



Jacky Kennedy:

Jacky is a walking activist from Toronto, who has a passion for walking and in helping others to make their communities more walkable. Prior to her retirement in December 2016 she worked for Green Communities Canada, as their Director of Walking Programmes that includes their Active and Safe Routes to School initiative. She was one of the founders of International Walk to School and Canada Walks, and is a past member of the conference strategy group of Walk21.

Notes from the podcast interview by Andrew Stuck: Interviewed In May and published in July 2008 on <http://talkingwalking.net>

Green Communities Canada <http://greencommunitiescanada.org> Active and Safe Routes to School <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca> International Walk to School <http://www.iwalktoschool.org> – in its formative years it won the prestigious 2002 Stockholm Partnership for Sustainable Communities award <http://www.partnerships.stockholm.se/press/winners.asp> Walk21 initiative and international conferences <http://www.walk21.com> – including the 2007 conference from Toronto which Green Communities co-hosted <http://www.walk21.com/conferences/toronto.asp>

Tom Sammuels <http://www.americawalks.org/Content/10013/preview.html> David Engwicht is an Australian community and transport activist and author – his latest book is called “Mental Speed Bumps” – he was first to conceive the idea of the “Walking School Bus”. <http://www.9geniuses.com> <http://www.lesstraffic.com> <http://www.mentalspeedbumps.com/index.htm>

Jacky has drawn inspiration from Sustrans’ Safer Routes to School programme in the UK. <http://www.sustrans.org.uk/default.asp?SID=1094226578046>

Jacky mentions Jim and Rodney when talking about Walk21 – they are Jim Walker and Rodney Tolley, its co-chairs. Rodney is the editor of the seminal work “The Greening of Urban Transport” now in its 4th edition.

The International Charter for Walking <https://www.walk21.com/charter>

The Guinness World Record Walk <http://canadawalks.ca/about/>

Canadian “walkability roadshows” took place, under Jacky’s direction and in partnership with Walk21, in 2007, 2009, and 2011: <http://canadawalks.ca/resources/>

Jacky’s favourite walk is along the sea wall in Vancouver from the Museum of Anthropology towards the city [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seawall_\(Vancouver\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Seawall_(Vancouver)) or <http://www.city.vancouver.bc.ca/parks/rec/beaches/spanishbank.htm#speast>

She mentions her fellow activist and friend Bernadette Kowey – listen Bernadette talking about her work in promoting walking to school in British Columbia at http://www.talkingwalking.net/public/Talking_Walking/Entries/2008/3/8_Bernadette_Kowey_Talking_Walking.html

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What Jacky has done since our interview and what has happened in Canada

Walkability roadshows conducted across Canada in 2009 and 2011; in Alberta we held 5 community workshops and trained Alberta Health Services to deliver them, which they continue to do and presented on at Walk21 in Calgary in 2017.

Walk21 Vancouver 2011; Walk21 Calgary 2017 – Advisor to both.



Development of the WALK Friendly Communities designation program <http://walkfriendly.ca>. See the Showcase document for the communities awarded designation to date: <http://canadawalks.ca/wp-content/uploads/2015/09/WFO-Showcase.pdf>.

ASRTS:

In 2010-12 GCC had three years of funding from Canadian Partnership Against Cancer. To develop a Canadian School Travel Planning model and implement it in every province and territory, getting new programs off the ground and helping to strengthen existing ones. That work has continued through today with so many incredible successes: <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/CLASP-2012-National-Results.pdf>.

Today the ASRTS program in Ontario is moving to a very sustainable level with 3 years of funding to work with school districts to implement school travel planning. An example of how this came to be was work I directed with Heart & Stroke Foundation resulting in this report: <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/wp-content/uploads/2017/08/Active-School-Travel-Provincial-Priorities-Report.pdf>. Ontario government has now provided funding to GCC to greatly expand the STP model.

There's lots of detail on how STP has evolved in Canada here: <http://www.saferoutestoschool.ca/school-travel-planning/>

I led GCC's work with University of Toronto on several ASRTS and STP research initiatives, and one on cost-effectiveness of STP is covered in the book: *Walking: Connecting Sustainable Transport with Health*; Edited by Corinne Mulley, Klaus Gebel and Ding Ding; Emerald Publishing – Chapter 6 *Walking To and From School* (me and George Mammen, PhD).

Jacky retired at the end of 2016 but continues to provide advice and guidance on sustainable and active transportation.