



RE: Public Budget Consultation

January 18, 2024

Dear Kristen Dunsford (Director of Finance, City of Summerside):

Please see our budget consultation idea below.

Budget Idea/Suggestion

Create short, protected, active transportation routes for seniors who live in manors/clients of Community Connections that connect to recreation trails to provide safer transportation options to support the Cycling Without Age program and the six Trishaws **arriving in the summer of 2024**. This would include removing or widening the Confederation Trail gates to make the Confederation Trail accessible for trishaws.

Approximate Cost

Before discussing approximate costs, please note that our Cycling Without Age financial partner is the Rotary Club of Summerside. We recommend the City contact the Rotary Club (Richard Wedge) to initiate conversations on how to support this initiative jointly.

The projected costs are based on the draft PEI AT Network Plan published estimates and the 2020-2022 actual costs associated with creating the Greenwood Drive AT Pathway (based City Staff communication). We created a cost per metre of width formula (next page). The Safety Barrier cost reflects the 2022 quotes in bulk for bollards and modular concrete parking stops {every 18m, 1 bollard (\$79/unit) and 2 (\$65/unit) concrete traffic stops}. The RRFB reflects the Rapid Response Flashing Beacon pedestrian crossing signs.

Health PEI
One Island Health System

The attributes of Cycling Without Age are apparent:

- Clearly articulated risk management model
- Flexible program design and sustainability plan
- Strong, enthusiastic leadership
- Platform to empower resident family members as partners-in-care
- Re-engaging seniors back into the communities they built

Andrew MacDougall
Executive Director,
Community Health & Seniors
Care

Cost Per Meter of Width Formula

$$\frac{\text{RCPM}}{\text{AW}} = \text{CPMofW}$$

RCPM = Real Costs Per Meter
 AW = Approx Width
 CPMofW = Cost Per Meter of Width

Year and Greenwood Drive section completed	RCPM	AW	CPMofW
2020 Pope to north end of Turf Field	\$850	3.6	\$236
2021 Small section to Willow	\$745	1.5	\$497
2022 Willow to Water Street (does not include storm drain replacement)	\$1,390	2.4	\$579

* Real Cost data obtained from the City of Summerside Staff

Facility	Safety Barriers	Lights RRFB	PEI AT	C-2020	C-2021	C-2022
Wedgewood Manor	\$1,189	\$0	\$79K	\$71k	\$149K	\$173K
Summerset Manor	\$1,453	\$0K	\$197K	\$177K	\$372K	\$434K
Community Connections	\$3,567	\$11K	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
Totals	\$6.2K	\$11K	\$276K	\$342K	\$521K	\$607K

Details of the Idea/Suggestion:

Cycling Without Age

SAFE Summerside became the 108th chapter of Cycling Without Age in Canada in 2023. The program, which is in 52 countries, matches volunteers to seniors who live in manors. The volunteers ride specialized bicycles called Trishaws and develop relationships with the seniors as they take them out on weekly journeys in the community and explore nature. Community Connections is also interested in this program and would see clients utilizing the Trishaw from their residence to Community Connections. Then, the Trishaw would be available for daytime programming.

6 Trishaws Arriving Summer 2024

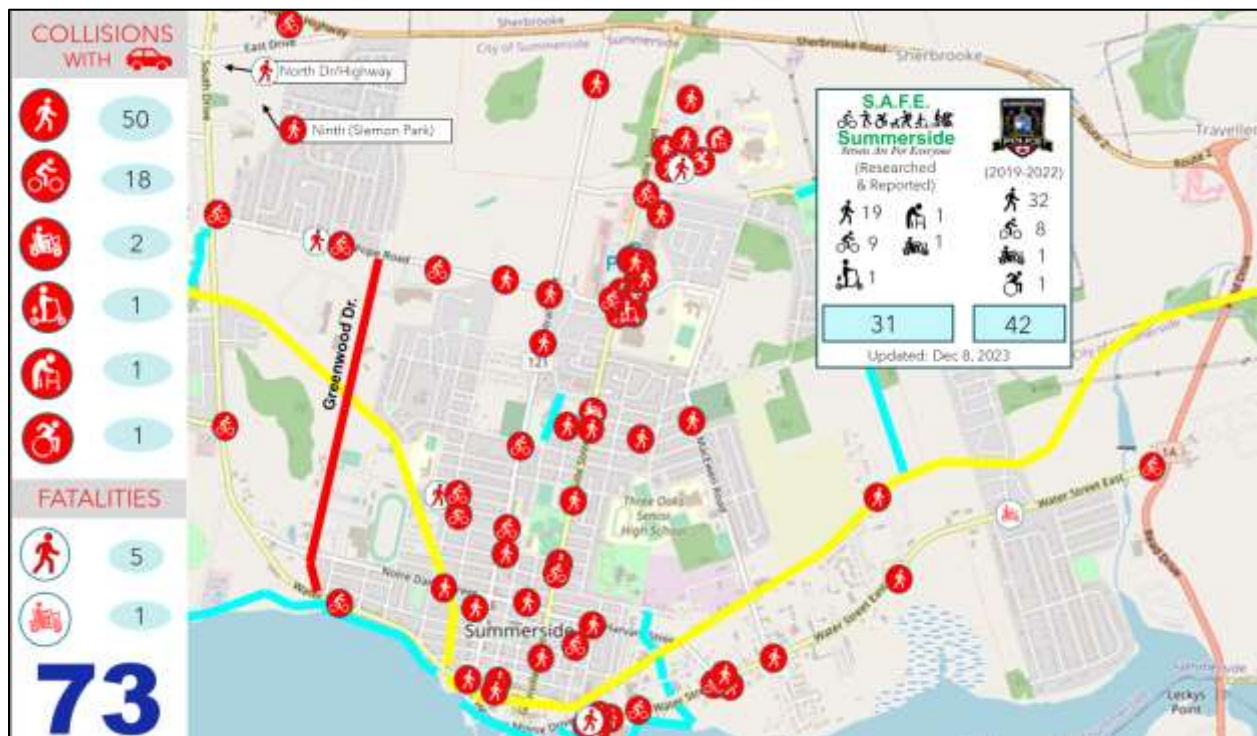
Thanks to the Rotary Club of Summerside (and smaller financial portions from host facilities), we have raised ½ of the amount to purchase 6 Trishaws, with the Rotary Club's application to the PEI AT Fund for the other half. All signs are optimistic that we will have six Trishaws in Summerside this summer (two each at Wedgewood, Summerset, and Community Connections).



This program is about more than age. It's about inclusion.

The purpose of the organization is to work with persons with disabilities and their families; to assist individuals to develop to their full potential; to support them to access and use community resources; and to empower them to contribute and participate in a meaningful way within their community. The Cycling Without Age program will help us with all of the above.

John Smallwood
Executive Director



Street Safety Concerns

The challenge is safety. Between Dec 2019 and Dec 2023, four pedestrian fatalities have occurred resulting from motor vehicle collisions in Summerside. Partners such as Wedgewood Manor, Summerset Manor, and Community Connections work with vulnerable populations, and with the increased width of trishaws, and a climbing number of collisions between pedestrians/cyclists and motor vehicles in the City, a protected bidirectional AT pathway is required to safely transport residents of manors/clients of Community Connections and volunteers/staff/family-as-partners-in-care to a safe recreation trail.

Short and Safer Connections

The following are the short connections identified (in order from lowest to highest cost):

Community Connections

By far, the lowest cost is Community Connections. During a meeting with Senior Management on February 9, 2023, the following route was proposed based on the fact there is already a wide shoulder. This 300m route from the parking lot of Community Connections to Greenwood Drive AT Pathway would require protected barriers (concrete stops and bollards) and then a RRFB at Greenwood/Water Street.



Wedgewood Manor

A short 100m bidirectional connection links the Wedgewood Manor parking lot to Jennifer Street. From there, the route continues in the apartment parking lot and onto the Confederation Trail. This route is frequently used, and we recommend a bridge be included over the ditch, as the bridge previously collapsed to make the route accessible.



A 2010 photo: There was a wooden bridge that has since deteriorated. The Rotary Club has shown interest in working with the City to create this passage to support the Cycling Without Age Program.



A 2023 photo, highlighting the use of this well-worn path. We don't anticipate any objection from the private property owner as it will help tenants of this apartments to access the trail safely.

Summerset Manor

Of the three facilities, Summerset is the highest cost. However, as the property is on provincial land, we see a potential partnership between Rotary, the City, and the Province to create a 250m to connect to Rotary Friendship Park. Previous communications revealed that PCH indicated that a safe route to Rotary Friendship Park could also increase doctor/staff recruitment and would undoubtedly increase AT options.



Confederation Gates Removed or Widened

We continue to revisit this issue. We now include two photos to illustrate the larger width of the Trishaw and how it occupies a much larger space than a typical bicycle, skateboard, or other form of active transportation. We hope these images will do what our words have yet to do: Move the City into action and remove or widen the gap between the gates to make the Confederation Trail accessible to the Trishaws, and other forms of larger AT. Please view pages 61 to 64 of our “An Active Transportation Retrofit of Intersections that pose a Risk to AT Users: Recommendations for the City of Summerside” (<https://safesummerside.ca/docs/IntersectionRetrofitDec2023.pdf>) for a more detailed discussion on how the removal of gates increase accessibility, reduce injury, and decrease the risk of collisions for larger groups.



In conclusion, the Cycling Without Age Program is a quality-of-life program requiring short, safer road infrastructure to protect the most vulnerable road users in our City.

As always, please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.

Ken Trenholm
President

PS: Please note that the Cycling Without Age program has deep community support in Summerside as evident by letters of support included in our March 2023 All Ages & All Abilities Active Transportation Network Plan. You can review those letters of support at safesummerside.ca/docs/AllAgesAllAbilitiesATPlan.pdf (low resolution) or download at safesummerside.ca/download (high resolution).

Endorsements

Our Active Transportation Network Plan and Cycling Without Age program are officially endorsed by:



The image displays a collection of logos for various organizations that have endorsed the program. The logos are arranged in a grid-like fashion. The organizations include:

- MSPEI (Medical Society of Prince Edward Island)
- Health PEI (One Island Health System)
- Association of PEI and PSEI
- PUBLIC SCHOOLS BRANCH
- Canadian Mental Health Association (Mental health for all)
- AUTISM SOCIETY OF Prince Edward Island
- Community Connections Inc.
- PEI Parkinson Support Group
- Prince Edward Island Association for Community Living (Diversity includes.)
- HOLLAND COLLEGE
- Age-friendly PEI Inc.
- CYCLING PEI
- BIKE FRIENDLY COMMUNITIES Prince Edward Island
- GENERATION XX SUMMERSIDE INC.
- Boys & Girls Club of Summerside
- Free Heart Store
- PEI ROADRUNNERS
- ANDREWS (Redefining Retirement Living)