

Eastern Ontario Active Transportation Summit Presenter Biographies

Dr. Paula Stewart

Dr. Paula Stewart is the Medical Officer of Health and CEO at the Leeds, Grenville and Lanark District Health Unit. The Public Health Unit's role is to work with community partners and the public to promote and protect health, and to prevent health problems. Promoting active transportation is a priority at the Health Unit and, for Dr. Stewart, especially important if it includes spending time in nature with all of its mental and physical benefits

Wallace Beaton

Manager – Community Sustainability Programs, EnviroCentre (Ottawa)

Advisor – Ontario Active School Travel Program, Green Communities Canada (Peterborough)

Wallace discovered his passion for active school travel in 2007 as a parent volunteer directing bell-time traffic at his children's school.

In 2009 he joined [Green Communities Canada](#) (GCC) as the first School Travel Planning Facilitator in Ottawa, growing a small pilot project into one of the largest, self-sustaining programs of its kind in Ontario. As GCC's Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) Program Manager for Ottawa he conceived and launched an innovative Walking School Bus pilot, helped create the Ottawa School Active Transportation Network and was recognized by the City of Ottawa and the Ottawa Safety Council for his commitment to safe, sustainable school travel. In October 2017 Wallace and the ASRTS program migrated to Ottawa-based [EnviroCentre](#), a local organization with a strong track record in promoting sustainable transportation options. He remains an advisor to GCC on its new Ontario Active School Travel Program.

Wallace is a graduate of Queen's University, Université Laval, and Algonquin College, and is completing the Next Generation Transportation certificate program at Simon Fraser University.

Dave McLaughlin, BA, MES, MCIP, RPP

Active Transportation Planning and Design Lead

Dave is one of MMM's leading national specialists in Sustainable and Active Transportation Planning and Design, with more than 20 years of experience in the transportation and land use planning fields, specializing in bicycle, pedestrian / trail and transit system access planning, related functional design and policy development, as well as transportation demand management (TDM) program development. Dave is a member of the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Institute of Transportation Engineers, ITE's Pedestrian and Bicycle Council, Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), Ontario Traffic Council's Active Transportation Committee and volunteer member of the Board of Directors of the Share the Road Coalition.

W. Troy Dunlop, C.E.T.

Director of Public Works and Utilities, Town of Smiths Falls

Troy Dunlop currently works as the Director of Public Works and Utilities with the Town of Smiths

Falls. The Department portfolio covers a broad range of front line services including road maintenance, winter control activities, water and wastewater treatment, water distribution, waste management, environmental services, and capital project management. Troy has also held several key leadership positions in his career; most recently as Director of Roads and Public Works for Mississippi Mills. Mr. Dunlop was heavily involved in the development of Mississippi Mills' first ever Active Transportation Master Plan in 2016 along with therecommended rollout of a new Active Transportation Advisory Committee.

Troy also has amassed a broad range of public works and engineering experience in his 23 years of work and has also serve the public with the City of Ottawa, the Town of Perth and the City of Parksville on Vancouver Island. Troy earned a diploma in Civil Engineering Technology from St. Lawrence College and holds a Certified Engineering Technologist (CET) designation with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists.

Egerton Boyce
Belleville City Councillor

"In 2015 identifying more as a couch potato than a fitness buff with a knowledge more of the local drive thru guide than the Canadian food Guide. Councillor Egerton Boyce seemed an unlikely driving force to convince his colleagues on City Council to invest millions of dollars over the next several years in bike lanes, shared roads, multi-purpose trails and establish a cycling strategic plan along with an active transportation committee that would lead to a Bronze Friendly Community Award with the Share the Road organization in 2017...yet it happened. Listen to the 15 year Belleville City Councillor and recently committed cycling activist as he tells you how if a junk food loving Councillor can transform a City Hall philosophy of cars only on roads to a safe shared road priority...how anyone can achieve the same results with the right approach. Nothing fancy....just results."

Ken Forgeron, BES
Senior Planner, Regional Niagara

I am a lifelong St. Catharines resident and graduated from the University of Waterloo (Ontario) in 1975 with an Honours Environmental Studies degree in Geography.

Up until my retirement in the spring of 2013, I was the Manager of Policy Alignment with the Niagara Region Integrated Community Planning Department. I was a Registered Professional Planner in the Canadian Institute of Planners and the Ontario Professional Planners Institute. Over almost 38 years with the Region, I dealt with land use policy matters involving Official Plans, Zoning By-laws, environmental resources, Niagara Escarpment matters, mineral aggregate development, trail development and bicycle transportation planning. I was the staff co-ordinator for the Planning Department on the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee for 17 years. My involvement in bicycle transportation spans policy development, network development, education, enforcement and encouragement.

Since my retirement I continued to volunteer as a Policy advisor with the Regional Niagara Bicycling Committee concerning matters of Provincial, Regional and local municipal interest. I have served as a Board Member with the Ontario Share the Road Cycling Coalition, currently am the Vice Chair of Niagara's Active Transportation Sub-Committee, and am a member of the Niagara Freewheelers Bicycle Touring Club. I have participated on local municipal sub-committees for the cities of Welland, St. Catharines, Niagara Falls and the Town of Pelham to develop and submit successful applications for Bicycle Friendly Communities Award recognition. Finally, I have assisted both the Waterfront Regeneration Trust and Ontario Greenbelt Foundation on various policy matters as well as trail development initiatives.

Kate Whitfield, P.Eng., MCIP, RPP

Professional Engineer and Professional Planner with Alta Planning and Design

Kate is both a Professional Engineer and a Registered Professional Planner. Kate has led projects from the functional planning stage, through detailed design and construction. Kate has worked on walking and cycling projects from coast to coast including Halifax, Fredericton, Ottawa, the GTA, Winnipeg and Vancouver. Kate leads Alta's Canadian operations from Ottawa. Kate grew up in Kingston and can now be seen around Ottawa on her beloved cargo bike.

Steve Roberts, C.E.T.

Civil Engineering Professor at St. Lawrence College

Retired Manager of County Road and Bridges (County of Lennox and Addington)

Steve is a part-time professor at St. Lawrence College – Kingston Campus in the Civil Engineering program. Steve has a broad range of experience in municipal transportation infrastructure design, operations/maintenance, and construction and capital project management, including the development of County of Lennox and Addington's "County Trails" paved shoulder network. Steve is a Civil Engineering Technology graduate from St. Lawrence College and holds a Certified Engineering Technologist (CET) designation with the Ontario Association of Certified Engineering Technicians and Technologists, as well as, certification with the Ontario Good Roads Association and the Association of Ontario Road Supervisors. Steve is a member of District 8 Road Supervisors Associate and Eastern Ontario road managers networking group.

Hillary Geneau

Executive Director, Downtown Brockville Business Improvement Area

Hillary Geneau is the Executive Director of the Downtown Brockville Business Improvement Area (DBIA), which has been designated as a bike-friendly area by Ontario By Bike. Hillary is new to the active transport world, but tries to be an advocate in her personal life, as well as professionally where she tries to weave active transport objectives into work projects. She prefers walking as her mode of transportation whenever possible.