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Transportation Master Plan Progress Report: Supporting all modes of travel

City residents are changing the way they travel in the community with the share of trips made by active transportation increasing to 10.2% in 2016 from 5.8% in 2011, a City report shows.

The shift in the way people are getting around the City using different types of transportation reflects the progress the community has made toward the goals outlined in the 2012 Transportation Master Plan.

While active transportation increased to 10.2% of daily trips in 2016, trips by personal cars declined to 83.7% in 2016 from 88.2% in 2011. Public transit's share of daily trips increased to 4.3% in 2016 from 3.7% in 2011.

"A review of the historical change in travel modes shows that changes in travel behaviour can be influenced by investment in infrastructure and a policy environment that supports all modes of travel," Transportation Manager Kevin Jones said.

"The completion of the Comprehensive Transportation Master Plan in 2012 marked the beginning of a period of strong investment in walking and cycling infrastructure."

A review of the Transportation Master Plan shows that the City of Peterborough has started or completed 74% of the recommendations in the document since the City completed the update of the plan in 2012.

"The 2012 Comprehensive Transportation Plan established a 20-year vision for transportation in the City of Peterborough to 2031 that included a strategic focus on reducing the reliance on single occupant travel in the community, and the encouragement of increased use of more sustainable modes of travel," Transportation Manager Kevin Jones said.

In preparation for an update to the Transportation Master Plan, City Staff reviewed the progress that the City has made on the recommendations in the 2012 edition of the plan. The Official Plan update that's currently underway, more detailed transit planning work, and a new assessment of the cycling network will inform the next Transportation Master Plan update.

The Transportation Master Plan progress report details the status of recommendations such as the Chemong Road-Reid Street improvements, the reconstruction of sections of Parkhill Road, Sherbrooke Street, Brealey Drive, Lansdowne Street, Ashburnham Drive, Otonabee Drive and McDonnel Street as well as intersection upgrades, cycling network improvements and transit service improvements.

The report was presented to City Council at the General Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 6, 2018. The full report is available online at www.peterborough.ca.

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