

City Council

Motion without Notice

MM36.34	ACTION			Ward:All
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**Authority to Donate Abandoned Bicycles to Charitable Organizations -
by Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti**

** This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

** This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral.*

** This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

Recommendations

Councillor Denzil Minnan-Wong, seconded by Councillor Michelle Berardinetti, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the General Managers of Transportation Services and Solid Waste Management Services to establish and implement, if feasible, an abandoned bicycle donation program.

Summary

The City of Toronto strives to provide adequate bicycle parking for cyclists and removing abandoned bicycles is an easy and effective way to aid these efforts. Over the years, Transportation Services and Solid Waste Management Services have developed a process which identifies, removes and disposes of abandoned bicycles.

Bicycles that are clearly abandoned, have missing or damaged parts, flat or missing tires and are in an unusable condition are removed immediately. Where there is some question about whether a bicycle is abandoned, Transportation staff will place a notification on the bicycle that identifies it as "abandoned". After fourteen days of notice, Solid Waste Management Services staff will remove any bicycles that still remain tagged. The bicycles are stored at City facilities for sixty days and ultimately sent for recycling.

An average of 1,000 bicycles are removed every year. A total of only three bicycles were reclaimed by owners in 2012. While a number of charitable organizations have expressed

interest in reusing the bicycle parts for a variety of youth programs, City staff currently have no authority to donate the parts.

If authority is granted to City staff at this meeting of City Council, efforts could begin immediately to facilitate the transfer of 300 abandoned bicycles, presently in the City's possession, to interested charitable organizations.

This Motion is urgent because the City has 300 bikes it has no authority to donate. If we deal with the Motion now, staff could find homes for the parts. Otherwise, they go to the scrap yard for recycling.

(Submitted to City Council on June 11 and 12, 2013 as MM36.34)

Background Information (City Council)

Member Motion MM36.34