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Re: Ontario Active School Travel Fund Steering Committee

We are excited to announce success with an application to the Ontario Active School Travel Fund.

This project will allow community partners to work together in encouraging and enhancing opportunities for active school travel by establishing an Active School Travel (AST) Steering Committee and hiring a Project Coordinator to implement school travel planning across Timiskaming. Using the "5 E's Approach" (education, encouragement, engineering, enforcement and evaluation), we will build support for students to engage in active transportation. Our first task is selecting schools that would benefit from school travel planning.

Municipalities are key in the development of communities that promote active travel and we hope to build on the work that many of you are already doing. We do not yet know which schools will be part of the project, but if any participating schools are located within your community, we hope that you will be able to join in supporting the young people within your jurisdiction.

As a key partner, we hope you are able to join the upcoming Active School Travel (AST) Steering Committee meeting.

When: July 3, 2019 from 1:30-3 pm.

How to join: THU office in Kirkland Lake or New Liskeard, or via teleconference.

RSVP: RSVP to Crystal Gorman at gormanc@timiskaminghu.com or 705-567-9355 x3238.

We know that municipalities, particularly smaller ones, may have difficulty participating in all aspects of this project. **If you are unable to attend, but would like to follow the project's implementation (including list of participating schools), please indicate within your RSVP.**

Municipal representation is key to the success of this project and ideally includes support from public works, planning and elected officials. Recognizing that capacity constraints may not allow from representation of all three of these departments at each meeting, our hope is that everyone can be connected in some way. We hope to have all groundwork for this project established over the course of the summer and begin working with schools in September/October 2019.

We look forward to working with you in supporting students to safely get active to and from school.

Sincerely,

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