



City of Toronto

Sustainable Transportation Directory

The 2000 Essential Directory of Groups, Projects, Initiatives and more!



407 Highway Action Group

Working to have governments shift resources from new highway construction and road widening projects to transit and facilities for pedestrians and cyclists has been a priority of alternative transportation movements world-wide. Because land use affects transportation needs, community development is also a concern. Communities with a focus on walking, biking, and transit rather than cars are compact, offer a large range of neighbourhood services, and require less land for roads and parking. With land used more efficiently for transportation and community development, foodland and natural habitats can be saved.

Here in the GTA, the 407 Action Group, a member of Environmentalists Plan Transportation, has been leading the fight against Highway (Hwy) 407 being built just outside of Toronto's borders. Environmentalists from Friends of the Farewell (watershed) in the Clarington/Oshawa area are active participants. Members of the 407 Action Group are also working with the Last Green Door Co-op, (created by tenants on the provincial Duffin-Rouge Agricultural Preserve), and the Green Door Alliance to save prime agricultural land in the path of Hwy 407 from development. The provincial government is now in the process of selling the agricultural preserve. The Green Door Alliance has successfully got Pickering and Durham to agree to place agricultural easements on the Preserve in Pickering. Markham has still to agree. The Last Green Door is investigating the formation of an agricultural land trust.

The initial 36-kilometre segment of Hwy 407 between Brampton and Markham opened in June 1997. Electronic tolls went into operation October 1997. The complete 69 kilometre central section from Hwy 401 in Halton to Hwy 48 in Markham cost \$1.25 billion. Hwy 407 was sold for \$3.1 billion in 1999 to a private consortium, 407 International Inc., which includes SNC-Lavalin of Quebec and Grupo Ferrovial of Spain. The consortium is obligated to extend the highway further east and west at a cost of \$1 billion for the additional 39 kilometres. The eastern section is slated to eventually connect to Hwy 35/115. The consortium has a 99-year lease to operate the highway and collect tolls.

On completion, the express toll road will be about 153 kilometres, the largest highway project of its kind in North America. Highway 407 is just the beginning: it is Ontario's first highway in a new era of highway construction that will use road pricing schemes such as tolls to accelerate the construction of new roads in the province.

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Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC)

On Monday, July 22, 1996 a young woman was killed under the wheels of a truck on Bathurst at Queen St. W. In an atmosphere of outrage, a group of cyclists came together and issued an inaugural media release titled "CYCLISTS DEMAND CORONER'S INQUEST". The following Friday, on July 26th, two cyclists were arrested while participating in a Critical Mass ride and charged with mischief, failure to stop for police and obstructing police. An ad-hoc group of cyclists took up the challenge issued by one of the arresting officers that nobody would stand up for the two cyclists and ARC was born. Five days later, on July 31st, a second woman was killed by a right turning truck... an incident that eerily mirrored the first death. Without having planned it, this group of cyclists found itself responding to one crisis after another in brisk succession.

Memorials were quickly planned for the riders who had been killed and fundraisers organized to raise legal defence funds for the Critical Mass arrestees (after two appeals, the last criminal charge was finally dropped on January 27, 1998).

By the end of the summer, cycling safety had become a continuing news story; the City of Toronto had added over half a million dollars to its existing cycling programs and committed itself to adding 15 km of new bike lanes every year for 5 years. The Regional Coroner had convened a committee to study data on cycling death and injury, and a group known as ARC - short for Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists - had been born.

Since that time ARC's mandate has expanded to include:

- Lobbying, direct action and education on issues of cyclists' rights;
- Legal defence, support and advice for survivors of car-bike collisions, and for cyclists unfairly charged with traffic offences;
- Grassroots agitation directed at changing our society's dependence on the automobile.

For more information on ARC's achievements and activities please call 416-504-2918 ext. 1 or visit www.web.net/~detour/arc.

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Sponsors/Partners

Community Bicycle Network (CBN) members were involved in launching ARC. CBN and Transportation Options (TO) provide ARC with meeting space at Intersection (Sustainable Transportation office) and a phone line.



Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 113

Before we became Amalgamated Transit Union Local 113, we were Division 113, and before that...employees of the Toronto Street Railway System had been attempting to form a union for over a decade. Finally, in 1893 - two years after the system had been purchased from the City of Toronto by Sir William McKenzie - their attempts culminated in success with the establishment of Division 113 of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees of America.

Whoa! We're getting ahead of ourselves here...you need to know our members worked for the Toronto Street Railway, the predecessor to what became known as the Toronto Transportation Commission (TTC). Another thing you need to know is the excellent reputation the TTC has is a direct result of the work the front-line soldiers - the union workers - have done since day one. In fact, the TTC wouldn't be the fine transit system it is today without the blood, sweat and dedication union workers have expended over the years.

A record of the events that led up to the actual formation of the Union is provided in the minutes, which were kept at each meeting - August 20th, 1893: Minutes of the first meeting called for the purpose of forming a Society of the employees of the Toronto Street Railway System for their protection and mutual benefit. Invitations were by private ticket and the meeting was quite a success with 171 attendees. The inclusion of phrases such as "protection and mutual benefit" and "invitations given privately" gives some indication of the struggle and obstacles the employees had to overcome in building their union. On the one hand, they needed "protection" against the conditions that necessitated their working six full days each week, 14 hours a day, at 15c per hour on whatever shift or type of work the company arbitrarily assigned to them, without vacations or heat on the open horse-cars. On the other hand, their attempts to organize had to be done in private for fear of reprisals from the company. By the end of 1893, the Union had 640 members. The dues were originally 25c per month, but by year end were increased to 50c. Dr. Norman Allan was employed as the Union doctor and a special assessment of 50c per member was instituted for death benefits. Next... Obstruction from the Company... visit our web site and keep us bookmarked for more information!

Note: All correspondence to ATU Local 113 should be addressed to the Secretary-Treasurer

Please refer to the next few pages for information on other Toronto-based ATU Locals.

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Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1415

Although we are part of the Amalgamated Transit Union in North America, ATU Local 1415 represents Greyhound/Voyageurs drivers in Eastern Canada. These drivers provide inter-city transportation using highway coaches to various municipalities across the province and going north. They are also really nice guys! Local 1415 looks after the representation of these drivers. We act on the drivers' behalf and are the liaison between them and the company, Greyhound Canada Transportation Corporation, the largest provider of inter-city transportation in Canada.

The Amalgamated Transit Union is the largest labour organization representing transit workers in the United States and Canada. Founded in 1892, the ATU, today, is comprised of over 162,000 members in over 280 local unions in 46 states and nine provinces. The ATU includes bus, subway, light rail and ferry operators, clerks, baggage handlers, mechanics and others in the urban transit, over-the-road, and school bus industries, as well as paratransit personnel, emergency medical technicians, clerical personnel, and municipal workers (extracted *from the ATU web site*).

Please refer to the Groups section of this directory for information on other Toronto-based ATU Locals.

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Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 1587

Amalgamated Transit Union, Local 1587 has a history of twenty years of service and representation of its members, initially representing GO Transit employees in the bus and rail operations and maintenance. Now we also represent bus drivers at Vaughan Transit, the Bombardier maintenance employees at the Willowbrook rail maintenance facility and most recently, we've been negotiating with Penetang Midland Coachlines for a first collective agreement with our newest members, the bus drivers at Barrie Transit.

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Better Transportation Coalition (BTC)

The Better Transportation Coalition is an Ontario-wide coalition of groups which are working to reduce dependence on the private automobile. After much foundational work, the BTC was funded by the Ministry of Transportation in the spring 1993 with resources for two staff. After two years our funding was discontinued and the organization now operates solely on volunteer power with the direction of an elected Board of Directors.

The BTC works primarily in the political forum, lobbying on issues such as transit, trains, and highway expansion. We also work with neighbourhoods interested in traffic calming, safe routes to school, stopping local road widening, etc. Currently BTC is working to support groups such as the 407 Highway Action Group to fight against the expansion of the 400 highway series.

We have publications on How to Start a Transit User group, Safe Routes to School, Traffic Calming and Stopping Road Expansions. Interested individuals or groups are welcome to join us at one of our Board meetings to learn more or share your group's activities.

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Bleecker Street Re-Cycle Bike Club (CBN member group)

One of the Community Bicycle Network's (CBN) Re-Cycle Clubs, Bleecker Street collects used bikes from the public that would otherwise be discarded and then uses them to learn and teach bike repair. In the process of refurbishing an old bike, participants develop new job skills, build confidence and earn their own "set of two wheels" with their volunteer labour. Like all CBN bike clubs, Bleecker Street benefits people who can't afford to buy a new bike or pay the repair costs of their bike, as well as those seeking skills development and community economic development opportunities. Club activities include Bike Trips and "Rules of the Road" Workshops.

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Sponsors/Partners

Community Bicycle Network



Brahms Re-Cycle Bike Club (CBN member group)

One of the Community Bicycle Network's (CBN) Re-Cycle Clubs, Brahms collects used bikes from the public that would otherwise be discarded and then uses them to learn and teach bike repair. In the process of refurbishing an old bike, young children develop new skills, build confidence and earn their own "set of two wheels" with their volunteer labour. Like all CBN bike clubs, Brahms benefits people who can't afford to buy a new bike or pay the repair costs of their bike, as well as those seeking skills development and community economic development opportunities. When participants reach 13 years of age, they have the opportunity to join a Leadership Training Course provided by the City of Toronto's Parks & Recreation Department.

The Brahm's Re-Cycle Bike Club is located at 2 Brahms, North York.

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Sponsors/Partners

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Children's Aid; City of Toronto
Parks & Recreation



Cabbagetown Bike Club (CBN member group)

Established in 1990, this club was the prototype upon which the Community Bicycle Network (CBN) was founded. It collects used bikes from the public that would otherwise be discarded and then uses them to learn and teach bike repair. In the process of refurbishing an old bike, participants develop new job skills, build confidence and earn their own "set of two wheels" with their volunteer labour. Like all CBN bike clubs, Cabbagetown benefits people who can't afford to buy a new bike or pay the repair costs of their bike, as well as those seeking skills development and community economic development opportunities.

Get involved by visiting 40 Oak Street (basement) in North Regent Park (near Parliament and Dundas Streets) on Sundays from 1:00 to 4:00 PM. Repair or buy a bike cheap, or earn a bike through volunteer hours. For more information call the CBN office.

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Sponsors/Partners

Community Bicycle Network; Christian Resource Centre



Canadian Auto Worker's (CAW) Health and Safety Department

The CAW is the largest transportation union in Canada representing over 220,000 workers across the country. We represent members in the major automotive assembly plants, automobile parts production, in aerospace manufacturing and assembly, in telecommunications and electronics, in air, rail and marine transport sectors, and in the mining, fisheries, and hospitality sectors. The CAW is the largest union in several sectors such as fisheries, aerospace, electronics, major auto and shipbuilding. In several other areas such as airlines, mining or hospitality, the CAW is the 2nd or 3rd largest union.

We have departments covering areas such as organizing, research, education, training, law, human rights etc. One of our major departments is Health and Safety, which is responsible for environmental issues. The environmental work of the Health and Safety department is in areas ranging from policy issues to training and education, conferences and activism on environmental issues, support for environmental initiatives, participation in various task forces and consultation processes and conducting campaigns such as our Prevent Cancer Campaign. The department also publishes the Health, Safety and Environment Newsletter, which is a bimonthly publication. See our web site at <http://www.caw.ca/hse/newsletter/>

The Health and Safety department is guided by the CAW Environment Policy adopted at constitutional convention which states in part:

"Our planet faces an environmental crisis of major proportions, one which could challenge our very survival. Unions around the world are striving to address this crisis, while protecting the welfare of working men and women. The CAW is also committed to this task... This is our world - our only home. From space we have seen how fragile our existence really is. Our earth is like a living organism with a failing respiratory system, poisoned bodily fluids and cancerous skin. For greed and profits our world has been sickened and hurt like the bodies of so many workers. We extend the struggle for health and safety outside our workplace - we fight as CAW members for the health and safety of our world."

Much of our environmental work takes place at the rank and file membership level. Every local is mandated to establish an environment committee. At the national level we have an environment committee as a standing committee of our CAW Council - a national body with rank and file delegate representation from every workplace across the country which meets three times per year. Rank and file members have also formed CAW Regional Environment Councils, which organize within the workplace and in the community on such varied issues as promotion of the legalization of the growth of industrial hemp to the preservation of wilderness areas and elimination of pollution in the community.

For more information on the CAW and on our environmental policies visit our home page at <http://www.caw.ca> or call 416-495-6558.

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Canadian In-Line Roller Skating Association (C.I.R.S.A.)

C.I.R.S.A. is the governing, sanctioning and coordinating body for all forms of In-Line and/or Roller Skating in Canada. C.I.R.S.A. is a federally registered, non-profit, amateur sports organization and a registered charity.

C.I.R.S.A. members include skating clubs throughout Canada. C.I.R.S.A. became operational in 1995. Individual inquiries are generally referred to member groups. C.I.R.S.A. also provides training programs for those who wish to become certified In-Line Skating Instructors. Check out C.I.R.S.A.'s Events Calendar.

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Canadian Urban Transit Association (CUTA)

CUTA is the association of providers of urban transit services, suppliers and related organizations in Canada. Its mission is to promote the role of urban transit in enhancing mobility and to support its members in the fulfillment of their mandate.

An important part of this mission is the promotion of urban transit as a solution to environmental problems, in particular air pollution and greenhouse gas emissions. CUTA is involved in numerous initiatives, perhaps the most important being the National Climate Change Strategy, where CUTA staff and members are directly involved in the Transportation Table, the Urban Passenger Sub-table and numerous of the studies associated with this initiative.

CUTA is also involved in numerous related activities, such as the National Task Force to Promote a Tax-Exemption for Employer-provided Transit Benefits.

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Partners/Sponsors

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Municipalities, Pollution Probe,
Canadian NGV Alliance,
Transportation Association of
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The Centre for Sustainable Transportation/Le centre pour un transport durable

The Centre for Sustainable Transportation was founded to provide leadership in achieving sustainable transportation in Canada by facilitating cooperative actions, and thus contributing to Canadian and global sustainability. In pursuit of that mission, it provides reliable information, fills knowledge gaps through research, educates stakeholders and raises awareness among them, and offers strategic policy advice in selected areas. The Centre's Board of Directors invites all public and private sector transportation stakeholders to support this effort, for the benefit of all Canadians, now and in the future.

Activities and/or involvement

The Centre's directors and staff have enhanced the programs of other organizations, by serving on working groups and through public presentations, including the following:

- Member, NRTEE Task Force on Sustainable Transportation
- Member, Advisory Committee to Transport Canada's Sustainable Development Strategy
- Sponsor, *Moving the Economy Conference*
- And various public presentations.

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Sponsors/Partners

The Centre's working Board of Directors represents a national network of private, public, academic and not for profit interests. They, along with the Centre's professional staff, bring a wide range of skills and perspectives in a dedicated effort to achieve environmentally, socially and economically sustainable transportation systems.



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Community Bicycle Network (CBN)

This is a network of community bike re-cycle clubs and projects interested in making bicycles accessible for all citizens, developing job and life skills among marginalized communities, and promoting the bicycle as an economical, healthy and environmentally friendly means of transportation.

CBN initiated Toronto's first bicycle recycling program in conjunction with several neighbourhood bike clubs in 1993. By collecting used bikes from the public that would otherwise be discarded, CBN channels them to member clubs where volunteers use them to learn and teach bike repair. In the process of refurbishing an old bike, participants develop new job skills, build confidence and earn their own "set of two wheels" with their volunteer labour.

Working out of space donated by a number of partners, CBN bike clubs benefit people who can't afford to buy a new bike or pay the repair costs of their bike, as well as those seeking skills development and community economic development opportunities. This includes children from low-income families, new immigrants and refugees, and single mothers.

Of the 3,000 people who visit the Bleecker Street, Brahms, Cabbagetown or West End Re-Cycle Bike Clubs annually, 75% are children between the ages of 9 and 14 wanting to earn their own bike. The balance of our clientele use our tools to repair bikes that have been purchased elsewhere or help us rebuild bikes that are sold back to the public for prices under \$100. Funds generated from bike sales are distributed between the CBN and the re-cycle clubs.

As a result of the incredible energy of our volunteers, a number of new projects have been created since 1993. They are coordinated from CBN's Queen Street location and can be categorized into three areas:

- Community Economic Development Projects (*Clean Air Cargo, Workshop On Wheels, Tool Co-op*);
- Skills Development Projects (*Open Roads, Women's Bike Works*); and
- Special Projects (*BikeShare, Bikes Crossing Borders, TrailBlazers Bike Club*).

For more information, see individual listings in this directory and/or contact Martin Collier at the CBN office.

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Sponsors/Partners

Advocacy For Respect For Cyclists (ARC); Christian Resource Centre; Discount Car & Truck Rentals; George Lunan Foundation; Human Resources Development Canada (HRDC); Women On Wheels



Corporate Green Fleets Committee

The Corporate Green Fleets Committee was formed in and has been meeting since December 1997. It is a multi-stakeholder group, which includes City staff, community environmental groups, ICLEI, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, and staff from the Toronto Zoo, Parks and Recreation, Public Library and Facilities Management. The Chair, Stan Burrows, Director of the Equipment Division, represents Fleet Management. The Committee is facilitated by Healthy City Office staff. Efforts are still underway to ensure that a wider cross-section of the new organization is consulted.

The Green Fleets Committee is an initiative from the "*Catching Your Breath Report - a Corporate Model for Clean Air*" adopted by City Council in July 1997. This report was written by the Anti-Smog Working Group, a multi-stakeholder group of City staff, environmental groups, the TTC and interested citizens. The report outlines a blueprint to prevent smog, and greening of the City's fleet is one of the strategies.

The Committee's mandate is to:

- to reduce smog-causing emissions from City vehicles and equipment for the new City of Toronto;
- replace motorized vehicles with non-motorized alternatives and more efficient systems;
- substitute currently used fuels with less polluting alternatives, increasing fuel efficiency and optimizing motor vehicle technology.

The Green Fleets Committee is currently preparing a report on the feasibility and cost of implementing the Corporate Green Fleets strategy. For information contact: Sandra Rodriguez, Healthy City Planner.

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Dundas E.A.S.T.

Dundas E.A.S.T. - Everybody's Access to Safe Transportation, promotes cycling in Toronto's east end. Affiliated with the South Riverdale Community Health Centre, Dundas E.A.S.T. also promotes healthy transportation planning and community participation. It is currently working on the proposal of bike lanes on Dundas East to connect a safe cycling commuter route from the Beaches to downtown Toronto. The group has been meeting monthly since November 1997 and welcomes anyone who is interested in promoting safe commuter and recreational cycling in the east end of Toronto. Available resources include various studies, articles and contacts. Call Paul Young at 416-461-1925 ext. 251 to find out details about the next meeting.

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Environmentalists Plan Transportation (EPT)

Originally the transportation caucus of the Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), this group has flourished under the inspiration of former School Trustee Joan Doiron and activist Lynn Adamson. Spirit of Spadina emanated from EPT, as well as countless public events, forums, and the Spadina Festival and Road "Opening" on Canada Day. EPT was a major player in the 1992 Auto Free Cities Conference, and has undertaken countless lobbying efforts related to car dependence in Toronto and at the Provincial level.

EPT has regular monthly meetings covering a wide range of sustainable transportation issues and including regular updates from Rocket Riders (usually at 55 John Street, 3rd floor).

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Sponsors/Partners

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Feet on the Street (FOS)

Toronto now has a progressive pedestrian rights and safety group. Feet on the Street is lobbying the municipal government to implement a list of recommendations they have developed on pedestrian issues. They are working to improve hostile pedestrian environments, promoting the walkability and liveability of Toronto, reducing the speed of vehicular traffic and improving the safety of pedestrian crossings. Feet on the Street conducts pedestrian audits of neighbourhoods and organizes neighbourhood tours which focus on the pedestrian environment.

Feet on the Street was primarily responsible for starting the official "Toronto Pedestrian Committee" which reports directly to Council through its standing committees. FOS has regular walks to make recommendations about the walkability of various parts of the City - parks and streets. It, as the 407 Highway Action Group and Spadina Festival, is originally a project of Environmentalists Plan Transportation (EPT).

With the help of the Healthy City Office, a group of Toronto residents is getting the word out about pedestrian rights and safety on our streets. Their new pamphlet *Let's Make Toronto A Walkable City* outlines some of the concerns facing people who walk in Toronto, particularly in areas with a high density of automobile traffic.

"It's not commonly known that most of the people killed on Toronto roads are pedestrians and cyclists, not drivers", says FOS spokesperson Joan Doiron, who lives in the Spadina-Bloor area and is an avid walker and cyclist. "We want people to know that there are things we can all do to make Toronto safer and more walkable. We hope more people will join us after reading our booklet."

The *Walkable City* pamphlet was produced with assistance from the Healthy City Office, and copies are available from Feet on the Street at 416-596-0660 or the Healthy City Office at 416-392-0099.

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Sponsors/Partners

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Friends of Mimico Creek

A group of residents in South Etobicoke formed Friends of Mimico Creek in 1995. They were moved to action by the growing stresses on the creek and its ecosystem. The main sources of the stresses:

- upstream pollution (from industrial and domestic sources; runoff from roads, parking lots, golf courses, and the de-icing area at Pearson International Airport);
- inappropriate land use in the watershed, at the valley's edges, and at the creek's headwaters in Brampton;
- the effects of burying, rerouting, and channelizing major stretches of the creek (e.g., in the Hwy. 401/427 area);
- the decreasing base-flow of the watercourse due to the engineering methods used to direct stormwater runoff since the post-Hurricane Hazel period (a more enlightened approach is now being taken in some areas);
- approaches to transportation that increase road runoff and promote a car-dependent way of life; and
- the general lack of awareness and respect shown to the creek, its watershed, and its ecosystem by the communities and the municipalities through which it flows.

Some of the activities of the group over the past five years:

- raising awareness that high car use and dependency is a major contributor to the poor quality of Toronto's water by advocating for and promoting car use reduction and travel demand management. Several local projects are being developed, one of which involves approaching two local schools about the advantages of having a "safe routes to school" program (see the Active and Safe Routes to School listing in the Projects section of this directory)
- advocating at Community Council, City Councils, and public forums in support of improving urban wildlife habitats, and an ecosystem approach to planning and transportation
- developing naturalization projects at two locations in South Etobicoke (one on Hydro land, one in a local park)
- in cooperation with Toronto Field Naturalists, conducting walks along the creek to raise public awareness of the need to protect and improve habitats for fish, birds and small animals on a watershed basis
- applying the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources Report Card on Mimico Creek (Bronze Level)

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Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources; The Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds Task Force; Toronto and Region Conservation Authority; City of Toronto (Parks); Ontario Hydro; Toronto Field Naturalists; the former Waterfront Regeneration Trust



- improving water quality and base-flow by a) promoting the retention of natural drainage systems (ditches and swales) from hard surfaces such as roads and parking lots wherever possible; and b) promoting the use of exfiltration systems where natural drainage is inappropriate. A recent road reconstruction project in the area highlighted these issues. Efforts to retain natural drainage on a collector road that cuts through the crest of the Mimico Creek and Humber River watersheds failed. One of the naturalization projects currently under way was inspired by the need to do public education about the advantages of natural drainage
- networking with groups with similar interests
- participating as members in the newly formed Etobicoke and Mimico Creek Watersheds Task Force

The group hopes that over time, its efforts will help to improve the quality of water flowing from Mimico Creek into Lake Ontario. Lake Ontario is on the Great Lakes' 'Areas of Concern' list. Projects to improve the water quality of the lake are funded through Great Lakes Clean Up 2000, a federal initiative.

The main barriers that the group faces and works to overcome are a suburban culture of car dependency/lack of stewardship for the natural environment, and the historical neglect of Mimico Creek as a significant watercourse that passes through major built-up areas before it empties into Lake Ontario.



Gardiner Lakeshore Task Force

Gardiner Lakeshore Task Force is a City of Toronto Task Force, founded in 1985, which initiates and reviews planning in the Gardiner Lakeshore Corridor with a view to rebalancing the automobile dominated area with other forms of transportation and landuse functions.

Our members are representatives of community organizations, including: Board of Trade; neighbourhood organizations; Ontario Association of Landscape Architects; and Friends of Fort York. Co-chairs are: Councillor Jack Layton and Catherine Nasmith, Architect. Staff support is provided by the City of Toronto Planning and Development. Other municipal agencies send representatives.

We meet every six weeks or so to review ongoing projects.

We have recently been successful in promoting the demolition of the eastern leg of the Gardiner Expressway in favour of an urban boulevard.

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Greater Toronto Services Board Transportation Standing Committee

Goal

To make recommendations to the Greater Toronto Services Board on how to work towards an affordable, integrated transportation network, with an initial focus on a seamless transit system and alternative funding sources across the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth, that will enhance our quality of life, improve the economic competitiveness of the area and maintain a sustainable natural environment.

Committee Membership

The membership of the Transportation Standing Committee includes elected members of municipal councils from Hamilton-Wentworth, the City of Toronto, and the regional and local municipalities of Halton, Peel, York, and Durham. The Committee is currently co-chaired by Terry Cooke, Chairman of Hamilton-Wentworth Region and Bill Fisch, Chairman of York Region.

Work Program

This 1999 work program reflects a staged approach to addressing the objectives of the Transportation Standing Committee. While all objectives are important, the intent is that the Committee focus on a logical first phase as the basis for further work in the future. Implementation of the Committee's work program is being undertaken by two staff teams drawn from GTSB Member Municipalities, local transit operating authorities and GO Transit, facilitated by GTSB staff. The Committee will utilize professional advice only where needed to supplement the expertise and availability of the staff teams, and will gain input from other agencies and community stakeholders.

The resources indicated for the Committee's work program total \$100,000 to provide the Board with a conservative starting point in 1999.

The staged work program for 1999 focused on two key objectives seen as vital starting points for the Board to successfully implement its transportation mandate:

Objective #1

Enhance as quickly as possible the Board's understanding of the transportation challenge, the work completed and the work required and to identify immediate "doables" to move towards seamless transit in the GTA

Objective #2:

Develop alternative stable transit funding sources based on an integrated understanding of strategic intermunicipal transportation needs in the GTA

Objectives commencing in the year 2000, seen as equally important, are as follows:

Objective #3: Seamless Transit Services

Transit riders are able to travel conveniently across the municipal boundaries without unnecessary physical transfers

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**Objective #4: Harmonized Transit Fares**

Transit riders are able to travel across municipal boundaries by paying a single, reasonable fare

Objective #5: Integrated Transit Information

Transit riders have convenient access to clear, current information on transit routes, schedules and fares across the GTA/H-W

Objective #6: Efficient Transit Operations

The most efficient and cost effective use of transit resources is made through cooperation on standards and sharing of facilities and programs

Objective #7: Integrated Transportation Plan

Develop a plan for transportation in the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth to guide investment and provide a context for assessing the merits of proposals, projects and funding arrangements

Objective #8: Monitor Progress

Develop a program to monitor progress in meeting the Board's transportation objectives

In addition, the Committee may be involved in facilitating the resolution of intermunicipal disputes on transportation matters as directed by the Board.

Reporting

The Transportation Standing Committee reports to the Greater Toronto Services Board.



Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB)

The Greater Toronto Services Board (GTSB) was established on January 1, 1999 to promote and facilitate co-ordinated decision-making among the municipalities in the GTA and to exercise general direction and control over GT Transit, which has taken over responsibility for the GO Transit system. GTSB Member Municipalities include the City of Toronto, all Local and Regional Municipalities in the GTA and the Regional Municipality of Hamilton-Wentworth. The responsibilities of the GTSB are to:

1. prepare and adopt strategies for GTA municipalities with respect to the provision and optimal use of infrastructure;
2. prepare and adopt a countryside strategy for the rural areas of the GTA that reflects the importance of rural and agricultural matters to the GTA;
3. facilitate the efficient and cost-effective resolution of matters of intermunicipal concern within the GTA;
4. act as a liaison among GTA municipalities and with other levels of government;
5. provide for the coordination of economic development and tourism with the GTA;
6. promote and facilitate coordinated decision-making among GTA municipalities with respect to the administration and costs of social assistance and social housing programs;
7. provide general direction and control of GT Transit, and allocate the costs of GT Transit among the City of Toronto, GTA Regional Municipalities and Hamilton-Wentworth Region; and
8. facilitate the operational integration of the regional transit system and local transit systems in the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth.

The GTSB does not directly deliver services to the public other than through GT Transit. The Board has 42 members, including a Chairman, the Mayors of all GTA municipalities, one Councillor from the City of Mississauga, 10 Councillors from the City of Toronto, the Chairs of the four GTA Regional Municipalities, and the Chair of Hamilton-Wentworth Region (voting only on matters relating to GT Transit and election of the GTSB Chair). The Board has established a Transportation Standing Committee, comprising Members of the Board and other members of municipal councils in the GTA and Hamilton-Wentworth, to make recommendations on how to work towards an affordable, integrated transportation network. Please refer to the Groups section of this directory for this Committee's listing.

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Green Tourism Association

The Green Tourism Association is a unique non-profit organization working to develop Toronto's urban green tourism sector. Program goals include marketing and promotion of urban green tourism, providing assistance to developing green businesses, and working to green the existing tourism industry.

The Green Tourism Association's mission is:

To develop and cultivate a green tourism industry within the Toronto region; an industry which is ecologically sound, fosters appreciation of and respect for diverse cultural and natural heritage, and strengthens local economies and communities.

To become a member, businesses and organizations must confirm an interest in and commitment to green tourism and complete a checklist about how their activities incorporate environmental responsibility, contribution to local economic vitality, cultural sensitivity, and experiential richness. There is a nominal membership fee.

In July 1999, the Green Tourism Association launched Toronto's first green tourism map, "The Other Map of Toronto", to increase public awareness of urban green tourism (see "Green Tourism Map" in this directory's publications section). The map highlights a variety of activities and businesses including those related to sustainable transportation. Toronto's map is a part of the international Green Map System of over 99 cities in more than 29 countries working on similar projects (www.greenmap.org).

With a growing business membership and increased interest from tourists and residents the Green Tourism Association plans to create a more extensive information package for tourists and businesses, expanding the products and services available to both. For more information on the Green Tourism Association's current projects please visit our web site at www.greentourism.on.ca.

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Sponsors/Partners

City of Toronto, Human Resources Development Canada, Royal York Canadian Pacific Hotels, On-Site, Toronto Atmospheric Fund, Canada Trust Friends of the Environment Foundation, Hotel Employees, Restaurant Employees Union Local 75, NOW Magazine.



Greenest City Program

Greenest City works with Toronto's diverse communities to take action to improve air quality, better the health of residents, regenerate urban life and reduce greenhouse gas. We believe that:

- YES! Toronto CAN be a healthy, green city where people do not fear the quality of the air they breathe, and
- It's EASY for communities to get involved and do their part to help *green our city*.

Greenest City is a non-profit organization dedicated to working at the community level, for solutions-based environmental action that focuses on the REDUCE end of the 3R's and at the Social Equity side of the Sustainability paradigm. We are a lively group of community activists focusing on learning from and about community to bring about model projects that can serve as examples of social, environmental and economic change for a better society and a healthier planet.

Core Values

1. Involvement of diverse cultural and socio-economic communities in all our activities
2. Support for solution-oriented actions that make our urban environment more sustainable
3. Participatory approaches and local control to influence and make our city liveable, socially, environmentally, and economically

Just a few goals...

- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions and atmospheric contaminants to protect our climate and improve air quality
- Better the health and well being of urban residents
- Green and beautify our neighborhoods
- Mitigate energy consumption while improving transportation
- Educate our city and ourselves about environmental and justice issues
- Involve diverse communities in environmental solutions
- Promote environmental justice

Current activities and projects include:

Active & Safe Routes to School, working with school communities to reclaim our neighbourhood streets for our environment, our health, and our communities (refer to the Projects section of this directory for its listing).

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Sponsors

Toronto Atmospheric Fund

Toronto Community Foundation

Laidlaw Foundation

Climate Change Action Fund

Canada Trust - Friends of the Environment Foundation

Human Resources Development Canada - Jobs Creation Partnership

Canadian Council for Human Resources in the Environment Industry

Partners

ASRTS - Go for Green; Toronto Public Health; Toronto Police Traffic Services.

Multicultural Greening Project - Toronto Housing Company; Eastview Neighbourhood Community Centre; Chinese Seniors Support Services;

Beacon Hill Towers Property Management



Multicultural Greening Project, working with Toronto's diverse communities to undertake greening actions and raise the multicultural perspective for environmental justice.

No Energy to Waste, helping neighbourhood retailers to identify and implement in-store energy management measures, and help save energy, our air and the planet.

Stop Fuming and Do Something, a campaign to engage the public in anti-smog action through the distribution of Atmosphere Infracation Notices

Feeding the City from the Back Forty, is a workshop, a policy position, and/or a conceptual solution relating to "food miles" issues including food security, air quality, climate damage, waste and environmental toxins.

The Greenhouse Gas Grab, is an awareness raising campaign in the form of a 30 minute slide show titled *Your City and Climate Change*, to inspire individuals and communities to action to curb greenhouse gas and climate damage.

Partners (cont'd.)

No Energy to Waste - City of Toronto
Energy Efficiency Office; Green
Tourism Association; Grassroots
Environmental Products;

Kendall-Wright Interior Design



GO Transit

GO Transit provides interregional commuter rail and bus services for the GTA including Hamilton-Wentworth. In 1998, GO carried a record 36 million customers, mostly to and from downtown Toronto. GO services are very effective in reducing road congestion as trips are long (average 32 km) and occur primarily during peak periods.

Ridership on rail services has increased 21% in the last 3 years, and the greatest challenge will be providing sufficient capacity to meet demand. Provincial and municipal forecasts show ridership will at least double over the next 20 years and major expansion is required to accommodate the growth.

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Independent Bicycle Dealers' Association (IBDA)

An association of independent bicycle dealers who believe that bikes mean business, and that promoting bikes means promoting business. The IBDA also believe in bicycles as a non-invasive form of transportation that offers health benefits to the users. Contact the IBDA for support for charitable events involving bicycles.

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ICLEI (The International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives)

ICLEI, with a membership of over 330 municipalities from 57 countries, is recognized by the U.N. and the IULA (International Union of Local Authorities) as the international environmental agency for local governments. In 1993 ICLEI launched the Cities for Climate Protection (CCP) Campaign that has become a network of over 350 cities worldwide, representing approximately 7% of total global CO₂ emissions, which have passed council resolutions committing them to:

- Profile baseline (1990) and forecast (2010) energy use for both municipal and community wide operations.
- Establish a reduction target.
- Develop a Local Action Plan that aims to reduce emissions and energy use in municipal operations, and then expand to reduce emissions in the community.
- Implement the Local Action Plan.
- Report annually on the progress and outcomes of the local action plan.

In order to help these local governments with their commitments, the CCP Campaign has merged its Canadian work with the Federation of Canadian Municipalities' (FCM) 20% Club to form the Partners for Climate Protection (PCP) program in Canada. Through this partnership, and otherwise, the CCP/PCP program provides their local governments with:

Technical Assistance - that help municipalities conduct their emission analysis and develop a local action plan with campaign workbooks and software.

Marketing Tools - municipalities are provided with fact sheets and audio/visual presentations for promoting climate protection and many of the other benefits of energy conservation;

Publications - case studies, policy and practice manuals, guides and other publication that enable municipalities to replicate the innovative financing mechanisms and climate protection best practices that have been successfully implemented in other jurisdictions.

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The Lung Association

The Lung Association is actively involved in clean air issues, largely through its C.A.N. DO program - The Movement for Clean Air Now. Air pollution remains one of the most complex environmental health issues of our time. Automobile exhaust, environmental tobacco smoke, and factory emissions all have a negative impact on our respiratory health. This is the right time to foster the sense of optimism necessary to improve air quality. This is the spirit behind the Lung Association's C.A.N. DO program. The following underscores some important facts:

- Virtually everyone has a need. Even if the local outdoor air quality is clean, most Canadians spend up to 90% of their time indoors and thus may face a far greater risk from indoor air contaminants.
- Air pollution tends to be highest in the corridor from Windsor, Ontario to Quebec City, Quebec.
- Air pollution not only affects humans and environmental health, it can also damage inorganic materials such as metals and stone; organic materials like fabric, leather and rubber; and plants including fruits and vegetables, flowers and trees.

For more information on C.A.N. DO as well as indoor and outdoor air issues call 1-800-972-2636 or visit www.on.lung.ca.

Please also refer to the HIKE for Clean Air in the Events section of this directory.

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Noranda/Brascan BUG

We're a small but keen group of bicycle commuters working at the offices of Noranda and Brascan at BCE Place. While we don't have any regularly scheduled activities, we happily and regularly commute into the downtown core from as far away as Oakville. We're currently striving to improve the facilities for bicycle commuters at BCE Place, having recently moved and given up deluxe shower and secure bicycle storage facilities at our previous office building facilities that were even featured on CBC's 'Cycle' Program!

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North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee (NYCPC)

The North York Cycling and Pedestrian Committee is a Community Advisory Group to the Toronto Cycling Committee, formed on January 14, 1997 in response to a need for a public voice to represent the interests of cyclists and pedestrians in North York.

What we do

- Network with City politicians and bureaucrats.
- Monitor all major local developments, such as the Downsview Lands.
- Attend OMB hearings to oppose commercial development on hydro/rail corridors.
- Provide input on city-wide cycling initiatives including the 1000 km of bicycle facilities map prepared by the former Metro Cycling and Pedestrian Committee, and the upcoming revised Parks Department's cycling infrastructure map.
- Apprise the Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC) of the needs and priorities of cyclists within North York.
- Promote TCC initiatives as they apply to the North York community.

We have kept our finger on the pulse of North York by

- Compiling a survey on bike use (it was used by the Parks Department in their Trail Development Plan).
- Running a booth at the bike show every year, in conjunction with the TCC.

Our successes include

- Assisting Metro Transportation in properly signing a pedestrian walkway under Yonge St. and the 401.
- Working with "Feet on the Street" to get a stairway constructed to facilitate entering Earl Bales Park from the north end.
- Getting a gate at the Westgate entrance of the park widened so that bicycles with trailers can ride through it.
- Assisting in setting up of Can-Bike Safe Cycling Courses in North York.
- Amending the official plan for the City Centre streetscaping to include the possible installation of post and ring stands.
- Successfully lobbying the Canada Lands Corporation consultants to design a car-free Downsview Greens parkland.
- Running Bike Week events every year since 1997 - the first events held north of Eglinton.

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- Providing our opinion to both the former City of North York Transportation and Parks Departments in the completion of studies on, "The Role of the Bicycle In Our Transportation System", and the "Trails Development and Strategy Plan For The North York Community" respectively.

Current projects include

- Getting bike lanes on Willowdale and Wilmington Avenues.
- Getting post and ring stands installed around North York.
- Promoting the construction of a 200 km city-wide network of trails using Hydro/Rail corridors.
- Promoting The Community of North York Trail Development Study.
- Encouraging the construction of a trail through York Cemetery linking the surrounding community with the West Don Trail.
- Facilitating the building of a bike path through the massive drainage opening under the 401 just south of Sheppard Ave.



Older Women's Network (OWN) Mobility Committee

OWN Mobility Committee is represented now by co-chairs Dorothy Fletcher (a resident of the co-operative) and Joan Doiron. Some of us are active members of Feet on the Street and its formal manifestation at City Hall - the Toronto Pedestrian Committee. We are most concerned about the shocking pedestrian deaths resulting from speeding cars and red-light violations. With members of OWN and the Raging Grannies we have sponsored well-attended press conferences. With Feet on the Street we sent a questionnaire to most Council candidates to raise urgent pedestrian issues. Finally, after several years of our work the City has formalized a pedestrian committee and full-time staff to work on creating a truly walkable city. The Mobility Committee wants to make the south of Front Street/St. Lawrence/Waterfront area a much more walkable/green area. Currently it is car-centred and alienating for cyclists and walkers (witness how difficult it is to access the new Loblaws by foot). We are also most concerned about transit, particularly in the St. Lawrence area and the service for seniors and the disabled.

OWN seeks the dramatic rebuilding of the GTA so that older people are fully mobile in a truly liveable urban environment. OWN calls for our cities to be designed and redeveloped in such a way that seniors may safely and pleasantly walk, cycle and take transit everywhere. What's good for seniors is good for everyone. With clean air and safe walking and cycling spaces, seniors may thus gain much needed and gentle exercise as they move about shopping, working, and having fun instead of being home bound!

The problem is that this vision cannot be achieved with the current almost total reliance on the private automobile for all movement.

Some solutions include: at least 65% of car use must be eliminated - this is the per cent of car trips that are under 5 km, wider sidewalks, large shade tree filled streets, benches at regular intervals, safer intersections with corners squared and/or pinch points developed, extended walk signal time, speed tables, affordable public transit, "Walking School Buses", generous bicycle lanes and bike lock units on all streets, local and arterial traffic calming, taxi, rental car and car sharing, and more green space and housing in the place of car parks!

Result? A green beautiful safe city for seniors and everyone!!

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Ontario Cycling Association

The Ontario Cycling Association is the governing body of cycling in Ontario and runs programs in competitive and non-competitive sectors. It is an organization run by members, many of whom are members of affiliated clubs. Its mandate includes developing cycling athletes in a variety of disciplines, promoting racing at all levels in a manner that is safe and fair, and representing cycling interests to provincial government ministries. It is currently developing its capacity to deliver educational programs to raise the skill of racers, coaches, emergency response personnel and the general recreational and utilitarian cyclist.

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Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition (OHCC)

The Healthy Communities movement is based on the idea that health is the result of the interplay between economic, social and environmental conditions at the community level. A Healthy Community strives to enhance each of these sectors and to provide a balance between them. This concept was adopted by the World Health Organization in 1984 and is now gradually becoming the dominant model of public health in Canada and elsewhere.

The Ontario Healthy Communities Coalition was formed through a network of provincial associations in the early 90's. It received funding from the Ontario Ministry of Health and continues to receive funding from the ministry as well as other government and private bodies.

Most recently OHCC has produced "Pathways to a Healthy Community, an Indicators and Evaluation Tool Kit". We have also produced, "Communities and Local Government: Working Together", a manual for communities who want to work more closely with their local government; "Ground Talks", a guide to building healthy communities; and "Signs of Progress, Signs of Caution", a guide to measuring the health of your community. We also produce a newsletter three times a year as well as a monthly electronic bulletin.

There are three kinds of membership community member, which is a community that is working multi-sectorally, network member, which is an individual or an organization, and provincial association members, which are Ontario organizations that have community contacts throughout the province. All membership is free.

In the past couple of years we have started a health and environment project, which includes the goals of linking health groups and environment groups at the provincial and local levels, as well as a community economic development project that aims to assist community groups to build their community's capacity to incorporate economic development in their work.

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Sponsors/Partners

Our funders are The Ontario Ministry of Health; Health Canada; Environment Canada; Trillium Foundation; Canadian Pacific; and individual donors.

Provincial Association members include Economic Developers Council of Ontario; Federated Women's Institute of Ontario; Inter-Church Health Ministries; LETS Toronto; Ontario Professional Planners Institute; Ontario Public Health Association; Ontario Association of Landscape Architects; Ontario Social Development Council; Ontario Prevention Clearinghouse (OPC); Association of Ontario Health Centres. We have over fifty community members and over forty network members.



Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) - Toronto

OPIRG - Toronto is a University of Toronto student and community group with a mandate of education, research and action on social justice and environmental issues. In the past OPIRG has organized around the pedestrianization of St. George Street, and continues to work on sustainable transportation issues, especially regarding bikes and community sustainability. While OPIRG is best known for its environmental work and related research, the majority of our current projects focus on a wide variety of social, economic, human rights and anti-oppression issues.

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Ontario Public Interest Research Group (OPIRG) - York University

OPIRG-York is a student-funded, student-directed organization, mandated to do popular education and advocacy around social justice and environmental issues. We are committed to making the links between issues including the environment, economic justice, feminism, anti-racism, sexuality and native rights.

OPIRG-York was established in the spring of 1992 when a group of environmental studies students pushed for OPIRG-York to receive a student levy in a campus wide referendum. We operate using the consensus decision making process at all levels of organization.

OPIRG-York provides the skills training and resources necessary for research projects, organizing, public education and activism around issues of the environment and social justice. It is crucial for students to start looking critically at society and the world around us, and become involved as activists for positive social change.

Our office has a resource centre that contains over 700 periodicals, multi-media materials and vertical files that cover a wide range of environmental and social justice topics. Some of the titles that can be found in the centre include: Fix Your Bicycle, Right-of Way and Unsafe at Any Speed Passenger. We accept donations to our resource centre.

Volunteers can become involved in working groups, as general day-to-day administration workers and as board members. OPIRG-York is here for all students and community members of the North Toronto Community. If you're interested in becoming involved with OPIRG-York, stop by our office or check our web site for more information.

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Publications: We publish quarterly newsletters that are available at our office or can be mailed out.



Pollution Probe

Since 1993 Pollution Probe has organized the Clean Air Commute in the Greater Toronto Area (see the Events section of this directory for more information). In addition to this public education event, Pollution Probe advocates for government and corporate initiatives to promote sustainable transportation. Our "Trans-Action '98" report provides ten specific recommendations for governments, corporations and advocacy groups to accomplish a shift from the car to other more sustainable forms of transportation. We also press for better vehicle emission control technologies, cleaner fuels and proper maintenance of vehicles. We have been instrumental in Ontario's introduction of the Drive Clean emissions testing program and in the tough new federal standard, reducing acceptable sulphur content in gasoline to 30 parts per million by 2005.

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Rail Ways to the Future (RWTF)

Rail Ways to the Future advocates for the preservation of rail corridors and the upgrading of rail passenger and freight services. We feel that transportation is the key link for land use and settlement, preservation of farm land, economic competitiveness, energy conservation, environmental quality, and sustainability. We advocate three tiers of rail revival: express trains on principal corridors; efficient local trains on principal corridors; and a comprehensive network of feeder rail lines to corridors. We are working to retain rail line rights-of-way as rail: is an important economic development tool; provides geographic equity of economic development opportunity; has commuter and tourist train potential; brings major environmental benefits and public cost savings.

RWTF is Ontario-based and is affiliated with Transport 2000 Ontario Inc. A committee of volunteers meets approximately six times a year to discuss issues and strategies. RWTF was established in 1989 by Ross Snetsinger who continues to serve as the Committee's Chair. The projects of RWTF have included:

- distribution of a railway questionnaire to candidates running for provincial office;
- publication of four information and action pamphlets distributed to government officials;
- publication of numerous articles, letters to the editor, and opinion pieces in newspapers and periodicals;
- sponsorship of two successful short-line rail conferences;
- participation in many committees, task forces, round tables pertaining to sustainable transportation;
- frequent correspondence and meetings with government as well as private sector officials to lobby for rail policies and actions;
- development of policy and position statements on rail-related issues;
- an extensive collection of rail-related articles, periodicals, publications and artifacts.

Anyone interested in becoming actively involved is encouraged to contact the Chair at 416-961-3095 and become a member of Transport 2000 Ontario Inc. by calling 416-504-3934.

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Rocket Riders Transit User Group

The Rocket Riders Transit User Group is a volunteer organization that works toward better public transit by involving riders in the decision-making process of the TTC and GO Transit. We have members from all across the new city as well as from 905 areas.

Members attend meetings to discuss strategy, meet with TTC councillors and crack jokes. We also monitor TTC meetings either in person or via expert observers. We have made many deputations to the TTC commission on service and funding issues, as well as to GO Transit on fare integration. Members also hand out leaflets called Information Transfers at subway stations. Over the last year we have principally focused on the TTC fare hike.

Rocket Riders, along with Environmentalists Plan Transportation, is a caucus of the Toronto Environmental Alliance. Our group first started over 5 years ago as part of the Better Transportation Coalition. It was then called the Toronto Transit Users' Group. We became Rocket Riders more than 2 years ago. It's a catchier name, similar to the Straphangers Campaign in New York City, a group that we borrow and steal ideas from regularly.

We welcome anyone who wants to work for better transit. People can help in starting and maintaining our web site, writing letters to the commission on all issues, especially service related ones like vehicle frequency, schedule adherence, escalator and elevator availability, etc. Better transit has both environmental and economic benefits, especially when it can be shown that the share of trips carried by transit increases in proportion to private vehicle use. We hope to continue to attract members and we seek funding, including from private organizations or companies that are reliant on transit for their customers or employees.

Rocket Riders would like to see all GTA transit systems become financially secure and to increase their service with greater capital and operating funds. They should be very rider-responsive. We would like to see a comprehensive transportation plan for the city-region that invests largely in transit and adds new or upgraded infrastructure based on mobility demands, not political considerations. We would enjoy sharing our experience with other groups, whether in Toronto or around the world.

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Sponsors/Partners

Toronto Atmospheric Fund; Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists; Environmentalists Plan Transportation; Metro Network for Social Justice; individual members of Transport 2000; individual transit advocates



Song Cycles - The Choir on Bikes (CBN member group)

Formed in 1993, Song Cycles promotes and celebrates bicycles, and - by extension - a healthy urban environment in every sense of the phrase. The choir specializes in "bicyclized" lyrics to well known standards, but also performs new arrangements and original material. Song Cycles gives its own concerts and appears at community events like Bike Week, First Night and the Kensington Festival of Lights for nominal, negotiable fees. They have toured to Montreal, Ottawa, Belleville and Hamilton. In 1999 Song Cycles released its debut CD, "The Round Album" (\$15 at Toronto bike and music stores). You can sample or buy it at Song Cycles' web site. The choir welcomes new members. Rehearsals are Monday nights at 40 Oak Street (Regent Park). For bookings, auditions and general information call 416-504-2918 ext. 3. For media inquiries call Cadmus Communications at 416-531-5670.

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Spirit of Spadina (SOS)

A lively group formed to lobby for bike lanes on Spadina (Toronto's widest street). While its specific efforts were not wholly successful, the repercussions of tireless attempts to facilitate discussion at the Metro level is said to have precipitated the historic formation of the former Metro Cycling Committee which is now an integral part of the new Toronto Cycling Committee. In January 1999 the original goal of Spirit of Spadina was in part passed unanimously at City Council - that is bike facilities on the street - right to the Waterfront. Advocacy for Respect for Cyclists (ARC), which includes many former SOS members (Nancy and Ben Smith Lea, for example), helped enormously with this achievement. The next task is to actually get the City to implement its bike friendly motions.

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Sustainable Communities Working Group

The Waterloo Public Interest Research Group (WPIRG) has been in existence since 1973 on the campus at University of Waterloo, and is part of a network of PIRGs located throughout North America. WPIRG is a voluntary non-profit organization whose members undertake research, education and action on issues of public interest in a wide range of areas, including transportation.

In 1992, a working group was formed - the Sustainable Communities Working Group - to address issues of urban design and transportation within our Region and at the Provincial level. Since that time, members of the working group have completed a number of projects including: several conferences and lecture series on transportation issues, participating in urban design exercises at the local level, active involvement in land use policy directions at the Provincial level, surveys and questionnaires for local and provincial elections, and direct actions aimed at improving the pedestrian and cycling facilities within the Region.

Recently, the organization has been very involved with the Province in providing research and commentary on a proposal to construct a new \$100 million excessway between Kitchener and Guelph. Various impact assessments and original research projects have been prepared by the group and presented to the authorities with some (limited) success. This issue is now one of the hottest media stories in the Regional area and we are eager have the help of others in the Province.

The organization is pursuing several transportation issues related to the Greater Toronto Area. First, we have been working to improve the transportation options for commuters. In particular, we are eager to establish improved rail service between the two areas; we support the work of Transport 2000 and others to establish a rail link with Pearson International Airport. A key part of good rail service would also include the capacity to efficiently handle increased freight traffic with the goal of reducing the costs associated with moving freight on public roads.

Second, we continue to provide input into processes that work towards achieving an urban design that is more efficient, more community orientated and more sustainable than the current focus on low density urban sprawl. All levels of government in Canada play a role in shaping the design of urban development; we will work on various initiatives that contribute to the creation of healthy, sustainable communities. There are many good examples of progressive land use policies and practices in North America, including some of the work of Ontario's Sewell Commission on Planning and Development Reform; WPIRG continues to research, educate and take action on aspects of this work.

Third, we will continue our work at trying to inject some common sense into the highway building mania that is currently in vogue in Ontario. We are interested in expanding the range of transportation options available, and in solutions that are sustainable over the long run. With respect to the Kitchener-Guelph excessway proposal from MTO, we find an extreme bias towards road building to the extent that the supporting documents are nothing like an objective appraisal of the transportation issues and further, are an extension of a mindset that was inappropriate even 50 years ago.

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Finally, we will continue our work providing education and referral services for the University and the community at large. We continue to offer free lecture series on themes of transportation, and provide a unique library of materials. Furthermore, we offer connections to faculty and students of UW that assist community groups in the Province with an assortment of urban/rural issues related to development, transportation, natural environment and government legislation such as the Environmental Assessment Act.

We are happy to offer help to other groups in the Province free of charge. WPIRG has access to a very large body of people and resources that are often willing to donate time and expertise. If you think we might be able to help you, or if you think you might be able to help us, please let us know. Together we will be stronger.



StreetCity Bikes

StreetCity Bikes, a community business of 761 Community Development Corporation, is a registered non-profit corporation. StreetCity Bikes is a bike store that repairs, rents, fixes and sells new and used bikes. We provide art gallery space for neighbourhood artists and affordable transportation alternatives with low-cost workshops teaching people how to fix their own bikes. StreetCity Bikes is a community-business, developed for and by economically marginalized people. As a learning environment, StreetCity Bikes creates democratic, stable and meaningful employment for people who have experienced long-term poverty and homelessness, young people-at-risk, and other equity groups facing severe employment barriers. StreetCity Bikes partnered with 761 Community Development Corporation five years ago. A group of individuals living at StreetCity (an innovative housing initiative) pooled their resources to recycle bikes destined for landfill. With the support of 761 CDC, StreetCity Bikes has grown into a retail operation, moving to its current space at 1178 Queen Street East three years ago.

StreetCity Bikes' next goal is to employ young people-at-risk to manufacture load-carrying bicycles and other specialized bikes (including a Toronto version of the Dutch come-all-equipped-for-a-commute bicycle so popular in Amsterdam). Load-carrying bikes are an economic way to replace downtown delivery car and truck trips. Our new bikes will help to change the face (and air quality) of downtown Toronto!

StreetCity Bikes, as a community business, is always looking for supporters from individuals and companies interested in community economic development, through to bike mechanics who would like to show others what they know. We accept all kinds of donations from financial support through to used bikes destined for re-cycling and re-sale.

StreetCity Bikes is a local, responsible, provider of sustainable transportation. If you want to buy a new bike, a re-cycled bike, want to learn to fix what you've got, or, soon if you are looking for a 400 pound-capacity cargo-hauling bike, we're your community business.

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Publications of 761 CDC include: *Because of Where We've Been* (the histories of 761 CDC and the Ontario Coalition of Alternative Businesses, including a case for our version of Community Economic Development). Available through Action Learning. Call 416-703-5459 x215

Sponsors/Partners

761 Community Development Corporation; Human Resources Development Canada; Trillium Foundation; Our customers and supporters thank you!



Toronto Bicycling Network (TBN)

Founded in 1983, The Toronto Bicycling Network is an incorporated, not-for-profit club whose main mission is to encourage, conduct and promote economical, non-competitive year-round recreational activities in a group setting. These activities include bicycle tours, hikes and cross country ski outings - all of which meet the different levels of abilities and interests of our members. The TBN organizes a complementary education and information program that furthers a general interest in bicycling, hiking and cross country skiing. Finally, the TBN is committed to ascertaining and protecting the rights of recreational cyclists and cross country skiers.

The TBN is volunteer-run and the board of directors is elected from among the club's 800 members - a diverse group representing a broad age range with an almost equal number of women and men.

The TBN's main informational resources are the club newsletter "Quick Release" published five times a year, the Hotline! (760-4191) - an automated voicemail system, the club web site www.tbn.on.ca, and an electronic mailing list "tbn@cyclery.com", all of which detail our extensive schedule of upcoming events along with other information of interest to recreational cyclists.

Our annual membership fee, which allows participation in most club events at no extra cost is \$25 student, \$55 single, \$80 family and includes mandatory, third-party liability insurance. Non-members may join in most of our events for an additional \$5.00 participation fee.

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Toronto Cycling Committee (TCC)

The Toronto Cycling Committee is a group comprised of a City Councillor, citizens-at-large (including a bicycle courier representative), and representatives from: Toronto Pedestrian Committee; Toronto Bicycling Network; Community Bicycle Network; Toronto District School Board; and Toronto Catholic District School Board. The TCC advises City Council on the design, development and delivery of bicycle policies, programs and facilities to promote and enhance cycling in the new City of Toronto. The TCC has 4 sub-committees - Network Planning and Facilities, Education and Safety, Promotion and Development, and Communications. The TCC's goal is a liveable and environmentally friendly City that is safely bike-accessible for people of all ages and abilities, and in which the role of cycling is part of a transportation system appropriately balanced between all road users. The TCC encourages and will work with local residents to establish Community Cycling Advisory Groups to represent local interests to the Committee, and to promote the TCC's initiatives and mandate. You can apply to the Committee to have your group recognized as an Advisory Group. All TCC meetings are open to the public.

Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee

The Network Planning and Facilities Sub-Committee of the TCC provides input to staff and makes recommendations to the Committee on the design, development, and delivery of policies, programs, and facilities to improve the physical infrastructure for cyclists, including bicycle parking, on-street bicycle lanes and routes, off-street trails, development within rail and hydro corridors, maintenance, intersection design, and signage. For contact information, see Toronto Cycling Committee.

Education and Safety Sub-Committee

The Education and Safety Sub-Committee of the TCC provides input to staff and makes recommendations to the Committee on the design, delivery, and development of policies and programs to improve the safety of cyclists and other road users, including skills training for cyclists (such as CAN-BIKE), education related to the use of on-street and off-street facilities, education of others on cycling matters including motor vehicle drivers, and legislation affecting cycling. For contact information, see Toronto Cycling Committee.

Promotion and Development Sub-Committee

The Promotion and Development Sub-Committee of the TCC provides input to staff and makes recommendations to the Committee on the design, development and delivery of policies and programs to promote and enhance cycling in the city. This sub-committee's projects include: co-ordination of Bike Week; stimulation of economic development through partnerships with business, government, and local communities; working directly with corporate and community groups to increase bicycle use in general; and integration of transit-bicycle trips. For contact information, see Toronto Cycling Committee.

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Communications Sub-Committee

The Communications Sub-Committee of the TCC works with staff to maintain a communications strategy to promote the City's cycling programs, and to make cycling information accessible to residents of the City, including special events such as the Toronto International Bike Show booth. The Communications Sub-Committee is also responsible for media such as the TCC Newsletter and the TCC Web Site. For contact information, see Toronto Cycling Committee.



Toronto Board of Trade - Transportation Committee

The Toronto Board of Trade's Transportation Committee represents the business community in reviewing and providing comment on the planning, development and operation of the transportation systems, excluding airports, within the GTA.

The Toronto Board of Trade is Canada's largest local chamber of commerce providing over 10,000 members with the tools to build their business success. The tremendous range of membership benefits provide our members with access to everything necessary to:

- Increase potential and stay ahead of the competition with the most current business publications, resources and information products, including our own highly regarded, Top Employer's Survey, Toronto Business and Market Guide, 1000 Trade and Professional Associations.
- We believe the best way to create jobs, wealth and a healthy tax base is to provide a healthy environment in which to do business. The Toronto Board has advocated for business property tax reform, education reform and financing, economic development, local governance, and an efficient and sustainable physical infrastructure.
- Get connected at over 100 networking, speaker and workshop events designed to build business and personal development.
- Extend globally with access to the World Trade Centre Toronto providing international product and market data, import/export directories, trade statistics and country files through more than 305 World Trade Centres in 92 countries.
- Get together at our three locations, The Downtown Centre, The Airport Centre and The Country Club for business and personal dining, meetings, functions and golf.

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Toronto Environmental Alliance

Founded in 1988, the Toronto Environmental Alliance (TEA), brings activists together to work for solutions to local environmental issues in the Greater Toronto Area. Its volunteers, Board of Directors, and staff work on a variety of issues, including pesticides and toxics, waste reduction, water quality, smog, climate change and a variety of transportation issues.

Organized around issue caucuses, activists meet regularly to strategize, plan public engagement and pollution reduction projects, make presentations, undertake research and engage the media. TEA also hosts the annual EcoBunk Awards every December, that exposes 'greenwashing' in advertising.

TEA's sustainable transportation activities include the following:

- **Environmentalists Plan Transportation**, a group of active volunteers promoting a pedestrian, bicycle and transit friendly Toronto.
- **Rocket Riders**, the transit users group, who advocate for an affordable, accessible, convenient and well funded transit system.
- **Ride Together**, a regional carpool program for the Toronto area, and the Commuters' Guide publication (in development) - both ongoing staff projects.
- **Corporate Smog Contracts**, another staff project that involves corporate and institutional emission reductions through fleet greening and employee trip reduction initiatives.
- **Our Changing Climate**, a curriculum unit for teachers of grades 4-8, which facilitates teaching junior level students about climate change, with a particular focus on sustainable transportation.
- **The Clean Air Challenge**, a public education project focusing on anti-idling initiatives and other transportation related emission reductions.

For more information, check the other listings in this directory or contact TEA directly.

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Toronto Healthy City Office

A healthy city is one that not only has a clean, safe physical environment and access to food, shelter, and adequate income, but is also one that provides satisfying work, and accessible and fair education opportunities for all its citizens. It also provides an open and responsible government that involves people in making decisions about their own lives. The Healthy City Office convenes and supports partnerships with businesses, all levels of government, non-government organizations and local communities to identify and act upon complex urban problems in an integrated way. Three themes are always linked in Healthy City activities: economy, environment and equity.

The Toronto Healthy City Office was created in 1989. With the amalgamation of the municipalities of East York, Etobicoke, North York, Scarborough, Toronto and York, and the Regional Municipality of Metropolitan Toronto into the new City of Toronto in 1998, the Healthy City Office is charged with an expanded mandate to promote the Healthy City concept across the new city.

The Office is working on several initiatives to forward the goals of the Healthy City Project and to follow up on the recommendations contained in the 1988 Healthy Toronto 2000 Report. The Healthy City Office publishes a newsletter, the Toronto Healthy City News, which provides regular updates on the work of the Office and its partners.

The Healthy City Office has carried out a number of transportation related projects, and produced a number of reports including *Evaluating the Role of the Automobile* and *Smog: Make It or Break It*. Current sustainable transportation related initiatives include:

- Healthy City Day (listed in the Events section)
- Smog Prevention and Reduction Strategy (listed in the Projects section)
- Facilitating the City of Toronto's Smog Reduction Work Group

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Toronto Hoof and Cycle Courier Coalition (THC³)

Toronto's bike messenger association exists to represent and strengthen the local messenger community, to improve working conditions through education and advocacy and to co-ordinate events like the annual Messenger Appreciation Day (October 9). One of THC³'s first projects has involved initiating legal action against Ontario's Ministry of the Environment over the bad air quality to which bike messengers are subjected in their workplace. Founded in 1999, THC³ is one of a growing list of Bike Messenger Associations in cities like Vancouver, Montreal, Chicago, San Francisco, Minneapolis, Denver/Boulder and Washington D.C.

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Toronto Pedestrian Committee

The Toronto Pedestrian Committee is an advisory group made up of citizens from all parts of the new City, a Councillor, John Adams, and City staff. The Committee meets once a month and often has single-issue special meetings at Toronto City Hall to discuss various pedestrian-related issues in accordance with its mandate.

Definition of a Pedestrian

Persons moving by foot from place to place or at a walking pace (for example, users of mobility devices, children on tricycles).

Objectives (as of December 17, 1999)

- To work for improved pedestrian safety and better pedestrian access to public transit, schools, workplaces, shops, libraries, community centres, parks, including roads and other public spaces.
- To provide pedestrian-oriented input to the allocation, design and use of public space.
- To provide staff with comments and recommendations relating to standards for street and sidewalk lighting, guidelines, and general design of the public realm, including roads, with the understanding that Council may, from time to time, request direct input from the Toronto Pedestrian Committee on any general or specific issue it so chooses.
- To provide a forum for public consultation on pedestrian health and safety, including working with Community Councils on local neighbourhood concerns, and working with the TTC on transit-related issues.
- To promote walking as the most environmentally friendly form of transportation.
- The provision of educational programs to the general public and special needs groups.

For more information or to get on the Committee's mailing list please contact Janette McCusker at 416-397-4888.

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City of Toronto, Feet on the Street, Older Women's Network, Toronto cyclists, and representatives of disabled peoples, and the two public school boards



Toronto Re-cycled Art Society (TRASH)

If you've ever stood on a crowded downtown sidewalk and a cow, rat, canoe, moose, rose garden, sequined tea service, leather and chains, or constellation bicycle has sailed past in the bike lane - you've witnessed an art-bike in its natural habitat.

Some years ago a group of art-lovin' cyclists formed the Toronto Re-cycled Art Society (TRASH). They challenged Toronto artists (known, unknown, underground, head-just-above-the-water artists) to celebrate the beauty of the bike. The artists have given their time, energy and creativity to transform clunkers into moving works of art.

Over the years this rideable-art, as well as wall-art, art helmet, bike jewelry, bike fashion, etc. has been auctioned off to support worthy bike projects - Bikes Not Bombs, Street Kids International and the Community Bicycle Network (CBN). TRASH's last project was a Bike-Quilt, with blocks sent from around the city and the world. It was raffled off to support CBN.

In the future, TRASH would like to be part of more bike culture events - dance-cycles, music as well as art. We need fresh blood in our organizational staff and want to hook up with people/groups who love bike culture.

Remember: To bike is human to art-bike divine!

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Transport 2000

Transport 2000 believes that transportation is more than just a means of moving goods and people, measured only by profits or political benefits. Transport 2000 believes that public transportation impacts on land use, economic development and the quality of life. Transportation is a tool to protect the environment, conserve energy, diminish land pressures, curtail the growth of road and highway spending and promote economic growth. Transportation also determines accessibility to housing, education, health services, employment and leisure. Some groups are affected more than others by the availability and quality of public transportation: the poor, the disabled, seniors, youth, the unemployed, and those who live in rural and remote areas.

Transport 2000 represents the interests of consumers or users of public transport services in Canada and is involved with a variety of transport issues including:

- the development of rail passenger services in Canada;
- the future of inter-city bus services;
- urban and commuter transit systems;
- the implications to consumers of the deregulated airline industry in Canada;
- the role of marine and coastal services;
- the effects of and alternatives to rail branch line abandonments;
- the role of government regulation in all public transportation;
- the impact on the public interest of demands for new highway spending;
- the safety of air, rail, and other public carriers;
- the promotion of intermodal links to improve the accessibility and cost-efficiency of public transport.

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Transportation Action Now (TAN)

...promoting accessible transportation for everyone in Ontario

Transportation Action Now Inc. (TAN) is a non-profit organization dedicated to the promotion, education and advocacy of accessible transportation for seniors and people with disabilities. TAN was founded in 1985 as the Trans-Action Coalition, a non-profit coalition of over 100 organizations, dedicated to the research, advocacy and promotion of accessible transportation for all people in Ontario. The organization was incorporated and registered as a charity in 1994 as Transportation Action Now and has received funding from both private and government sources.

Since 1985 it has been operated by a group of dedicated staff and volunteers, and we are always open to welcoming new members. If you would like to know more about us or about membership we can be contacted by either e-mail or by snail mail.

We believe it is important to:

- Broaden awareness on the part of individuals and organizations, about the need for accessible transportation for all people not now served by our public transit services.
- Accelerate the integration of all people with disabilities into the mainstream of provincial life through promotion of accessibility of current public transportation.

In this regard TAN has developed a set of policies and worked on a number of projects that both reflect and promote our objectives.

For more information visit www.icomm.ca/tan/tan_index.htm or call our office.

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Transportation Options (T.O.)

Transportation Options is a Toronto-based non-profit organization dedicated to promoting modes and systems of transportation that integrate ecological balance, social equity, and economic vitality. Since 1991 we have been working locally and internationally to support and develop a wide range of partnerships and projects, including:

- **Moving the Economy (MTE):** Building from the 1998 International Conference on Economic Opportunities in Sustainable Transportation, MTE now acts as a sector development agency to promote and develop economic opportunities in sustainable transportation. Core partners include Transportation Options, The City of Toronto, and Human Resources Development Canada (See Moving the Economy)
- **MTE On-Line:** An expanding, searchable, on-line database of local and international economic success stories in sustainable transportation, building on proceedings from the 1998 MTE Conference
<www.city.toronto.on.ca/mte>
- **Detour Publications:** A one-stop shop for the widest range of books, magazines, reports, and other materials on sustainable transportation and urban ecology, Detour is Transportation Options' distribution and publishing arm. We have just launched a secure, on-line version of our catalogue of over 100 sustainable transportation titles from around the world (see Detour).
- **Conferences and Workshops:** T.O. has hosted and co-hosted a range of sustainable transportation events and forums, including Moving the Economy (1998); the Second International Conference on Auto-Free Cities (1992); the Bikes Mean Business Conference (1993); Traffic Demand Management and Traffic Calming workshops; the St Lawrence Forum on Car Culture; and various presentations by visiting experts.
- **Support for Schools:** T.O. has supported and developed a range of educational tools and programs, including "Blazing Trails Through the Urban Jungle", a safe routes to school mapping kit; a survey of sustainable transportation curriculum in Toronto schools, and a Walking School bus project (now co-ordinated by Greenest City)
- **Community Projects:** T.O.'s community development work includes the Neighbourhood Car Use Reduction Project; the Moving Towards Greener Neighbourhoods Project; the Multi-Cultural Education and Outreach Project; Bike Friendly Business Awards; and the Skills Development Program for Sustainable Transportation. T.O. is also a founding partner of the Green Tourism Association (see GTA).

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www.city.toronto.on.ca/mte



West End Bike Club (CBN member group)

One of the Community Bicycle Network's Re-Cycle Clubs, West End collects used bikes from the public that would otherwise be discarded and then uses them to learn and teach bike repair. In the process of refurbishing an old bike, participants develop new job skills, build confidence and earn their own "set of two wheels" with their volunteer labour. Like all CBN bike clubs, West End benefits people who can't afford to buy a new bike or pay the repair costs of their bike, as well as those seeking skills development and community economic development opportunities. The West End Bike Club is located in the parking garage (second level) of Dufferin Mall. Volunteer and learn skills, donate a used bike, or simply drop by during open hours: Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

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