

External Briefing Note

Subject: Update on application to York Region's Pedestrian and Cycling

Partnership Program (2025)

To: Mayor and Council

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Briefing:

The purpose of the Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership Program (PCPP) is to encourage walking and cycling by advancing the implementation of pedestrian and cycling infrastructure throughout York Region. Walking and cycling for work, school, leisure and errands reduces the number of trips made by motor vehicles and contributes to a healthy and active lifestyle.

In late 2024, staff submitted an application under York Region's annual Pedestrian and Cycling Partnership Program, for the Lake Drive Improvements – Phase 1 project (25-CI-OI-14). This project includes various improvements to Lake Drive aiming to improve safety and comfort for pedestrians and cyclists including pavement markings, intersection improvements, traffic calming implementations, and a seasonal one-way multi-use path. This 11.4km project aligned with the Regional objectives of the PCPP being a reduction in single-occupancy vehicle use, improvement in pedestrian and cycling infrastructure, improvement in safety and comfort of pedestrians and cyclists, and connections to community facilities and parks. This project is entirely encompassed within York Region's Lake-to-Lake Cycling Route and Walking Trail.

The Town was recently notified that the 2024 application to the PCPP was successful, resulting in an approved funding contribution received from the Region of \$250,000. This amount will help offset the construction and implementation costs of the improvements.

The project is well-underway and construction activity will begin in May 2025. The improvements are set to be completed no later than June 27, 2025. To learn more about the project, visit Georgina.ca/LakeDrPhase1