



ROADS, PARKS AND FLEET MEMORANDUM

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RE: ONTARIO ACTIVE SCHOOL TRAVEL FUND

DATE: OCTOBER 17, 2019

The purpose of this Memorandum is to advise members of Council that the City of Barrie in coordination with Simcoe Muskoka District Health Unit, Simcoe County District School Board and Conseil Scolaire Catholique MonAvenir has been successful in receiving a grant from Green Communities Canada (GCC) in the amount of \$50,600 as part of the Ontario Active School Travel Fund.

The objective of the Fund is to increase physical activity opportunities by supporting and expanding active school travel programs for elementary students. Our application consists of:

- 1) The Barrie project will engage four (4) Barrie elementary schools to implement School Travel Planning (STP). Public Health Nurses (PHNs) will provide STP facilitation. An existing/new school committee will be established and will involve the principal, educators, municipal staff, parents, students and other community partners. Activities will include use of GCC's STP toolkit, development of STP Plans, GIS mapping, air quality testing and any other activities identified as a priority by the school committee.
- 2) Partnership components of the two applications that Barrie schools can engage in are: media launch, crosswalk and sidewalk painting design project, video series project (student pedestrian safety, cycling safety, school bus use and community active transportation), use of Active School Travel (AST) branding materials, use of an AST Charter and discussions about possible regional approaches to STP.
- 3) A consultant has been retained to conduct a policy scan including a minimum of three (3) Ontario municipalities (similar to Barrie) with STP policies, local school board policies/procedures and City of Barrie policies. It will provide analysis and recommendations for all partners. This puts AST on the agenda of municipal and school policy-makers in terms of policy considerations and shifts thinking toward shared accountability and sustainable solutions.

The Ontario Active School Travel Fund will be available until June 2020. Staff and Partners will continue to meet to coordinate this program.