

Sixth Street Reconstruction – Council Resolution 341-2023

October 16, 2023

WHEREAS Sixth Street is the main east-west cycling corridor through the Town of Collingwood;

AND WHEREAS the necessary reconstruction of Sixth Street presents opportunity for improvements to the active transportation facilities that reflect up to date best practices;

AND WHEREAS the objective of the proposed design is to create a “complete street” that cost-efficiently preserves the existing boulevards, trees and hydro poles, while improving active transportation conveyances on both the North and South sides of the street;

AND WHEREAS the proposed design would introduce a two-way raised cycle track on the south side of the street only, that would be shared with pedestrians;

AND WHEREAS industry best practice is to avoid two-way cycle tracks because of the significantly increased risk of conflict with motor vehicles in situations where there are a large number of driveways and intersections as exist on Sixth Street;

AND WHEREAS the same shared track would impact the travel experience and safety of pedestrians in that the majority of users are cyclists, and this form of transportation is likely to increase with the growing number of cyclists, plus users of scooters, e-bikes and other power-driven personal transport devices;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Staff reconsider the proposed Sixth Street Reconstruction design and implement one way cycle tracks on the north and south sides, and a separate pedestrian sidewalk on the north side;

AND FURTHER THAT the design ensure that active transportation crossings at all intersections reflect best practices which may include cycle track pavement markings, raised crosswalks or other treatments that cost efficiently reflect best practice and improve safety of all active transportation facilities on the reconstructed street.

Image of the proposed cross section reflecting what Council would like to see implemented is provided below:

