

Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll By-Law 16-4890

A By-law to authorize a complete streets policy

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary and advisable to create a complete streets policy.

NOW THEREFORE, the Council of the Corporation of the Town of Ingersoll, enacts as follows:

- 1. That a Complete Streets Policy is hereby approved.
- 2. That Schedule "A" to this by-law shall form part of the by-law.

READ a first and second time this 11th day of July, 2016.

READ a third time and finally passed this 11th day of July, 2016.

Ted Comiskey, Mayor

Michael Graves, Clerk

Complete Streets Policy

Complete streets are roadways that are planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained to safely and comfortably provide for the needs of all users, including, but not limited to, motorists, cyclists, pedestrians, school bus riders, movers of freight, persons with disabilities, seniors, young and emergency users.

The Town of Ingersoll presently is constructing its new roads based on the concept of complete streets. New road construction includes provisions for cyclists and pedestrians through on-road bicycle lanes, sidewalks and multi-use trails, depending on the type of road. This complete streets policy supports the Towns ongoing work and puts these present actions into policy to ensure that they are continued to be implemented in future transportation projects.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is for the Town of Ingersoll to embrace the concept of complete streets by requiring that the planning, design, construction and maintenance of Town transportation infrastructure consider all modes of transportation and all transportation users.

Goals

- Ensure that the needs of all transportation users are balanced throughout the transportation network to the greatest reasonable measure.
- Create a balanced, comprehensive, integrated, fully interconnected, functional and visually attractive transportation network.
- Support the use of the appropriate complete streets best practices within the context of the community.

Policy Directions

- The Town of Ingersoll will seek to enhance the safety, access, convenience and comfort of all transportation system users of all ages and abilities, including pedestrians (including people requiring mobility aids), bicyclists, transit, motorists and freight drivers, through the planning, design, construction, operation and maintenance of a transportation network that accommodates each mode of travel that is consistent with and supportive of the local community, recognizing that streets differ in terms of functions, and that the needs of various users will need to be balanced in a flexible manner.
 - Transportation infrastructure making up the transportation network, such as roadways, sidewalks, street crossings, pedestrian signals, signs, street furniture, bicycling facilities, multi-use trails and all connecting facilities shall be planned, designed, constructed, operated and maintained for all transportation users.
- The planning and design of street projects will consider bicycle and pedestrian facilities from the very start of the planning and design work. This will apply to all subdivision applications, site plans and roadway projects, including those involving new construction, reconstruction or rehabilitation of transportation infrastructure,
- Where accommodations for all users cannot be made, reasonable efforts shall be made to identify adjacent alternative routes and / or methods of travel to provide a safe, reliable, integrated and interconnected transportation network.
- The implementation of this Policy shall reflect the context and character of the surrounding built and natural environments and enhance the appearance of these environments and should make all reasonable efforts to avoid and minimize impacts to those features and natural corridors to the extent possible.
- The design and development of transportation infrastructure shall be in accordance with all Town ordinances, codes, plans, polices and guidelines, as appropriate.