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Subject: My comments for 2013.PW27.12 on December 16, 2013 City Council

To the City Clerk:

Please add my comments to the agenda for the December 16, 2013 City Council meeting on item 2013.PW27.12, Congestion Management Plan 2014-2018

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Comments:

PW27.12 Congestion Management Plan 2014-2018 (Ward All).

"Through innovation and technology maximize the efficiency, safety, reliability and sustainability of the transportation network for all users while reducing the impact on the environment."

Toronto is blessed with the opportunity provided by both our Federal and Provincial governments in making power-assisted bicycles legal.

They are a new innovation and technology that maximize the efficiency, safety and reliability of Toronto's efforts to decongest our city.

Those residents of the GTA who are unable to peddle a manual bike now have the option to participate; get off of four wheels and onto two wheels and do their part to make Toronto's transportation system more efficient and inclusive to all modes of transportation.

Electric bikes are easily sustainable at no cost to the City of Toronto; will enhance the efficiency of transportation on Toronto's arterial roads when e-bikes take their rightful place on bike amenities paid for by all tax payers.

Power-assisted bikes meet all of the objectives of Toronto's 'Power to Live Green' initiatives and will have a negligible impact on our environment.

The cost of getting off of four wheels and onto two electric wheels is completely in the hands of Toronto residents who have been brave enough to accept our future.

Supporting the use of all modes of transportation is a valuable strategy in any congestion management plan. Encouraging people to use modes of transportation other than four wheel gas powered ones and ultimately reducing the number of vehicle trips through increased vehicle occupancies is a smart decision.

The cost for this addition to the City of Toronto is the amending of bylaws when they define a bicycle. The amended bylaws should simply read:

"BICYCLE – Includes a tricycle and unicycle and electric bikes that meet the Federal definition of a power-assisted bicycle."

Sincerely, James Thompson

Director at Large

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