

The Beach is Just the Beginning...

Town of **WASAGA** Beach
Active Transportation Plan
Purpose

To provide a guiding document that will improve pedestrian, hiking and cycling facilities and promote a vision of the future where residents and visitors can move about the community in a convenient and safe manner on a comprehensive pedestrian and cycling system.

A Vision for Active Transportation in Wasaga Beach



The Town of Wasaga Beach, by linking our neighborhoods, our beach, our forests and our facilities through an active transportation network, promotes a healthy lifestyle for all ages and activities.

How The Plan Started

- Community Workshop – Go for Green
- Workshop Recommendations
- Obtain Funding
- Report to Council
- Issue a Request for Proposal
- Select Consultant

The Active Transportation Study Process

- Background data collection
- Development of photographic inventory
- Locally guided tours
- Open Houses
- Meeting with Town staff and the community
- Healthy Community Network liaison

The Open Houses

- Identified key destinations within the Town
- Identified local barriers to active transportation
- Reviewed draft proposals
- Refined The Plan



Goals of The Plan

- Expand the existing system
- Construction of high quality infrastructure and signage
- Link the north and south sides of town
- Provide accessible entry points to the trails
- Develop a Wayfinding System



Goals of The Plan (cont'd)

- Provide access to the Nottawasaga River
- Improve safety
- Partner with Ontario Parks
- Provide cost estimates



Some Recommendations

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- Incorporate active transportation policies in the Official Plan
- Initiate a Wayfinding Study
- Improve and upgrade the existing canoe launch on the Nottawasga River
- Institute a Share the Road Program
- Inventory storm grates and develop a program to replace with bicycle friendly grates where necessary and adopt as Town standard

Some Recommendations (cont'd)

- Review the 10 year capital plan to include the recommendations in the active transportation plan and that any road works being planned or constructed are now completed in accordance with the standards in the Plan
- Amend town standards to require 1.8 metre wide sidewalks on both sides of the street in new residential developments of more than 12 units

