure that the best design and safety features are in place to create a supportive environment where it will be easier for all populations to be safe and active.

Thank you for your consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'E. Fischer', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elaine Fischer
Health Promoter