

NOTICE OF MOTION

Indoor Bicycle Parking Facilities For Agencies Boards and Commissions

Moved by: **Councillor Heaps**

SUMMARY:

Each year, thousands of bicycle thefts are being reported to the City of Toronto Police Services. The Toronto Bike Plan (2001) states that a comprehensive bicycle parking program must provide two levels of parking to match cyclists' needs. In addition to short-term bicycle parking, an enhanced level of service is required for long-term bicycle parking that is geared toward employees, students, residents and others who will be parking for more than two hours. A comprehensive public attitude survey conducted in 1999 asked recreational cyclists what improvements would encourage them to use their bicycles to travel to work or school. Nine percent of respondents (representing 49,000 cyclists) identified secure bicycle parking as their second most important need, second only to more bike lanes. In addition, secure bicycle storage facilities at convenient locations are an important component of the Sustainable Transportation Implementation Strategy (2007).

Currently, the City's Bicycle Locker program has installed secure bicycle lockers outside at major transit hubs across the city, and an indoor, staffed Bicycle Station will be implemented near Union Station later this year. The high demand for secure bicycle storage facilities has been demonstrated by the long waiting lists for the current bicycle locker locations as well as numerous public requests for new locations. However, bicycle lockers are an interim solution until more permanent, secure bicycle parking facilities can be achieved. Since one of the biggest challenges is to secure sufficient property for installing these facilities, this motion recommends that high quality, secure bicycle parking facilities be included in the design and construction or rehabilitation of all City facilities in the future.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. That managers of all City agencies, boards and commissions be requested to include secure long-term bicycle parking facilities in the design and construction or rehabilitation of all publicly owned City facilities.

2. That the Chief General Manager of the TTC be requested to include secure long-term bicycle parking facilities in the design and construction phases of all current and future TTC stations including Victoria Park, Pape and Kipling Stations.
3. That all new long term bicycle parking facilities implemented in City owned facilities be constructed according to City standards and guidelines for high quality bicycle parking facilities in new developments.

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