

March 17, 2008

E-mail from Kelly Carmichael, Co-Chair, East Toronto Community Coalition to Councillor A. A. Heaps, Chair, Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

Dear Councillor Heaps,

I have noticed on the agenda for this evening's TCAC meeting that you will be discussing "Winter Snow Removal on Bike Lanes" (8:00 - 8:15pm).

I would like the committee to consider adding the Lakeshore bike lane to your list of options. This bike lane is a unique and precious gift to the residents of east Toronto, protected from City streets with its own traffic signalling. It is one of the most direct and safest bike routes in Toronto for cycling.

As an East End resident, I use the path to get into the downtown core whenever it is clear. During the winter, Beach and Leslieville residents are forced onto street bike lanes that are over-run with snow banks, creating a dangerous obstacle course for riders.

Keeping the Lakeshore bike route clear all year round would ensure safe travel to the many cyclists who choose to cycle/commute to work all year round. We hope you will give it a priority in your discussions today!

Thank you for your consideration,

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E-mail from Kelly Carmichael, Co-Chair, East Toronto Community Coalition to Frank Baldassini, Committee Secretary, forwarding additional information for consideration by the TCAC.

Absolutely! Also, I don't mind if you tell them who it came from, the East Toronto Community Coalition has a list-serve of over 700 East Toronto residents. It would mean a lot to all of us.

You may also know that Toronto City Council recently voted to designate the Lakeshore bikepath as "parkland", removing it from the Lakeshore road-allowance and protecting for future generations.

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