

BIOS – WALK Friendly Ontario Application Review Team 2014

Nancy Smith Lea – Director, Toronto Centre for Active Transportation

Nancy Smith Lea is the Director of the Toronto Centre for Active Transportation (TCAT), a project of the registered charity Clean Air Partnership. She joined TCAT's first steering committee and helped to craft its platform that raised the profile of active transportation in the 2006 municipal election, and was hired to lead TCAT in 2008. TCAT advances knowledge and evidence to build support for safe and inclusive streets for walking and cycling. Nancy leads all of TCAT's research and programs, including the annual Complete Streets Forum.

Nancy has decades of experience in research and project management and has been actively involved in working toward improving conditions for active transportation in Toronto since 1993. She was an advisor on the Toronto Public Health report released in 2012 titled "Road to Health: Improving Walking and Cycling in Toronto". She is a steering committee member of the University of Toronto's "Cycling for All: An Urban Cycling Think and Do Tank" research project and a member of the University of British Columbia's Bicyclists Injuries and the Cycling Environment research team. Currently, Nancy is a co-investigator (with Dr. Paul Hess at the University of Toronto) on a research project funded by Metrolinx: "Identifying and Overcoming Barriers to the Implementation of Active Transportation Policies."

Paul Young – Consultant, PublicSpaceWorkshop

Paul Young is a landscape architect and planner. He has designed streets, trails and parks for both public and private sector clients. He is also a health promoter at a Community Health Center in Toronto where he works to engage people in planning for a healthier community.

Combining the two skill sets Paul routinely conducts public engagement workshops to build understanding and commitments towards improving supports for walking, cycling and accessibility. He addresses both planning and urban design considerations by promoting complete communities with complete streets. He reviews policy and conducts speaking engagements.

Paul was on the Review Team that provided feedback to communities that took part in the pilot for WFO. Prior to that, he was on the judging panel for Canada Walks' Ontario Walkability Award of Excellence in 2010.

Sandy James – ASLA international, LEED AP, CCPI, MCIP (ret)

Sandy (Sandra) James is a city planner who champions walkable places and spaces. James was the greenways planner for the City of Vancouver, during which she developed innovative walking routes, green streets and open space projects including Blooming Boulevards, Neighbourhood Greenways, the award-winning Country Lane, and Vancouver's city wide greenways program.

In 2005, James was named to the *Vancouver Sun's* Honour Role as Neighbourhood Planner of the Year for her work in developing walkable places on Vancouver's east side. In 2011, she chaired the Walk21 Metro Vancouver Conference committee, which brought representatives

of the metro Vancouver region, municipalities, the universities, the health authorities and Translink together to host an international conference on walkability at Simon Fraser University.

James is a registered landscape architect and a LEED accredited professional. She is also a certified playground inspector, a certified mediator and a master gardener.

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Norma Moores – P. Eng., IBI Group

Norma has more than 25 years of transportation engineering experience. Her interest in active transportation started with incorporating bike lanes into road projects, and eventually led to a career in planning and designing for pedestrians and cyclists. Combining these interests with her experience in transportation led to becoming the first Canadian instructor for the Smart Growth America's Complete Streets workshops.

Norma is a fellow of the Institute of Transportation Engineers (ITE). She served for six years on the Board of the Association of Pedestrian and Bicycle Professionals (APBP), the only professional membership organization for the discipline of pedestrian and bicycle transportation with over 1,200 members.

Norma has made presentations and facilitated workshops and professional development seminars on a variety of active transportation topics including best practices in accessible sidewalks and street crossings, bikeway design, Complete Streets, and winter maintenance. Recommendations in the master plans and designs that she has worked on for communities of all sizes have been implemented in places such as Cape Breton Regional Municipality (NS); Charlottetown, Cornwall and Stratford (PE); Regions of Waterloo, Halton and Peel (ON); and Towns of Ajax and Whitby (ON).

Jennifer McGowan – School Travel Advisor, Metrolinx

Jennifer holds Bachelor Degrees in Environmental Studies, Geography from the University of Waterloo, and Education from the University of Toronto, as well as a Masters Degree in Development Studies from Dalhousie University. Prior to her current role as the School Travel Advisor at Metrolinx, she worked for various Ministries of the Ontario Government in communications, environment, and cultural heritage planning, as well as an educator and facilitator in various non-profit and educational settings.

Jennifer first became involved in active and sustainable school travel while working as the Youth Active Transportation Coordinator at the Ecology Action Centre in Halifax, Nova Scotia. She is passionate about getting children and youth active and outside, which includes working with adults to ensure that communities are planned and built to support active and sustainable travel for all ages.

Jacky Kennedy – Director, Canada Walks

Since 1993 Jacky Kennedy has worked in the non-profit sector to promote and encourage people to walk and she has worked extensively with municipalities to encourage them to

create great walking environments. Kennedy assisted in the creation of the North Toronto Green Community, overseeing several projects including the Toronto Renewable Energy Co-op (now renamed WindShare) and initiating Canada's first Active & Safe Routes to School (ASRTS) program in 1996 with Green Communities Canada. Kennedy managed the growth of ASRTS and led the development and implementation of a Canadian School Travel Planning model.

In 2007 Kennedy collaborated with the City of Toronto and Walk21 to co-host the Toronto 2007 Walk21 conference – the first time in Canada. In 2008, Green Communities, led by Jacky, created Canada Walks to bring all of their innovative walking initiatives under one umbrella.

Mandy Johnson – Active Transportation Consultant, Active By Nature

Mandy Johnson has worked as a fitness club owner/operator, a corporate health promotion manager, a senior manager in municipal recreation for the Town of Ajax, a community college lecturer in health and wellness, and as a consultant with the Ontario Ministry of Health Promotion. Previously with Green Communities Canada for more than 7 years, Mandy currently offers consulting services in Alberta and is also an instructor with Urban Poling. Through her work, she has been able to combine her background in health and fitness with her concern for the environment.

Mandy loves being active outdoors especially on her bike and coordinated the first Bike Month in Canmore in 2013. An avid cycle tourist, Mandy's advice and enthusiasm convinced the Waterfront Trust to initiate the Great Waterfront Trail adventure in 2008 and she served as a volunteer guide on the first two rides, cycling the trail from Niagara-on-the-Lake to the Quebec border. A passionate presenter, Mandy was honoured to be selected to the program committee for the International Walk 21 Conference held in Vancouver in 2011.