

Foreword

The Planning and Design Guidelines set out in this report were developed as part of the York Region Pedestrian and Cycling Master Plan. They are intended to guide the Region and its partners in improving pedestrian facilities and developing a regional-scale cycling network. These guidelines contain information and recommendations regarding typical planning and design solutions for pedestrian and cycling facility planning, design and implementation.

The guidelines were developed through an iterative process that involved an extensive review of guidelines and best practices from other municipalities and jurisdictions as well as input from Regional staff, York Region's Pedestrian and Cycling Advisory Committee and other stakeholders. Public input was used to identify guidelines for specific features of the master plan.

The Planning and Design Guidelines provide the Region of York with the tools necessary to design and implement a pedestrian and bicycle network that responds to what residents believe is needed to improve conditions for walking and cycling in York Region and is based on engineering and planning best practices.

The guidelines described in this report are intended to act as a general reference for pedestrian and cycling network planners, designers and the public. They are a carefully selected set of currently accepted design practices in North America and should be treated as a reference to be consulted during the development and construction of pedestrian and cycling facilities. Where appropriate, references are given to the most relevant detailed design standards and manuals, which include the details on currently accepted practices. These sources are identified in **Chapter 9.0**, and should be assumed by the Region as the primary reference for walking and cycling facility guidelines and standards in Ontario.

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