



## CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ESQUIMALT

### LATE AGENDA ITEMS COUNCIL

Monday February 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022 @ 7:00 pm  
Esquimalt Council Chambers

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**(1) PERTAINING to Item No. 5 (3) STAFF REPORTS: Active Transportation Network Plan, Staff Report No. EPW-22-003**

- Email from Laura Plante, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Kym Thrift, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Tracy James, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Rob Gage, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Jamie Hilbert, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Ben Cowie, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Lindsay Kearns, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Eric Rotgans, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Rebecca Abernathy, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Andreas Witz, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Anna Bowness-Park, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Tim Gojzen, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Janet Lynch, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Edward Pullman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Sabrina Carment, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marc Cittone, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marion Pape, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Jane Welton, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Marjorie Sandercock, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Max Durando, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Lyanne Quirt, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Darah Lloyd, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Matthew Justice, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Raul Rivera, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Louis-Phillippe Plante, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Erica Camfferman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Francis Litman, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Adrian Mohareb, dated February 6, 2022
- Email from Glen Rodger, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Francois Brassard, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Carling Helander, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Julia Vanderham, dated February 7, 2022
- Email from Steven Higgs, dated February 7, 2022

**Deb Hopkins**

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:10 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please approve Esquimalt's Active Transportation Network Plan

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**From:** Laura Plante [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 11:05:19 AM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Please approve Esquimalt's Active Transportation Network Plan

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Esquimalt Council members,

Please approve the ATNP on Monday and make it a priority to fund and implement in a timely way.

Our family of five living in Saxe Point neighbourhood chose to live in this community in part because of its proximity to great amenities. My husband and I cycle commute whenever possible and we walk as a family around the neighborhood regularly. We'd like our kids to feel safe biking around the community too. Right now it is too scary for them to ride their bikes to school. The ATNP would really help with that.

Thank you for your consideration,

Laura

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**From:** Kym [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 11:35:15 AM PST  
**To:** Barb Desjardins <barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Fw: Active Transportation Network Plan - @ Feb7 Council Meeting - Comments from ELC of Capital Bike

Hi Barb,

If you have any questions about our email below I'm happy to chat and may have some time this evening or Monday between 1030-12.

Kind regards,

Kym  
[REDACTED]

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**From:** Kym  
**Sent:** February 6, 2022 11:30 AM  
**To:** mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Cc:** Corey Burger <corey.burger@capitalbike.ca>; Adam Krupper <adam.krupper@capitalbike.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Network Plan - @ Feb7 Council Meeting - Comments from ELC of Capital Bike

Dear Mayor and Council,

I'm writing you on behalf of the Esquimalt Local Committee of Capital Bike in support of the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP), but we are asking Council to think bolder. We need faster action to get All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bikeways built in less than 5 years. A "quick build" that doesn't allow cyclists of all ages and abilities to use it will fail to enable Esquimalt to meaningfully reduce transportation emissions in the Township.

The ATNP is a key “Big Move” in [Esquimalt’s Community Climate Mitigation Plan Draft](#), and with the fires and flooding B.C. experienced in 2021 it is clear that bold climate action is needed now. We support the approval of the ATNP but recommend that:

1. Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024;
2. All short-term actions in the ATNP be completed by 2025; and,
3. The Ultimate Network be completed by 2030.

At the February 7th Council meeting, we ask that you direct Staff to:

*Report back to Council within 30 days on an action plan that:*

- *Requests early 2022 budget approval for the full design of the Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Road “spine” corridor routes.*
- *Includes a budget and schedule to have the Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Road bikeways complete by the end of 2024 or earlier.*
- *Ensures Esquimalt applies for the federal Active Transportation Fund (deadline March 31, 2022) and the provincial Active Transportation Grant (call anticipated to open Spring 2022) to maximize the potential for senior government funding for capital projects.*
- *Outlines the resource implications of an amended timeline for completion of all short-term ATNP actions by 2025 and the Ultimate Network by 2030.*

In both the short and the long term, we also ask Council to ensure that Esquimalt has the staffing resources required to plan and execute the ATNP and to maximize opportunities for grant funding.

Kind Regards,

Kym Thrift, on behalf of,  
Esquimalt Local Committee of Capital Bike

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#### **Appendix I – Esquimalt Climate Change Commitments and Draft Climate Change Mitigation Plan Direction**

- April 12, 2019 Esquimalt joined more than 20 communities in B.C. and more than 1,700 communities around the world by declaring a climate emergency.
  - Includes “*THAT the Township move as quickly as possible to create and implement a climate action plan and climate adaptation plan as per the draft 2019-2023 Strategic Plan*”
- November 25, 2019 Council unanimously endorsed the proposed target to reduce corporate emissions by 45 per cent and committed Esquimalt to becoming a 100 per cent renewable energy community by 2050.
- [Esquimalt’s Community Climate Mitigation Plan Draft](#) (April 2021) proposes that Esquimalt’s community greenhouse gas emissions be reduced by 38% from 2007 levels by 2030
  - One of “The Big Moves” is to “Shift Beyond the Car” and to encourage active & accessible transportation and transit.

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**From:** Tracy James [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 12:28:22 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Plan

Dear Esquimalt Council,

I am a Gorge Tillicum resident who travels to Esquimalt 2+ times a week to your pool and to visit friends. My family uses our cargo bike to get around. I am glad to see the ATNP nearing finalization. When you are deliberating on adopting it, I want to send my strongest support for a motion that would direct staff to prioritize the AAA network on Tillicum/Lampson within two years. This critical transportation corridor for bikes is currently so poorly designed for cyclists and pedestrians to share with cars that it discourages active transportation. I hope you will move it up in your budget and timelines. I am encouraging Saanich to do the same ASAP.

Thank you,  
Tracy James  
Saanich

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:09 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Implementation of the Bike plan

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**From:** rob gage [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 2:22:14 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Implementation of the Bike plan

Greetings

I support the short term bike plan implementation  
Rob Gage  
730 Sea Terrace

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:09 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: My thoughts on the active transport plan

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**From:** Jaime Hilbert [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 2:58:20 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** My thoughts on the active transport plan

Hi mayor and council, As a family with young kids I have been so heartened to see the work that the council has been putting into the Active transport plan and have been following the process. I admit though in seeing the plan that I am disappointed at the timelines proposed and the reliance on "quick builds".

We really need to have the main priority routes done to a proper AAA standard ASAP. I respect that the Council has recognized our climate emergency and I ask that you action this network with that emergency in mind. Emergencies call for swift, bold, decisive and timely action. Without AAA standards uptake will be much lower and results not achieved.

I have also heard this council talk much about bike infrastructure over this past term but in all honesty have seen no action at all on the ground or construction money spent. At this point it seems to be lip service without delivery.

You have the support of a majority of Esquimalt residents to action quickly and see real change in our emissions and bigger uptake in active transport. A funded and actioned AAA network is key and is what I support.

My kids and I thank you and will all be watching the council meeting in hopes our concerns are heard.

Thank you,  
Jaime

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**Subject:** Fwd: Active Transport Plan - Please Accelerate

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**From:** "Ben Cowie (London Bicycle Cafe)" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 3:15:13 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transport Plan - Please Accelerate

Dear Mayor and Council,

My family relocated to the Capital Region last fall for my partner's work (she's a [REDACTED]). We do not own a car, and cycle or walk everywhere we want to go. We rent our home short-term right now and are looking for a permanent family home in the next 2-3 years. For us to consider living in Esquimalt, we would need to see rapid development of a bike network that's safe for our kids to use.

It's been interesting seeing the approaches taken by different municipalities here on the Island. We see the right steps being taken in Victoria, no steps being taken in Oak Bay, and a little bit of progress being made in Saanich. Esquimalt seems to have all the ingredients with the incredible Goose and E&N trails available, getting from the trails to destinations (or perhaps our new home?!) is essential for us to visit or choose to live in a place.

This said, please approve the plan that's in front of you tomorrow, and find any way to accelerate it to be built THIS YEAR, which is what Canadian urbanist Brent Toderian recommends every city do with its active transportation plan as the "most important thing your city can be doing right now." Every route should be built to be comfortable for an eight year old to safely navigate, and wide enough for families to ride side-by-side, or allowing someone to use a bicycle to pass someone on a mobility scooter. Canadian authors and bike design experts Chris and Melissa Bruntlett will put it this way: width is everything when it comes to bikeways.

I've been engaged in "bikes as transportation" space for more than a decade now, and am happy to offer free support, understanding, or education to any decision maker who wants to better understand the needs of transportation cyclists. Heck, I've built a career out of it once, and now I want to have my family be safe while riding together, too. Don't hesitate to reach out.

Thanks for supporting our car-free family, please vote in support of the new Active Travel plan tomorrow.

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Ben

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**Ben Cowie**  
**President, London Bicycle Café**  
**Southwestern Ontario's Citizen Cyclery**  
**355 Clarence Street, London Ontario**

[www.londonbicyclecafe.com](http://www.londonbicyclecafe.com)

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*The 2020s will feature the hottest and most chaotic atmosphere any generation of human beings has ever experienced. It will also feature the coolest and most stable atmosphere any generation of human beings will ever experience again.*

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**From:** Lindsay Kearns [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 5:19:20 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Network Plan

Dear Mayor Desjardin and Esquimalt Council members,

Today was a beautiful sunny day in Esquimalt, the sort of February weather that makes all my relatives in other parts of Canada feel jealous.

My family spent the afternoon on our sunny driveway, getting our bicycles ready for spring. We put cleaned panniers on one of the longtail cargo bikes, raised the seats of the kids' bikes to accommodate growing legs, oiled chains, fixed a flat, and posted a spare kids bike as a gift on the local Buy Nothing Group. When I moved here as a university student 20 years ago, this was one of the main reasons why I chose to live in Greater Victoria: I wanted to live in a climate where I could easily ride my bicycle all year round. And then years later, when I was lucky enough to be able to buy a house, I chose to stay in Esquimalt. After renting here for years, I knew this was a community with all the amenities and neighbourly warmth I wanted for both myself and my children.

After working on our bikes all afternoon, and riding up and down on the sidewalk, my spouse took the kids to the pool at the Esquimalt Recreation Centre... But drove our car. Too often, this is the choice we make when visiting many of our favourite places in Esquimalt: Gorge Park, Saxe Point, Fleming Beach, Bullen Park, Esquimalt Bake Shop, the Library, the West Bay Walkway. Why? Because despite us loving our bikes, there simply are not safe and accessible north-south cycling corridors in our municipality.

With that context in mind, I would like you to please examine your choices for the Active Transportation Network Plan. We need to make sure that young children like mine are able to experience safe and accessible bicycle routes from this impressionable age, so that when they are older, they can confidently choose this low-emission transportation option as one that is normal and viable, and just part of the joys of urban life.

I urge you to consider implementing true all ages and all abilities standards to the bike lanes in Esquimalt as soon as possible, and certainly within your current council term. It needs to be a priority, for the sake of our community: More people cycling and walking is better for our local businesses,

makes our streets quieter, contributes less to air pollution, and increases our ability to connect as neighbours. I am proud to live and work in Esquimalt, and want what's best for all of us.

Sincerely,  
Lindsay Kearns  
Lockley Road

## Deb Hopkins

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**Sent:** February-07-22 8:08 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
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**From:** Eric Rotgans  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 5:25:22 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Esquimalt Active Transportation Network Plan – Cycling

Dear Esquimalt Mayor and Council

This note is to express my strong support for the Esquimalt Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP) and ask that you build it more rapidly by;

1] Approving the **goals** of the Esquimalt Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP).

And,

2] Directing staff to promptly develop budgets and plans to skip the “temporary facilities” and go straight to building the full cycling network **in the next three years**.

I am a senior and new resident in Esquimalt. My wife and I walk and cycle for shopping, errands and just getting to places. The thing that attracts us to Esquimalt the most is its human scale with amenities within walking and cycling distance.

Our preschool grandchildren are also in Esquimalt. We look forward to cycling with our grandchildren on safe All Ages All Abilities (AAA) protected cycle ways in a few years by which time we will be in our seventies.

A ten to fifteen year implementation as proposed in the ATNP is much much too slow. Our preschool grandchildren would be finishing high school by then! The climate cannot afford another generation of children being driven to school. Drivers will also thank-you for getting bicycles off the road and onto controlled bike-ways. As we increase our population through densification our roads are no longer safe enough for cycling and walking. The children and Esquimalt families of all ages will thank-you for building a safe AAA cycling network and doing it quickly.

Sincerely,

Eric and Raedene Rotgans

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**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 6:04:40 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Approve, fund, accelerate implementation of Active Transportation Plan

Hello,

I encourage you to approve as well as support ways of accelerating implementation of Esquimalt's Active Transportation Plan. Significant progress such that active transport is a safe and reasonable option for essentially all routes within the municipality should be made within 5 years.

I am an active commuter and utility cyclist with two young children (ages 3 and a baby) who regularly cycles with them on a cargo bike.

Sincerely,  
Rebecca Abernethy

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**From:** Andreas Witz [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 6:14:48 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Network Plan

Dear Sir/ Madam,

I trust my email finds you well. I'm very supportive to fast track the active transportation plan. Please don't oppose this critical infrastructure plan. In detail push forward with the following:

1. Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024
2. Complete the short term actions by 2026 (end of the next council term – councils usually plan their strategic plans by this timeline)
3. Ultimate Network be done by 2030 (end of council term after that)

Thank you very much.

Regards,

Andreas

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**From:** Anna Bowness-Park [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 6:33:27 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Place

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Esquimalt Council members,

I gather that submissions regarding the Active Transportation Plan are welcome until Noon on Monday Feb 7th, Thank you for considering this issue and taking in our points of view.

I am a [REDACTED] who enjoys cycling to get about, but I rarely use my bike around Esquimalt as the current cycling network is so fragmented, and not cohesive. I do enjoy the rail trail, but if you want to come off at Lampson then it becomes a more hazardous trip. These are my suggestions:

**1. Selkirk Avenue as an active transportation road.** I live on Selkirk Avenue and I find that is a marvellous, safe corridor to Banfield Park and the Galloping Goose because it is quiet and way less traffic. Also, it is in the active transportation plan for the City of Victoria, so making the entire street an active transportation lane all the way from Tillicum Road makes sense. I am not sure but I think on your current plan it is showing Selkirk as part of the Active Transportation Plan and I would strongly encourage you to please leave it in. It is used by young families all year long, and especially in the summer. It is the only street that runs parallel to Craigflower from Tillicum to Banfield Park. Esquimalt families use Selkirk Avenue to get their children to school and daycare. Commuters use it to get to work safely and seniors enjoy a safe route to the park and the Galloping Goose too.

**2. Craigflower Road** is a dangerous road for cyclists, and like Selkirk Avenue it runs into the City of Victoria, Making only half of it as a bike lane in Esquimalt makes no sense as then bikes are thrown into an unsafe situation once the road is in the city of Victoria. Craigflower is dangerous for cyclists as it is on a bus route and is a main through-fare for commuter traffic and trucks. It is also consequently noisy. I was doored into the traffic on Craigflower Road and narrowly missed being run over, which

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when you consider all the trucks and buses on that road, was nothing short of a miracle! I have never used Craigflower Road since.

3. **Tillicum Road** - To have bike lanes that fed into and out of Selkirk Avenue would provide a safe route right through to the Galloping Goose and downtown Victoria - thus providing a consistent and safe route. Have you considered a cross walk so that cyclists can safely turn right or left onto Selkirk Avenue?

I am asking for you to please consider carefully how the various bike routes you are proposing will match seamlessly with other jurisdictions who already have them, such as Victoria, so that the bike routes are continuous and safe for seniors, families and commuters across the cities.

Thank you for considering my input.  
Anna Bowness-Park  
1009 De Costa Road, Esquimalt,

## Deb Hopkins

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:07 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: AAA Bicycle Infrastructure

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**From:** Tim Gijzen [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 6:42:30 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** AAA Bicycle Infrastructure

Ma'ams/Sirs,

As someone who commutes to CFB Esquimalt on a daily basis I am asking the Township of Esquimalt to quickly and vigorously implement improved AAA bicycle infrastructure. As Esquimalt grows in population it will be an absolute requirement to avoid gridlock, pollution and global warming. Please joint the City of Victoria in being a cycling leader.

Yours respectfully,

Tim Gijzen

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:06 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Esquimalt bike lanes

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**From:** J Lynch [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 7:22:47 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Esquimalt bike lanes

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Hi,

We support the approval of the plan but recommend Council direct staff to come forward with a faster implementation plan as follows:

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2. Complete the short term actions by 2026 (end of the next council term – councils usually plan their strategic plans by this timeline)
3. Ultimate Network be done by 2030 (end of council term after that)

Please approve, fund and implement this bold active transportation plan.

best regards,  
Janet Lynch, Brian Dorrian and Jack Lynch

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**From:** Edward Pullman [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 7:30:43 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active transportation plan

Hello Esquimalt council,

I'm writing today to voice my support for the Esquimalt active transportation plan.

As a resident of the gorge community in Saanich, I regularly visit Esquimalt, and would more if it was safe to do so on bike. Conditions on both tillicum and adrimals roads make that very difficult in their current form.

Getting more people walking and cycling is key to hitting our climate objectives to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, improving community health, and improving safety in our communities.

Thank you,

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:06 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Say yes to bike lanes!!!! Active Transportation Plan

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**From:** Sabrina C [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 7:54:02 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Say yes to bike lanes!!!! Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mayor and Esquimalt council members,

Our family of four has been living in Esquimalt for almost four years. We immediately fell in love with this community as it feels like a village.

We live in the Macaulay neighborhood and our kids go to school on Lampson street. Despite the close proximity, we are not comfortable having them bike to school because Lampson street and Esquimalt street do not offer protected bike lanes. The speed limit on these roads is also not often respected by cars so we have witnessed a few accidents including one with a pedestrian. This is very sad and scary as it would be so easy for us to leave the car home and bike to school if we had the proper infrastructure.

Our family would like to ask the council to prioritize the implementation of the Active Transportation Plan in Esquimalt so we can be one less car on the road and give more space to people who truly need their car to get around.

Furthermore we would like to see a separate bike lane on Lampson street as one of the top priorities.

Best regards

Sabrina Carment and family.  
Macaulay area.

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:06 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please support and accelerate improvements for cycling and mobility devices

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**From:** Marc Cittone [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 7:55:01 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Please support and accelerate improvements for cycling and mobility devices

Dear Mayor and Council,

I am writing to urge you to approve an appropriate timeline to complete safe and comfortable routes for proper cycling and using mobility devices. As a regular commuter through Esquimalt and regular patron of businesses, rec centre, library and parks, I hope we can complete these many missing links, encourage more commuting by environmentally friendly means, reduce auto traffic on the roads, support local business, improve health and help people get around even if they are not comfortable mixing with fast auto traffic. My daughter (6) loves cycling and I'd love to be able to bicycle comfortably both by myself and with her.

As Esquimalt and our region grows, it is so important that we have sustainable and diverse transportation options in place ahead of new growth, thereby reducing impacts on our environment and allowing for lower parking standards - given the high cost and environment impacts of on-site parking.

Specifically, I hope we can:

1. Build Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads to true AAA standards by the end of 2024
2. Complete the short term actions by 2026
3. Complete the Ultimate Network by 2030
4. Ensure that new developments have sufficient high quality parking for bicycles, ebikes and mobility devices.

Thanks sincerely,

Marc Cittone



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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:05 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support a faster Esquimalt biking network

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**From:** Marion Pape [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 8:08:29 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** FW: Support a faster Esquimalt biking network

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Dear Esquimalt Mayor and Council:

I applaud your efforts to build an active transportation network throughout Esquimalt. It contributes well to a smooth transition for cyclists and pedestrians travelling from municipality to municipality.

I support the approval of the plan but recommend Council direct staff to come forward with faster implementation to get bikeways built in less than 5 years and built to an all ages and abilities standard.

This is the implementation plan I would recommend:

1. Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024.
2. Complete the short term actions by 2026 (end of the next Council term).
3. Ultimate Network be done by 2030 (end of council term after that).

Thank you again for the marvelous vision and consideration for speeding up implementation.

Gratefully,

Marion Pape, Vic West

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:05 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: bike lane build-out

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**From:** Jane [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 8:22:50 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** bike lane build-out

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I applaud your plan to build more bike lanes. I urge you to do it faster than currently planned (climate change is upon us and we need to quickly cut GHG emissions or face a horrible future) and get up to AAA standard faster (more people will ride and we need everyone who can ride to do so asap). As well as helping with climate change mitigation, you will create a citizenry with better mental and physical health and a community whose members have more connection to each other (because less will be in cars so they will actually be able to see and greet each other and even hop onto the sidewalk to stop and chat). You will also get more money flowing into Esquimalt from surrounding municipalities as businesses locate where their employees and customers can easily get to by bike and individuals and families bike from surrounding municipalities to shop, eat, attend outdoor concerts and markets and visit Esquimalt's great parks and Rec Center. AAA bike lanes built quickly means the return on your investment will start flowing back to you more quickly.

I have been riding Tillicum Road routinely for years but I hesitate to recommend others do the same when it has so much traffic and no bike lanes. I look forward to being able to recommend it to others very soon!

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:05 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Active Transportation Plan- Monday Council meeting

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**From:** Marjorie [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 8:29:44 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Plan- Monday Council meeting

Dear Mayor and Council

As an Esquimalt resident and daily bicycle commuter, I applaud the arrival of Esquimalt's Active Transportation Plan. As we all know, we are in a Climate Emergency (as declared by Council in 2019) and we know that transportation is a key emitter of greenhouse gasses, so making active transportation a priority is essential. I urge you to approve this plan but with some changes as noted below:

My biggest concern with the plan presented is the very slow timeline. If we are to reach our goal of net-zero emissions by 2030, the timelines in this plan are a far too slow. We need to complete the active transportation plan in 8 years, not 15.

Lets set ourselves up for success by 2030 by moving on this plan much quicker.

I would also suggest that 5 years doesn't constitute "quick-build". Lets use the grants available right now, to get to those "quick build" items in the next 3 years and the whole plan done by 2030.

My 2<sup>nd</sup> major concern is that the 2 main corridors of Esquimalt Road and Lampson/Tillicum really need to be completed, and completed to AAA standard if we are to truly have safe, accessible and connected infrastructure.

Thank you for all your energy and effort you put into our community

Kind regards

Marjorie Sandercock

1108 Bewdley Ave

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:04 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Bike lanes in Esquimalt

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**From:** Max Durando [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 8:29:55 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Bike lanes in Esquimalt

100% in favour of protected bike lanes. It provides safety and convenience and gives people a very viable option to going by car. My wife got an ebike and loves taking the protected lanes and Goose and E&N... without protected lanes, that would never have happened because she isn't comfortable in traffic. Now she is, and it's great seeing her on the bike either with me, or alone... such a positive big change in lifestyle!

**Deb Hopkins**

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:04 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Active Transportation Plan

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**From:** Lyanne Quirt [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 8:47:26 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Support for Active Transportation Plan

To Esquimalt Mayor Desjardins and Council,

I am writing in support of your active transportation plan, particularly the AAA cycling facilities for Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Rd.

Last summer my young son took advantage of the excellent summer programming at Esquimalt Rec, and I worked at the Archie Browning vaccination clinic, but in spite of living less than 4km away, the cycling options are so dangerous that I did not feel safe biking, especially with my child. Esquimalt is such a wonderful city in so many ways, but the roads are terrifying for vulnerable road users. The E&N is a wonderful facility, but it's only truly useful as part of a network.

Implementation of your active transportation plan will improve the travel experience for all road users.

Respectfully,

-Lyanne Quirt RM  
Saanich Resident (Gorge-Tillicum Neighbourhood)

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:04 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please approve ATNP plan

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**From:** Darah Lloyd [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 9:40:19 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Please approve ATNP plan

To whom it may concern,

As a car free family residing in Esquimalt, we are writing to you with hopes you will approve the ATNP plan and implement it as soon as possible, specifically:

1. Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024
2. Complete the short term actions by 2026 (end of the next council term – councils usually plan their strategic plans by this timeline)
3. Ultimate Network be done by 2030 (end of council term after that)

We appreciate your attention to this matter and are looking forward to more safe riding conditions in our community ❤️

Sincerely,

Darah Lloyd and Makena Dewis ([REDACTED] years old)

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:03 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for ATNP

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**From:** matthew justice [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 9:42:46 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Support for ATNP

Dear Mayor and Council

I am a very active cyclist and father of two young upcoming cyclists. I regularly bring my two kids to school by bike, and have to battle traffic and belligerent drivers to get across Esquimalt Road and along Head and Lampson to get to the two parts of Victor Brodeur. It's frustrating feeling like I am potentially putting my kids at risk because the infrastructure does not support me, and drivers feel a sense of entitlement.

I strongly support the ATNP and would like to see it implemented as soon as possible. It's time to create some change that will truly create a healthier, safer, and more vibrant community!!!

No more delays, please implement the ATNP!

Thank you for your attention to my email.

Matthew

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:03 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Faster Implementation of Active Transportation Network Plan

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**From:** Raul Rivera [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 9:54:03 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Faster Implementation of Active Transportation Network Plan

I support the approval of the Active Transportation Network Plan but recommend Council direct staff to come forward with a **faster** implementation plan as follows:

- Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024
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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:03 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Esquimalt's Active Transportation Network Plan

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**From:** Louis-Philippe Plante [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 9:58:31 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Esquimalt's Active Transportation Network Plan

Dear Mayor Desjardins and Esquimalt Council members,

I am writing to encourage you to approve the Active Transportation Network Plan. It should be a priority, and implemented in a timely fashion.

As a family of five that lives and works in the Saxe Point neighbourhood, I greatly appreciate the numerous amenities. As a family, we cycle and walk whenever possible. However, there are many areas for improvement. Especially with young children, there are numerous areas that feel unsafe to ride (or even walk at times), and we are forced to take vehicles instead. As our children get older, we would love for them to be able to bike to school. As things stand, we (and our children) don't feel safe doing so. It is a great disappointment to see our children excited to be active, but unable to do so - we want to encourage a healthy lifestyle, but not at the risk of their health and safety. The ATNP would really help with that. Of course, there's the argument for climate change, and making more vibrant, healthy, active communities as well.

Thanks your consideration,  
Louis-Philippe Plante

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:02 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Support for Active Transportation Plan

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**From:** "Erica (Kang) Camfferman" [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 10:05:45 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Support for Active Transportation Plan

Dear Mayor Desjardin and Esquimalt Council Members,  
I was pleased to see the proposed Active Transportation Network Plan for our community.

I appreciated seeing "age-friendly" and "accessible" as two of the guiding principles. At one side of the spectrum, we have people like our 2 kids ([REDACTED]), who are eagerly biking at a young age. At the other end of the spectrum, we have people like my neighbor, who has recently started biking after a 20-year hiatus, so that she can enjoy riding with her husband. It is inspiring to see people of all ages and abilities enjoying biking for the sheer fun of it, but also for the practical, health, and environmental benefits it offers.

I am glad to see that the North-South corridor was prioritized, as I find Lampson/Tillicum one of the most challenging roads to ride on in the Capital Region. Although I occasionally do bike along Tillicum Road, I usually try to choose other farther-away stores (i.e. go to a different London Drugs or Fairway), so that I don't have to ride along this busy, fast, and unprotected road. When we are riding with our kids, I will only entertain the idea of our [REDACTED]-year-old riding with us if my husband is also riding (one adult at the front, one at the back). Our older son absolutely loves bike commuting with us, but this North-South corridor is an uncomfortable and sometimes scary experience for our family.

I really look forward to seeing improvements to this corridor. However, based on the guiding principles, I would highly encourage you to consider implementing bikes lanes to All Ages and Abilities standards in Esquimalt as soon as possible, ideally by 2024.

Time is of the essence, and I think it is important to call out specific deadlines for accomplishing this plan. My dream would be to have all short-term actions completed by 2026 and the Ultimate Network completed by 2030.

Respectfully,

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Erica Camfferman, on behalf of my cycling family

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**From:** Frances Litman <info@creativelyunited.org>  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 11:05:40 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>, Barb Desjardins <barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>, Barb Desjardins <barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca>, Ken Armour <Ken.Armour@esquimalt.ca>, Lynda Hundleby <lynda.hundleby@esquimalt.ca>  
**Cc:** Marjorie Sandercock [redacted], Francois Brassard [redacted], Eleanor Calder [redacted], Jonathan O'Riordan [redacted], Jane Devonshire  
**Subject:** Active Transportation Network Plan for Jan. 7th meeting

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your concerted efforts to ensure the Township of Esquimalt does its part to reach its climate targets by 2030, a mere eight years from now.

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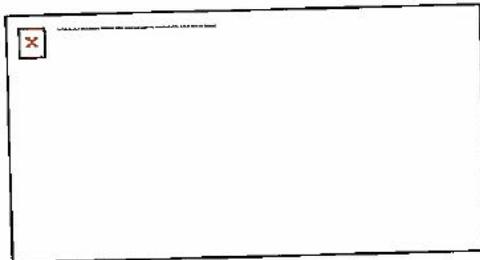
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With sincere gratitude,

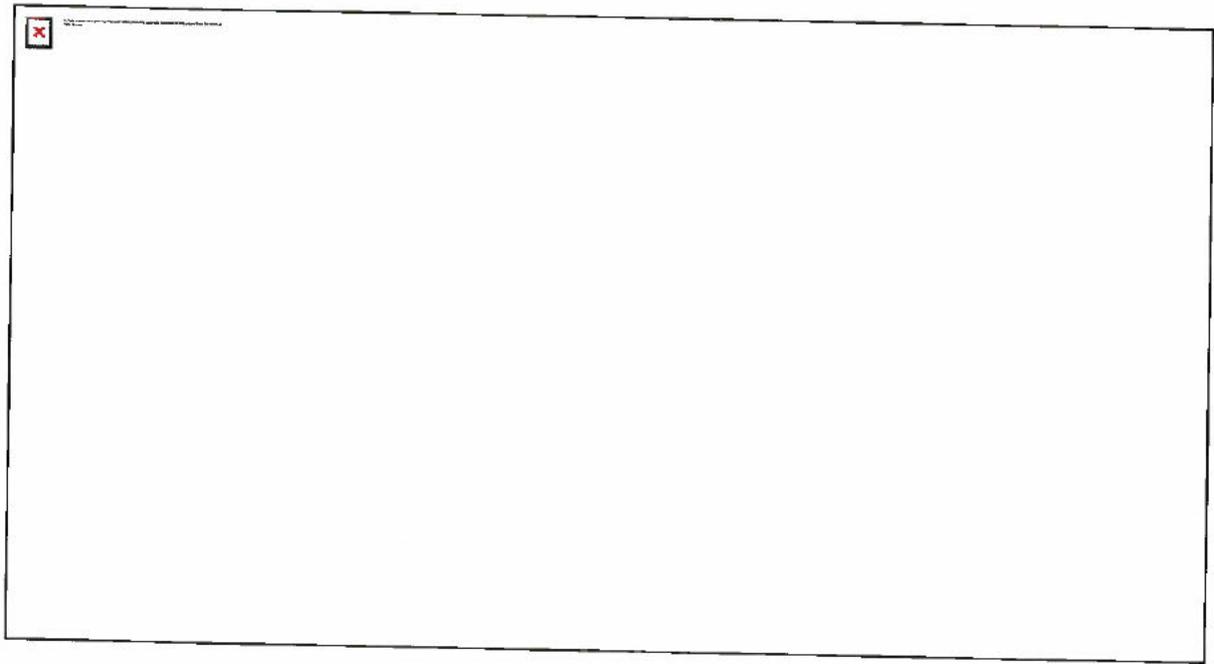
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**Sent:** February-07-22 8:01 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Please approve the Active Transportation Plan - and be bolder than the proposed plan

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**From:** Adrian Mohareb [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 6, 2022 at 11:06:52 PM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Please approve the Active Transportation Plan - and be bolder than the proposed plan

Dear Township of Esquimalt Mayor and Council,

My name is Adrian Mohareb. I am a Vic West resident, and I am an extremely regular visitor of Esquimalt. My son attends school at MacAulay Elementary, we frequent the farmer's market and businesses in Esquimalt, we use the recreation facilities regularly (skating and swimming lessons, for example). We try to do many of these trips by bicycle; we have even bought a cargo bike to carry our son to school, to be one less car idling and clogging up the drop off area and the roads. However, this is not a very safe way to get around, since the bicycling infrastructure in Esquimalt is virtually non-existent, particularly to the destinations we go to. We use the E&N often, but there is probably only one semi-regular destination (Wholesale Club) even close to being accessible with our child on the E&N.

And so, I'm writing in support of the Active Transportation Network Plan (ATNP), but I am also asking Council to be more bold than what is in the plan. Faster action is needed to get All Ages and Abilities (AAA) bikeways built in less than 5 years. A "quick build" that doesn't allow cyclists of all ages and abilities, including my son, to use it, will fail to enable Esquimalt to meaningfully reduce transportation emissions in the Township. Currently, 31% of parents take their children to MacAulay by car; this number could be dramatically reduced (only 12% said they would choose to take their child by car if the alternatives were better) by making the routes to the school safer for active transportation.

The ATNP is a key "Big Move" in [Esquimalt's Community Climate Mitigation Plan Draft](#), and with the fires and flooding B.C. experienced in 2021, it is clear that bold climate action is needed immediately. While I support the approval of the ATNP, I also recommend that:

- Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads be built to true AAA standards by the end of 2024;
- All short-term actions in the ATNP be completed by 2025; and
- The Ultimate Network be completed by 2030, with active transportation corridors connecting directly to every school in the Township.

At the February 7th Council meeting, I request that you direct Staff to:

- Report back to Council within 30 days on an action plan that: Requests early 2022 budget approval for the full design of the Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Road “spine” corridor routes;
- Includes a budget and schedule to have the Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Road bikeways complete by the end of 2024 or earlier;
- Ensures Esquimalt applies for the federal Active Transportation Fund (deadline March 31, 2022) and the provincial Active Transportation Grant (call anticipated to open Spring 2022) to maximize the potential for senior government funding for capital projects; and
- Outlines the resource implications of an amended timeline for completion of all short-term ATNP actions by 2025 and the Ultimate Network by 2030.

In both the short and the long term, I also request Council ensure that Esquimalt has the staffing resources and budget required to plan and execute the ATNP and to maximize opportunities for grant funding.

Thank you very much,

Adrian Mohareb  
409 Langford St., Victoria, and parent of a child at MacAulay Elementary

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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 8:01 AM  
**To:** Laurie Hurst  
**Subject:** Fwd: Regarding Bike Lane Implementation and Improvement

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**From:** Glen Rodger [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 7, 2022 at 2:55:59 AM PST  
**To:** Mayor and Council <mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca>  
**Subject:** Regarding Bike Lane Implementation and Improvement

Hello Mayor and Council,

I would like to add my voice to the requests for the implementation and Improvements of AAA bike lanes in Esquimalt.

As a military member living in Victoria, I have spent 8 years biking between downtown, CFB Esquimalt and Work Point. Please improve the bike lanes on Tillicum and Esquimalt Rds.

Thank you

Glen Rodger

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**From:** Francois Brassard [REDACTED]  
**Date:** February 7, 2022 at 7:54:41 AM PST  
**To:** Frances Litman <[info@creativelyunited.org](mailto:info@creativelyunited.org)>  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council <[mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca](mailto:mayorandcouncil@esquimalt.ca)>, Barb Desjardins <[barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca](mailto:barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca)>, Barb Desjardins <[barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca](mailto:barbara.desjardins@esquimalt.ca)>, Ken Armour <[Ken.Armour@esquimalt.ca](mailto:Ken.Armour@esquimalt.ca)>, Lynda Hundleby <[lynda.hundleby@esquimalt.ca](mailto:lynda.hundleby@esquimalt.ca)>, Marjorie Sandercock [REDACTED], Eleanor Calder [REDACTED], Jonathan O'Riordan [REDACTED], Jane Devonshire [REDACTED]  
**Subject:** Re: Active Transportation Network Plan for Jan. 7th meeting

Dear Frances,

This is an incredibly beautiful, powerful, harmonious message. May everyone who reads it, takes it to heart and lives it.

Warm regards,

Francois Brassard  
[REDACTED]

On Feb 6, 2022, at 11:04 PM, Frances Litman <[info@creativelyunited.org](mailto:info@creativelyunited.org)> wrote:

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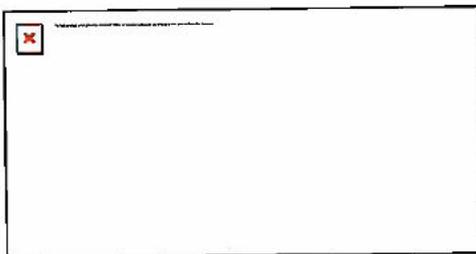
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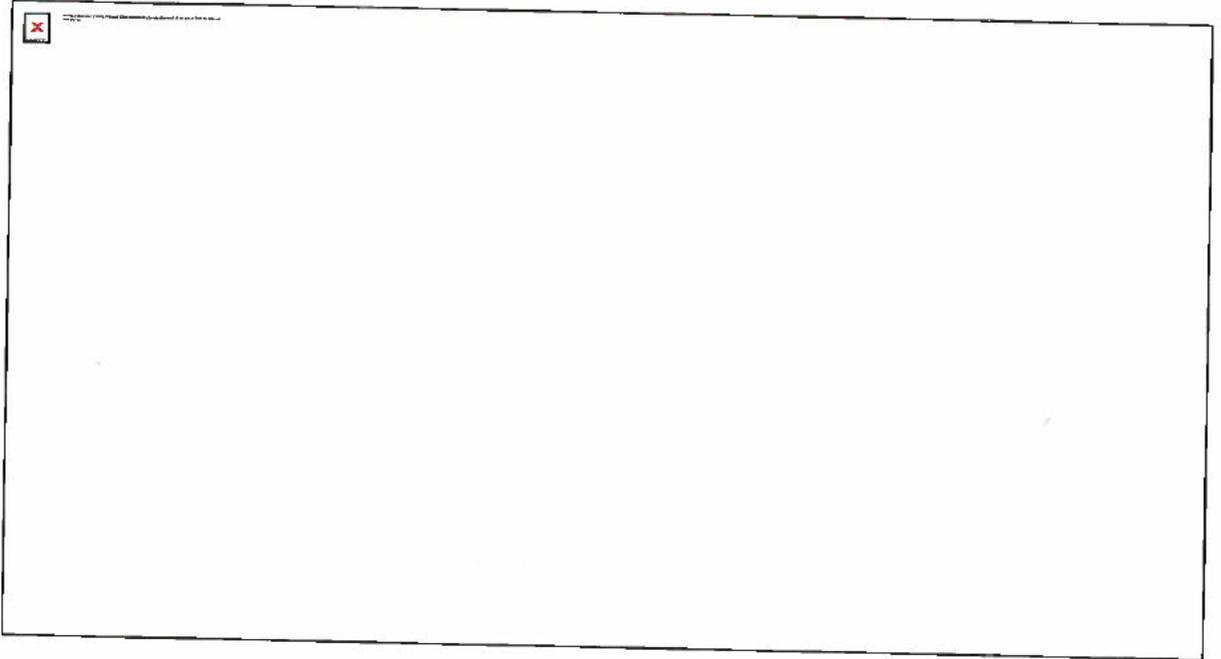
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**From:** Barb Desjardins <Barbara.Desjardins@esquimalt.ca>  
**Sent:** February-07-22 10:09 AM  
**To:** Carling Helander  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council; Deb Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Support for rapid active transportation implementation

Carling  
thanks for your email. I have copied staff to add this to tonight's agenda as public input

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On Feb 7, 2022, at 9:26 AM, Carling Helander [REDACTED] wrote:

Hello Mayor and Council,

I am writing to express my support for the Active Transportation Network Plan on today's Council meeting agenda. I ask that Council approve the Plan but set a more ambitious timeline for implementation so that substantial improvements to Esquimalt active transportation infrastructure can be realized sooner. In particular, it is critical for the key routes - Tillicum/Lampson and Esquimalt Roads - to be built to All Ages and Abilities standard as quickly as possible. These are very busy routes that require proper separation for cyclists to be safe and comfortable on.

Climate change can't be put on hold while we wait for active transportation infrastructure to be built. Every year of delay that deprives Esquimalt residents of safe and convenient active transportation alternatives means more GHG emissions and harm to our climate. It also deprived Esquimalt residents of the physical and mental health benefits of having safe active transportation options.

I hope that this Council and Township staff will immediately move forward with the planning and implementation of active transportation infrastructure through the 2022 budget.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Carling Helander  
887 Rockheights Ave

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**Sent:** February-07-22 10:09 AM  
**To:** Julia Vanderham  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council; Deb Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: Bike safety in our lovely city

Julia: thanks for your email. I have copied staff to add this to tonight's agenda as public input

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On Feb 7, 2022, at 9:36 AM, Julia Vanderham <[REDACTED]> wrote:

Dear Mayor and Council,

My family and I live in Sioux place, next to Esquimalt Gorge park. We love where we live so, so much. Our daughter attends preschool at Vicwest community center, her and our baby boy love swimming at the Esquimalt pool, exploring Saxe beach, skating at Pearkes rec center and a dozen other amazing activities offered in close proximity to our home.

What a shame, then, that we cannot safely bike to most of these activities because of the lack of safe bike routes from our home. The worst spots are Tillicum, especially the Tillicum/craigflower intersection, and Lampson street.

I am encouraged by the commitment to improving some routes laid out in the active transportation network plan. Please continue to prioritize bike/pedestrian transportation for the health and safety of residents. I hope by the time Wina (now 3) is confident riding a bike on her own she can get to school safely on her own two wheels!

All the best,  
Julia Vanderham

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**Sent:** February-07-22 10:58 AM  
**To:** Steven Higgs  
**Cc:** Mayor and Council; Deb Hopkins  
**Subject:** Re: approve, fund and implement a bold active transportation plan.

Steve: thanks for your email. I am copying staff to include this email on tonight's agenda as public input

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Please **approve, fund and implement a bold active transportation plan.**

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