



## **PROMOTING**pathways FOR WALKING AND CYCLING IN NORFOLK

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### **Deputation to Council re: Staff Report HS13-31 - Supporting Active Transportation through Policy**

My name is Joyce Flexman and I am the Chair for Norfolk Pathways for People. Our mission is to promote pathways for walking and cycling in Norfolk County for health, recreation and active transportation.

We have four main objectives:

- To advocate for new and improved trails and pathways in Norfolk County
- To build a healthier, accessible and connected community.
- To promote the safe use of local trails and pathways.
- To provide input to Norfolk County Trails Advisory Committee.

I am here in support of the Haldimand-Norfolk Health Unit's report on Supporting Active Transportation through Policy. The staff report before you tonight highlights the success and outcomes from the Active Transportation Forum held on March 12.

Pathways for People assisted with the planning of the forum and also participated in the group discussion to generate the list of Next Steps for Norfolk County, as identified in the report. It is exciting to see the important cross-collaboration of staff and management support from different County departments to move towards building an even better, connected Norfolk County. We have been thrilled with the support from County departments to date with a number of initiatives including Open Streets festivities and the Share the Road program.

Pathways for People members look forward to supporting these next steps, from the public's perspective. We are a small group of volunteers but our messages are far-reaching.

Sincerely,

Joyce Flexman, Chair