

Municipality of the District of Lunenburg

Policy Details	
Name	Active Transportation
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Purpose

- 1 (1) The Active Transportation Policy seeks to provide safe, convenient, and attractive opportunities for all residents and visitors to walk, cycle, and use other human-powered modes of transportation. The policy supports alternatives to vehicular travel, and promotes social connection, and economic, recreational, and environmental benefits. It guides the Municipality in creating communities where Active Transportation is the easy and preferred choice for travel, recreation, and daily life.

- (2) The Municipality recognizes the importance of providing residents and visitors with improved infrastructure and networks for safe and enjoyable self-propelled transportation.

Definitions

- 2 (1) Active Transportation means the movement of people or goods powered by human activity, including:
 - (a) walking
 - (b) cycling
 - (c) skateboarding/longboarding
 - (d) horseback riding
 - (e) rollerblading
 - (f) paddling,
 - (g) skiing/snowshoeing
 - (h) mobility aids
 - (i) scooters
 - (j) e-bikes

Goals

- 3 The goal of an Active Transportation Policy is to foster a cultural shift in the Municipality where active transportation is recognized as a safe, convenient and valued mode of transportation for residents of all ages and abilities. Achieving a well-connected and comprehensive active transportation network will promote physical activity and improve community health, while contributing to economic and tourism development. It will also enhance community and reduce the environmental impacts associated with transportation.

Guiding Principles

- 4 (1) The following principles guide the implementation of this Policy:
 - (a) **Education and Awareness** - The Municipality supports education and awareness initiatives that encourage safe and informed participation in Active Transportation.
 - (b) **Safety, Convenience, and Accessibility** - Active Transportation infrastructure and programs aim to prioritize safety, convenience, and accessibility for users of all ages and abilities.
 - (c) **Community Connections** - The Municipality aims to support connected networks that link neighbourhoods to schools, workplaces, services, recreation, and community destinations.
 - (d) **Right Intervention, Right Place** - Planning and investment decisions take local needs and conditions into account when choosing appropriate solutions.
 - (e) **Attractiveness and Enjoyment** - Active Transportation routes and spaces focus on being welcoming, engaging, and enjoyable to use.
 - (f) **Strategic and Opportunistic Action** - The Municipality uses a strategic approach to planning while leveraging opportunities such as infrastructure upgrades, partnerships, and funding programs.
 - (g) **Collaboration** - The Municipality partners with residents, community groups, neighbouring jurisdictions, and other stakeholders to promote Active Transportation.
 - (h) **Culture of Active Transportation** - The Municipality encourages a culture that values, supports, and celebrates Active Transportation as part of daily life.
 - (i) **Alignment with Strategic Priorities** - Active Transportation initiatives are designed to support broader Municipal strategies, plans, and priorities.
 - (j) **Partnership Development** - The Municipality aims to build and maintain strong internal and external partnerships to support implementation and long-term success.
 - (k) **Financial Planning** – The Municipality aims to consider financial sustainability when advancing Active Transportation initiatives through the five-year capital planning process, annual operating and capital budgets, and external funding opportunities.

Approaches and Procedures

5 (1) Education and Awareness

- (a) The Municipality aims to raise awareness of Active Transportation options and the benefits of healthy living, recreation, and sustainable communities through special events and promotions.
- (b) The Municipality aims to support education and awareness initiatives for all road users to improve actual and perceived safety, fostering a culture that embraces and celebrates shared use of active transportation corridors.
- (c) Education and awareness measures may consider the needs, rights, and responsibilities of all users.
- (d) The Municipality recognizes that Active Transportation supports quality of life by promoting physical activity, mental well-being, social connection, and access to community spaces.

(2) Connectivity

- (a) The Municipality aims to reduce travel times to help make Active Transportation a feasible way to travel.
- (b) Active Transportation solutions aim to create a connected and comprehensive network with dedicated, safe and usable space for pedestrians, cyclists, and other Active Transportation users.
- (c) The Municipality aims to take advantage of opportunities to add simple connections in the existing network that significantly improves travel times for Active Transportation users.
- (d) When reviewing land use planning policies, including the Land-Use Bylaw and Municipal Planning Strategy, the Municipality aims to incorporate Active Transportation principals.

(3) Infrastructure Design and Amenities

- (a) The Municipality encourages incorporating Active Transportation infrastructure, which can include safe crossings, traffic calming measures, multi-use trails, sidewalks, neighborhood greenways, and end-of-trip facilities such as bike racks.
- (b) Active Transportation design aims to meet the needs of people of all ages and abilities in streets, trails, parks, public spaces, multi-use trails, and bikeway projects.

- (c) The Municipality aims to integrate appropriate facilities into the initial design of street and public space projects to avoid the additional costs of retrofits.
- (d) The Municipality may Install and maintain, as budgets permit, signage for all active transportation facilities.
- (4) **Safety and Attractiveness**
 - (a) The Municipality aims to make multi-use corridors safe, convenient, and accessible by incorporate landscaping and lighting in new developments and redevelopments to improve safety and attractiveness.
- (5) **Collaboration**
 - (a) The Municipality may actively seek opportunities to partner with other levels of government, businesses, and community organizations to achieve Active Transportation objectives.
 - (b) The Municipality may work collaboratively with internal departments and external organizations to support and advance the goals of this Active Transportation Policy.
- (6) **Regulation**
 - (a) The Municipality follows applicable Federal and Provincial regulations to maintain safety and standards for Active Transportation.
 - (b) The Municipality aims to align Municipal by-laws, policies, and planning documents are consistent with Active Transportation objectives.
- (7) **Budget**
 - (a) The Municipality recognizes the need for sustained funding of Active Transportation, including infrastructure improvements and maintenance, staff support, and education and awareness initiatives.
 - (b) The Municipality reviews Active Transportation opportunities each year as part of the budget process.
- (8) **Measurement and Evaluation**
 - (a) The Municipality looks at data and trends to help make decisions, measure progress, and improve outcomes for this policy.
 - (b) Evaluation efforts aim to support broader Municipal strategies and plans, including strategic priorities, climate action initiatives, and active living objectives.

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