

Date: September 8, 2015
To: Members of the Etobicoke York Community Council
From: Councillor Mark Grimes
Subject: Safety on the Waterfront Trail

SUMMARY:

Part of the Waterfront Trail in ward 6 runs between the Humber River and Norris Crescent. It is a multi-use path which means at any given time there can be cyclists, in-line skaters, pedestrians, children, dogs, strollers etc. all using the trail at once. Unfortunately, these different types of uses can be conflicting, and there have been numerous reports of collisions or near misses between cyclists and other trail users, including other cyclists.

<http://www.insidetoronto.com/news-story/5786644-cyclists-disregard-for-safety-on-humber-bay-shores-trail-frightening-say-residents/>

<http://www.680news.com/2015/07/12/cyclists-and-pedestrians-clash-on-mimico-path/>

http://link.brightcove.com/services/player/bcpid3361974670001?bckey=AQ~-~,AAAAii5Rh_E~,CtyoY0YIBsZHT45uqrfKajPH9ZF_h3AF&bctid=4437744926001

In addition, my office has received over 120 reports from users about incidences of unsafe behaviour on the trail, just over the past year.

Measures need to be taken immediately to improve safety for all trail users, including but not limited to: new signage, improved sight lines, and physical barriers.

RECOMMENDATION:

Parks, Forestry, & Recreation and Transportation Services staff meet with the local Councillor and representatives of Toronto's cycling networks and the local community to determine measures which can be implemented immediately to improve safety for all Waterfront Trail users.

Thank you, in advance, for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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