

# Hastings County

## Active Transportation Policy Readiness

### Who Completed the Survey?

#### Residents (n=258)

74% female; 26% male

67% > age of 50

23% aged 30-49

11% aged 18 - 29

#### Stakeholders (n=73)

Representing:

- Municipal
- Social services
- Health
- Sports & recreation
- Education
- Economic development
- Agriculture
- Transportation
- 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 Hastings County.

### Planning & Investment in Active Transportation

- 80% of residents agreed and 86% of stakeholders rated it as important for the county to invest in infrastructure improvements that provide more opportunities for active transportation.
- 81% of residents and 89% of stakeholders rated it as important for the county to design roads that are safe and attractive to pedestrians, cyclists, and people who use public transportation.

### Children & Youth

- 89% of residents agreed and 95% of stakeholders rated it as important for the county to make it easier for children and youth to walk or ride their bike to and from school.

### Land Use Planning & Connectivity

- 84% of residents agreed and 80% of stakeholders rated it as important for the county to design roads, including rural roads and off road trails so people can cycle and walk safely between neighbourhoods, villages, and municipalities.
- 80% of residents agreed and 80% of stakeholders rated it as important for the county to connect trails for people to walk or cycle between neighbourhoods, villages and municipalities.

**73% of residents agreed they would be more likely to 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 reduce dependency on the automobile



#### Least Supported

Municipal policies that govern municipal actions related to active transportation

