

OTC School Zone Safety Symposium



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Monday, November 29, 2021

8:40–8:45 AM	<p>Welcome/Opening Remarks</p>		
8:45–9:30 AM	<p>The Evolution of Active School Travel in York Region</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">  <p>Reena Mistry Active School Travel Coordinator <i>York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board</i></p> </td> <td style="text-align: center;">  <p>Kathryn Shaw-Edmond Senior Planner <i>York Region District School Board</i></p> </td> </tr> </table> <p><i>The York Region District School Board (YRDSB) and the York Catholic District School Board (YCDSB) has partnered with the Region of York, City of Markham, Town of Newmarket, Smart Commute Central York, and The Centre for Active Transportation (Markham Cycles) to broaden and expand active school travel in York Region. In 2019, an Active School Travel Pilot Program began in the City of Markham through support received from the Ontario Active School Travel Fund. In 2021, funding was received to continue the pilot for the 2021/22 school year, as well as pilot a "School Streets Closure". In addition, the Board's began an Active School Travel Pilot in the Town of Newmarket utilizing a number of active school travel tools. This presentation will summarize our active school travel and pilot programs to date, as well as identify opportunities and challenges noted along the way.</i></p>	 <p>Reena Mistry Active School Travel Coordinator <i>York Region District School Board and York Catholic District School Board</i></p>	 <p>Kathryn Shaw-Edmond Senior Planner <i>York Region District School Board</i></p>
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<p>9:30–10:15 AM</p>	<p>Schools Streets: Testing Car-free Zones for Ontario Schools</p> <div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p>Laura Zeglen Active Transportation Coordinator City of Mississauga</p> </div> <div style="width: 45%;">  <p>Isooda Niroomand Program Manager, School Travel Planning Green Communities Canada</p> </div> </div>
	<div style="display: flex;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Jiya Benni Project Manager 8 80 Cities</p> </div> </div>
<p><i>'School Streets' are an innovative solution to reduce the vehicle congestion and traffic safety risks commonly seen around Ontario schools, and to encourage children, families and teachers to use active transportation. The Ontario School Streets Pilot project is testing car-free zones at schools in Hamilton, Markham and Mississauga. The project is funded by the Government of Ontario and managed by Green Communities Canada, working in partnership with 8-80 Cities as technical advisor. Each School Street will be implemented by the municipality and their local partners, and the results will be used to develop recommendations for implementing School Streets in Ontario settings.</i></p>	
<p>10:15–10:35 AM</p>	<p>Sponsor Presentations and Break (20 mins)</p>
<p>10:35–11:20 AM</p>	<div style="display: flex;">  <div style="margin-left: 10px;"> <p>Investing in Active School Travel to Get More Kids Walking and Wheeling</p> <p>Kate Berry Program Director Green Communities Canada</p> </div> </div> <p><i>Launched in 2018, the Ontario Active School Travel Fund has so far invested \$2.8m in 48 diverse local projects across the province. Those projects are increasing opportunities for students to travel by active modes, supporting safe accessible schools, improving student transportation services, and reducing traffic congestion in school zones. Having leveraged an additional \$3.2m in match funding from local partners, the OAST Fund has proven to be highly effective in fostering commitment and collaboration between municipalities and school boards, a relationship that is critical to getting more children walking and cycling in our communities.</i></p>
<p>11:20 AM –12:05 PM</p>	<p>Breakout Session # 1</p>



Tuesday, November 30, 2021	
8:40–8:45 AM	Welcome/Summary of Day 1
8:45–9:30 AM	School Crossing Programs Update: Training, Guide Update, 2022 School Crossing Guards Appreciation Day
9:30–10:15 AM	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>Park & Stride: Walking Together Towards Safe Routes to School</p> <p>Soren Christianson Transportation Services <i>City of Kingston</i></p> </div> </div> <p><i>Safe Routes to School (SRTS) is a community-level program designed to make it safer and more enjoyable for students to get to and from school using active modes of transportation. It was identified as part of the 5-year Active Transportation Implementation Plan (2019-2023). As part of the SRTS program, the Park & Stride program aims to develop school specific maps, which promote proximate and complaint parking options for parents dropping their children off at school. This reduces congestion, illegal parking, and resultingly unsafe conditions for children walking to school, as well as promoting active transportation, which can result in many benefits including reduced GHG emissions and greater learning outcomes for children.</i></p>
10:15–10:30 AM	Break (15 mins)
10:30–11:15 AM	<div style="display: flex; align-items: flex-start;">  <div> <p>School Crossing Guard Implementation Review</p> <p>Roumen Kotev, C.E.T. Traffic Coordinator - Road Safety <i>Town of Halton Hills</i></p> </div> </div> <p><i>This presentation shows the process of reviewing and potentially implementing new school crossing guard locations in the Town of Halton Hills. The process begins with the receipt of the inquiry form either an outside source such as a resident or an inside source within the municipality. Following is the steps undertaken to review the school crossing guard warrant and conducting all the traffic studies.</i></p>
11:15 AM –12:00 PM	Breakout Session # 2