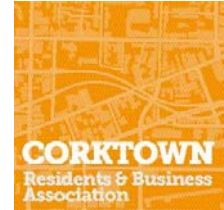


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Dear Chair & Members

**Re: Item PW6.12 – Pilot Project - Extending the Richmond Street and Adelaide Street Cycle Tracks to Parliament Street**

I am President of the Corktown Residents & Business Association, which is a not-for-profit incorporated group existing to enhance the quality of residential and business life in, and to act as a voice for, Corktown.

The CRBA wishes to endorse the report by City staff calling for the extension of the existing bike lanes on Richmond and Adelaide Streets east to Parliament. This is a logical and meaningful expression of the City's intent to make this a cycle-friendly City as well as putting substance behind the City's view that cycling is one of the essential modes of transit in this City.

We would also suggest the following additions either to the motions before the Committee or the directions to staff coming from the Committee.

Extending to Parliament Street brings the cycle tracks very close to the Don River and connections to several existing bike lanes and trails. It would be a serious omission to leave a relatively small gap in that "system".

We therefore suggest the following:

1. Extend the pilot program even further east to the Don River to connect fully with residents in wards 28, 30, 32 and beyond;
2. This would require some further study but it could take several and multiple forms:
  - a. Introducing new bike lanes/tracks on King or Queen – the number of cyclists using both these streets on a daily basis to commute is growing rapidly and so questions of both safety and also the potential of exponential growth in the number of cyclists commuting are real;
  - b. Connecting to and improving existing bike lanes on Shuter and Dundas to River Street;
  - c. Introducing new bike lanes/tracks on River Street to connect with Queen Street across the Don River and a connection with the Don River Trail through Corktown Common or at the Queen Street stairs at the Don;
  - d. Consider a new bike lane/track on Eastern Avenue connecting to the bike lane which starts on Eastern at Carlaw;

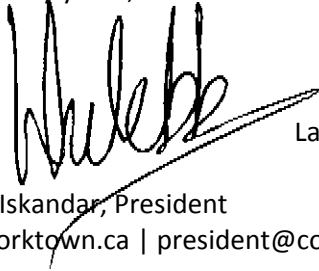
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- e. Consider the best connection between any of these existing or new paths/tracks with Eastern which might be Sumach Street but existing issues with the bike lane on Sumach Street would need to be addressed to make it safe;
- f. There are several other options and all require some study to determine the best routes.

The key element is creating a City-wide cycling network which will be a critical element of combatting increased congestion on the roads. This pilot with some additions as suggested will be a bold and sound start.

Respectfully yours,

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