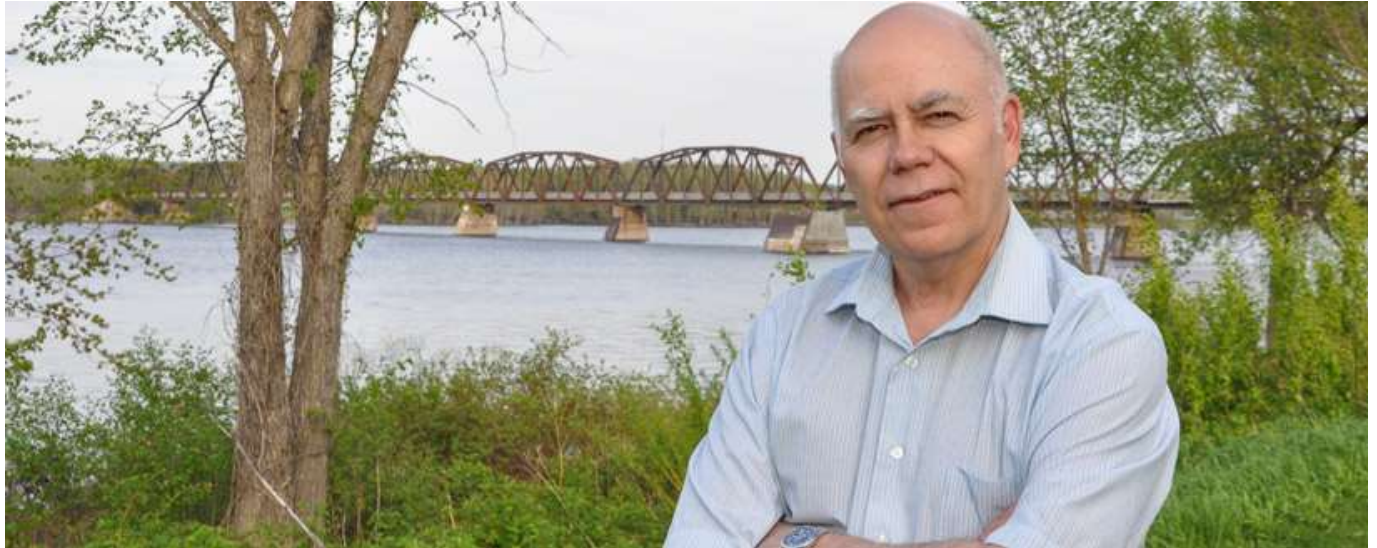


# Community Gathering Skyline Acres

September 30, 2017



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## **1. David's Report from the Legislature**

David began the community gathering by giving an update on what has been happening at the legislature since the last community gathering. Some of the topics discussed included:

- The legislature will resume sitting October 24<sup>th</sup>
- The Public Accounts Committee is meeting currently

## **2. Greg's Report from City Hall**

Greg then gave an update on his work at City Hall since the last community gathering. Here's some of what he brought up:

- We are working on a park plan for Odell Park and Killarney Lake
- We are also working on small, green spaces and parks in neighbourhoods. Some issues are arising around changes made without consultations. There is a desire for more consultation with residents in the affected areas.

## **3. Presentation: College Hill - Skyline Acres Active Transportation Connection**

Dawn Gordon gave a summary of how the College Hill - Skyline Acres Active Transportation Connection vision came to be. She and Trevor Hanson presented designs for the plan, FAQs and a description sheet. See attached Appendices

- At a previous community gathering, a ped-way was identified as something that would improve our community.
- Volunteers came forward to further develop the concept, which now includes walking, cycling, wheeling, transit and parking for the campuses.
- A draft concept was tested at City Hall, and brought back to the residents for reaction on June 25 2017.
- A new facebook page was launched in September 2017 to help promote the concept.

## 4. Q&A Discussion

1. Q: Is this (Active Transportation Connection) a good use of tax payer money? What about the water and sewer infrastructure needs?

Greg Ericson: Water and Sewer infrastructure is a separate budget from these types of infrastructures.

Dawn Gordon: If the city is considering similar projects with a view to increasing opportunities for active transportation, then we wish to promote the value of this concept.

Trevor Hanson: This would be an investment in our future as it would help foster changes in travel behaviour today by reducing our reliance on the single occupancy vehicle

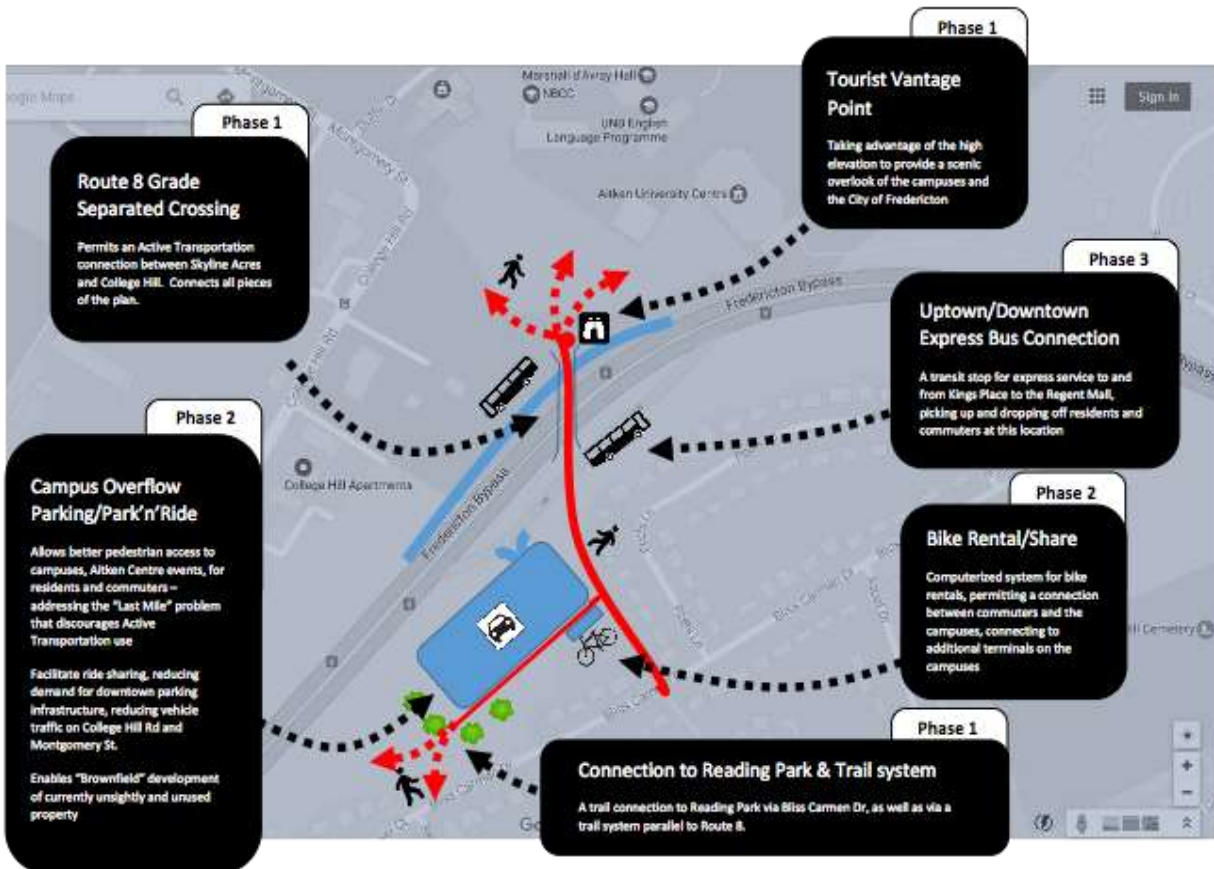
2. Q: Where are we with an aquatic centre to replace the Aitken Centre Pool?

Mayor Mike O'Brien: City is in active discussion with the university. Progress is being made.

## 5. Follow Up

The Skyline Acres committee promoting the College Hill- Skyline Active Transportation Connection has been receiving positive feedback from the presentations they have made to the universities and community college administrations. I would encourage everyone interested in this community effort to join the Facebook Group of the same name. The next step is to present to key stakeholder, UNB, STU and NBCC. The committee will then meet to discuss next steps (presentations were made to UNB, STU and NBCC during the month of November 2017, and the committee met again on January 15, 2018).

## 6. Appendices: Transportation Connection design, FAQ's



**Southside Active Transportation Hub:**  
A new vision for connecting Fredericton will...

- Increase use of walking, biking, wheeling
- Increase transit use and shared transportation
- Decrease traffic congestion and parking
- Decrease environmental footprint
- Repurpose unsightly, unused land

## Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

### **Who created this concept?**

Community volunteers came forward to work on the idea of a pedestrian crossing after a 2015 community meeting in which the idea of a pedestrian crossing was identified as a desirable feature for our community. The group of volunteers refined this idea by developing a broader multimodal concept for growing active transportation in Fredericton, facilitated by the connection created by a pedestrian and cyclist crossing of Route 8 between College Hill and Skyline Acres.

### **Is this the final design?**

No, this is a concept drawing to help community members discuss the ideas and vision. No study has been done of the technical feasibility of any of these proposed elements; however, in the past, technical drawings of a pedestrian crossing in the same location has been done.

### **Will cars be able to use this crossing?**

No, the proposed crossing is for pedestrians and cyclists only; access to the park'n'ride would be from Route 8 only, not Skyline Acres.

### **How much will this cost?**

The cost is unknown; a technical evaluation would be required for an estimate.

### **How many people will use the Skyline Active Transportation Connection?**

There is already considerable foot and cycle traffic between Skyline and College Hill, across Route 8. A study by UNB students in October 2015 found that for a 6 hour count (7- 10 am, 4- 7 pm) on a Wednesday, there were a total of 50 people crossing over the highway at that location. The success of the Bill Thorpe walking bridge, as well as the bridge at St. Anne's Point suggest many more new users would be attracted to a safe crossing.

### **How do we make this concept a reality?**

You can show your support by writing a letter or email to the mayor and council, to show the city how much our community supports this concept and wants to see it happen – the more voices the better!

Success for this campaign would be a commitment from the City of Fredericton to make this a capital priority. This requires a commitment from Council and the Mayor to incorporate this project into the capital projects for the city, making it part of the city's infrastructure planning. From there, the City can begin bringing on provincial partners and eventually the federal government.

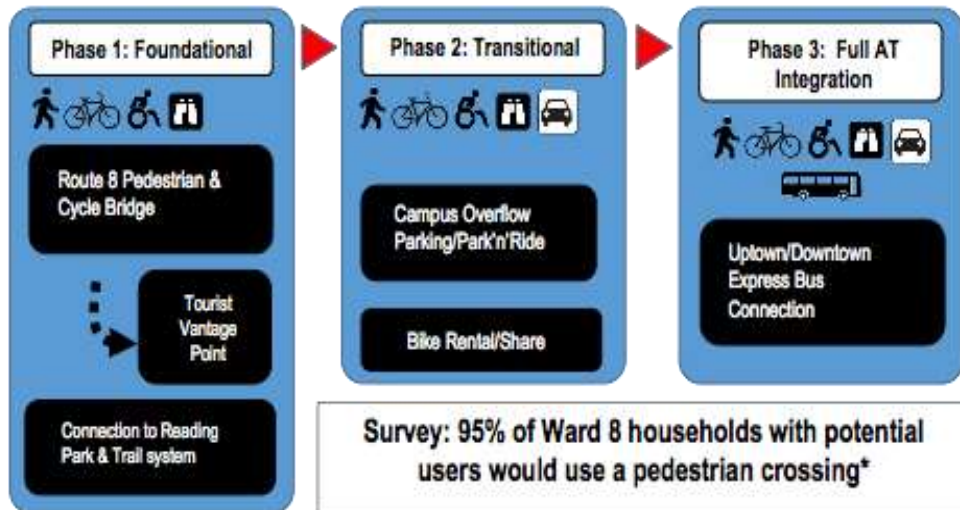


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It is time to change how we travel...  
It is time for the...

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# College Hill-Skyline Active Transportation Connection:

A new vision for connecting Fredericton



\*Data based on Survey of Ward 8 residents conducted in fall 2015; 54 completed surveys were received each representing a separate household and a total of 144 residents. Potential users = present (either work uptown, students in Fredericton uptown, or students at schools in Skyline - [future FHS students])