

## Lead Town of Blind River

### Partners

- Algoma Public Health
- Ontario Provincial Police

Contact [blindriver.ca](http://blindriver.ca)

**Budget \$122,550**

(\$60,000 OAST Fund + \$62,550 matching local support)



### Overview

The project will introduce School Travel Planning (STP) to Blind River and serve as a pilot for other communities in the East Algoma region. A new local AST steering committee will work to strengthen the coordination and sustainability of existing and new active school travel (AST) programming.

### Project highlights

- » Implementing STP at all schools in Blind River in order to develop a community-wide action plan to address safety and other barriers. Activities may include route mapping, identifying “safe stop” locations, recruiting volunteers to lead walk-to-school groups, and delivering cycling skills training.
- » Strengthening local partnerships through a new, diverse AST steering committee made up of municipal, public health, school board, school, parent, student and First Nations representatives.
- » Enhancing linkages between local recreation clubs, schools and families.

### What they're saying

***“In addition to reinforcing public safety, this is an excellent opportunity for our officers to interact with youth in our community and build positive relationships...As a community the Town of Blind River stands to gain substantially from this type of proactive wellness initiative.”***

~Inspector Tyler Sturgeon, Commander, East Algoma Detachment, Ontario Provincial Police