

Lead Town of Blind River

Partners

- Algoma Public Health
- Ontario Provincial Police

Contact

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Budget **\$122,550**

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

Overview

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

Project highlights

- » Implemented STP at three schools through a community-wide action plan that addressed safety and other barriers to AST. Measures included mapping routes, recruiting volunteers to lead walk-to-school groups, and delivering cycling skills training.
- » Improved infrastructure by installing new bike racks and bike repair stations in key locations as well as adding new signage and crosswalks in school zones.

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

