

Public Works Department

Federal grant will support development of ATMP: public input will be sought

St. Clair Township hired WSP Canada Inc. to develop an active transportation master plan that will guide the Township and serve as a roadmap for transportation-related investments & development, throughout the municipality, in the coming years.

Active transportation encompasses various forms of movement that require physical actions, such as walking, rolling, and wheeling. This includes motorized and nonmotorized modes like walking, cycling, bike-sharing, electric bikes and scooters, and mobility-support devices. Active transportation is supported by infrastructure including sidewalks, on-road bicycle lanes, off-road trails, multi-use pathways, bike parking facilities, and crosswalks.

The Lambton County Official Plan has outlined the need for “accessible and safe public spaces that accommodate alternative mobility choices for all community members.” Active transportation development supports this goal and contributes to municipal initiatives to intensify urban areas, enhance economic development, and shift away from an auto-focused standpoint.

The approach of this active transportation master plan (ATMP) is to combine technical analysis and expertise with meaningful engagement from residents, stakeholders, and Township Staff. As announced by Infrastructure Canada in a news release today, this project in the Township of St. Clair is one of 50 active transportation planning and design projects across Ontario with investments of more than \$2.3 million that the government is supporting through Infrastructure Canada’s Active Transportation Fund.

“I am so excited to announce the federal government’s support for 50 planning and design projects that will lead to more and improved active transportation infrastructure across Ontario,” said the Honourable Sean Fraser, Minister of Housing, Infrastructure and Communities. “Investments in active transportation are a key part of building strong, connected and sustainable communities. Bike paths, sidewalks, footbridges and multiuse trails connect our homes to our communities and beyond, helping to make them the best places to live.”

Mayor Jeff Agar is very pleased with the contribution. “On behalf of the people of St. Clair Township, I would like to thank the Minister of Infrastructure and Communities for the \$50 thousand dollar grant to develop our first Active Transportation Master Plan,” he said.

The ATMP will be a community-focused plan that supports the growth of both physical and social infrastructure and utilizes best practices such as the Complete Streets approach to develop the Active Transportation strategy.



The Township of St. Clair wants to hear from you! If you walk, wheel or cycle in the municipality, or if you are interested in doing so, we’d like your input!

Our online public input survey allows residents and frequent visitors alike to express their thoughts on active transportation in the township and contains a mapping tool for sharing local knowledge and providing location-specific information. Stakeholders are also encouraged to provide their contact information to enable project updates.

Take the survey: [#StClairATMP](https://publicinput.com/stclairatmp)



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