

City of Belleville

Active Transportation Policy Readiness

Who Completed the Survey?

Residents (n=468)

66% female; 34% male

57% > age of 50

34% aged 30 - 49

9% aged 18 - 29

Stakeholders (n=30)

Representing:

- Social services
- Health
- Municipal
- Health NGO
- Education
- Housing
- Law enforcement
- Sports & recreation
- Other

In the fall of 2013, the Hastings & Prince Edward Counties Healthy Communities Partnership conducted a situational assessment on healthy eating and active living. The following is a brief summary of findings for the City of Belleville.

Planning & Investment in Active Transportation

- 88% of residents agreed and 85% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to invest in infrastructure improvements that provide more opportunities for active transportation.
- 83% of residents agreed and 76% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to create a plan to guide the development of walking and cycling routes.
- 92% of residents agreed and 96% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to design roads that are safe and attractive to pedestrians, cyclists, and people who use public transportation.

Children & Youth

- 94% of residents agreed and 85% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to make it easier for children and youth to walk or ride their bike to and from school.

Land Use Planning & Connectivity

- 88% of residents agreed and 81% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to design roads, including rural roads and off road trails so people can cycle and walk safely between neighbourhoods, villages, and municipalities.
- 86% of residents agreed and 80% of stakeholders rated it as important for the city to connect trails for people to walk or cycle between neighbourhoods, villages and municipalities.

75% of residents agreed that they would more likely vote for a municipal candidate if they support improving opportunities for walking, cycling and/or public transit.

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Focus Areas for Policy Development

Most Supported

Municipal policies that increase opportunities for active transportation



Municipal policies that decrease dependency on the automobile



Least Supported

Municipal policies that would govern municipal actions related to active transportation

