



STAFF REPORT ACTION REQUIRED

Bicycle Locker Project Progress Report

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To:	Planning and Growth Management Committee
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Wards:	All
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SUMMARY

This report provides an update on the Bicycle Locker Pilot Project and requests Council's authority to amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441 to establish a Bicycle Locker User Fee, and a Bicycle Locker Key Replacement Fee in support of the Bicycle Locker Project. The Bike Locker Project provides enhanced bicycle parking facilities and helps fulfill recommendations 9-1 and 9-2 of the Toronto Bike Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

1. Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, to establish a Bicycle Locker User Fee of \$10.00 + GST per month, for a minimum rental period of 4 months and maximum rental period of 12 months, effective August 1st, 2007, which is not subject to an annual adjustment.
2. Council amend the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, to establish a Bicycle Locker Key Replacement Fee of \$90.00 + GST effective August 1st, 2007, which is not subject to an annual adjustment, for a lost or stolen key or for failure to return a key before the conclusion of a user agreement.
3. Council authorize the City Solicitor to prepare the necessary changes to the Toronto Municipal Code, Chapter 441, and the appropriate City Officials be authorized and directed to take the necessary action to give effect thereto.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Establishment of the recommended monthly Bicycle Locker User Fee will help mitigate the costs of administering this program. There are no additional operating budget implications resulting from adoption of the recommendations, nor additional resources required for this initiative beyond what is already included in the Division's 2007 Operating Budget. Annual revenues are dependant on both bicycle locker usage and capacity. Based on 2006 trends, the Division anticipates revenues in 2007 of approximately \$8,280.00 with no incremental impact in 2008.

The Deputy City Manager and Chief Financial Officer has reviewed this report and concurs with this financial impact statement.

DECISION HISTORY

City Council at its meeting of September 25, 26 and 27, 2006, adopted Planning & Transportation Committee Report 6, Clause 6 "User Fees for the Bicycle Locker Pilot Project", as amended, and authorized the collection of user fees for the Bicycle Locker Pilot Project.

<http://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/2006/agendas/council/cc060925/plt6rpt/cl006.pdf>

ISSUE BACKGROUND

The Toronto Bike Plan recommendation 9-1 "Manage City-wide Bicycle Parking Strategy" calls for the management of a comprehensive city-wide bicycle parking program and recommendation 9-2 "Research Enhanced Bicycle Parking Facilities" calls for enhanced bicycle parking facilities, including bicycle locker and bicycle parking shelters.

The Bicycle Locker Project involves the installation of locker units at transit stations and other locations where the demand for secure, long-term bicycle parking has been identified and, therefore, helps fulfill recommendations 9-1 and 9-2 of the Toronto Bike Plan noted above.

COMMENTS

The Bicycle Locker Project is delivered jointly by the Transportation Services and City Planning divisions. Transportation Services is responsible for the purchase, installation and maintenance of the bicycle lockers. City Planning is responsible for the administration and promotion of the program.

Bicycle lockers are secure, weatherproof bicycle parking facilities and encourage cycling in the City of Toronto by working to remove significant barriers such as fears of theft, vandalism and lack of weather protection provided by existing, short-term bicycle

parking facilities. To date, a total of 82 lockers have been installed, and an additional 72 lockers will be installed in 2007. The Bicycle Locker Project is a great example of the City of Toronto's commitment to building a green and sustainable transportation system and is helping fulfill one of the primary goals of the Toronto Bike Plan: "To double the number of bicycle trips made in the City of Toronto, as a percentage of total trips by 2011".

In accordance with Council's direction, staff undertook a Bicycle Locker Pilot Project in 2006 which set a user fee of \$10.00 + GST per month for the pilot period. Based on an evaluation of the 2006 pilot, staff are recommending that the Bicycle Locker User fee be established at \$10 + GST a month, for a minimum rental period of 4 months and maximum rental period of 12 months, in order to encourage the use of the bicycle lockers and promote bicycle commuting in Toronto. Best practices from successful bicycle locker programs in other Canadian and U.S. cities (including Vancouver, Hamilton, Ann Arbor (MI), Portland (OR)) show fees of \$10 a month or less. In addition, staff are recommending a Bicycle Locker Key Replacement Fee be established at \$90.00 + GST for a lost or stolen key or for failure to return a key before the conclusion of a user agreement. The revenues generated from this Bicycle Locker fee will help to mitigate the program's administrative and promotional costs.

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