

COUNCIL COMMITTEE – PRESENTATION MEETING

The Council Committee/Presentations Meeting of the Municipality of the County of Colchester was conducted virtually via Zoom Webinars and in person, on Tuesday, August 4, 2026.

In peace and friendship, and in the spirit of truth and reconciliation, it was acknowledged that the Municipality of Colchester is in Mi'kma'ki, the ancestral and unceded territory of the Mi'kmaq.

Roll Call

The roll was called with the following Councillors in attendance:

Mayor Christine Blair	
Councillor Paul Weatherby	District 1
Deputy Mayor Laurie Sandeson, Chair	District 2
Councillor Sheldon Richardson	District 3
Councillor Mike Cooper	District 4
Councillor Tim Johnson	District 5 (<i>regrets</i>)
Councillor Nigel Leggett	District 6
Councillor Sherry Martell	District 7
Councillor Lisa Patton	District 8 (<i>regrets</i>)
Councillor Marie Benoit	District 9
Councillor Charlene Fletcher	District 10
Councillor Allan Kennedy	District 11

Others Present

Dan Troke, CAO
 Suzanne Graham, Recording Secretary
 Jeanette Himmelman, Systems Analyst
 Katie Price, Project Planner
 Kaela McLellan, Project Engineer

Presentations:

Active Transportation Strategy, Jamie Hilland, Urban Systems

Mr. Hilland appeared before Council to present an overview of the new Colchester Active Transportation Strategy (ATS).

Included in the presentation was:

- Background on the ATS, which is a guiding document providing a roadmap of the goals and objectives for improving active transportation in Colchester and Bible Hill.
- This version of the ATS included more public consultation than the previous version. Participation included 60 walk audit participants, 502 survey participants, 81 open house and pop up event attendees and 29 interest holder participants.
- Comments that were heard during the public engagement including safety and comfort, access to daily needs, transportation choice, regional and local connections.
- The four network levels in the ATS which are core network, supporting network, rural network and rural main street network.
- The seven facility types in the ATS, which are sidewalk, multi-use pathway, protected bike lane, neighbourhood bikeway, painted bike lane, paved shoulder and local traffic calming.
- How they plan to prioritize projects: 20% on safety, 20% on EDIA, 30% connectivity and 30% on feasibility and cost.
- Next steps are adopting the strategy, advancing priority projects, integrating with capital work and monitor and update the ATS.

Discussion was held on:

- Wearing proper reflective clothing/other PPE to be more visible to drivers.
- Legalities of ridership, i.e. where bikes/ebikes should be driving, bike insurance etc.
- Blue Route and how to connect more of the trails to it so it doesn't just end on a busy street (i.e. Robie Street).

Moved by Councillor Benoit, seconded by Councillor Martell

"That the presentation be received". Motion Carried.

Adjournment:

On a motion by Councillor Fletcher, the meeting adjourned at 7:02 pm."

Suzanne Graham
Recording Secretary