

April 22, 2008

To: Parks and Environment Committee

From: Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee

Subject: **Winter Snow Removal on Bike Lanes**

Recommendation:

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee requests the Parks and Environment Committee to request the General Manager, Parks, Forestry and Recreation to review and report on the feasibility of removing the snow from the Martin Goodman Trail in the west end of Toronto.

Decision Advice and Other Information:

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee requested the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee to request the General Manager, Transportation Services Division to:

1. review and report on all bike lanes and trail paths under the jurisdiction of Transportation Services Division, in order to determine and advise which bike lanes can be identified as priority bike lanes in order to ensure the snow is removed from those bike lanes rather than the snow being cleared only; and
2. as part of the review and report, consider identifying the following bike lanes as priority bike lanes, as identified by the Toronto Cycling and Advisory Committee:
 - a. Harbord Street;
 - b. St. George Street/Beverley Street;
 - c. Davenport Road/Dupont Street;
 - d. Sherbourne Street;
 - e. Lakeshore Bike Path from the Beaches to downtown Toronto;
 - f. Dundas Street East;
 - g. Danforth Avenue Viaduct; and
 - h. College Street.

Background:

Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee, at the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting on March 17, 2008, requested Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee members to provide a listing at the next Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee meeting on April 14, 2008, of key priority bike lanes that, in their opinion, should be kept clear of snow.

The purpose of the lists from the members will be to prepare one final list and request that appropriate funding be allocated in the 2008/2009 Transportation Services Division Operating Budget, snow clearing operations, to ensure that the identified priority bike lanes are kept clear of snow during 2008/2009 snow season.

Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee Members provided the following list of key priority bike lanes for consideration:

- a. Harbord Street;
- b. St. George Street/Beverley Street;
- c. Davenport Road/ Dupont Street;
- d. Sherbourne Street; and
- e. Lakeshore Bike Path from the Beaches to downtown Toronto.

The Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee also had before it the following attached communications:

1. (March 17, 2008) from Kelly Carmichael, Co-Chair, East Toronto Community Coalition, requesting the TCAC to consider including the Lakeshore Bike Lane on the list of key priority bike lanes for winter snow removal; and
2. (April 13, 2008) from John MacMillan, requesting the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee to consider adding the Bloor Street Viaduct to the list of priority bike lanes.

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