

**City Council****Motion without Notice**

MM20.53	ACTION			Ward:All
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**"Help Wanted" Re-establishing the Toronto Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee - by Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker**

*\* Notice of this Motion has not been given. A two-thirds vote is required to waive notice.  
\* This Motion is subject to referral to the Executive Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.  
\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.  
Communication MM20.53.1 has been submitted on this Item*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Paula Fletcher, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council request the City Manager to take steps to re-establish the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee and the Toronto Pedestrian Advisory Committee and to report to the October 5, 2016 City Council meeting on the Terms of Reference and membership for these advisory bodies.

**Summary**

On July 4, 2016, there were eighteen traffic incidents involving either cyclists or pedestrians in the City of Toronto. Cycling and pedestrian deaths can be prevented. To achieve the City's "Vision Zero" goal of zero motor vehicle fatalities within 10 years we need to seriously consider the perspective of our City's cyclists and pedestrians.

It was five years ago that the City's long standing advisory committees, the Toronto Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee were not re-established. Since then, pedestrian deaths have risen an alarming 15 percent. Many of these deaths have occurred while pedestrians are crossing the street legally, at crosswalks and at traffic lights.

On July 6, 2016, a 71 year old man was killed while cycling in the City's west end. Every year cyclists in our City are killed and injured, and the numbers have increased since the elimination of the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee.

The Toronto Pedestrian Advisory Committee and the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee were important citizen committees struck to advise City Council on best practices for cyclists and pedestrians, with safety being a key focus, and to ensure active transportation is accessible

for people of all ages and abilities.

These committees provided critical advice, and their re-establishment would improve safety for cyclists and pedestrians in our City.

This Motion is urgent as cycling and pedestrian deaths and injuries have increased since the Toronto Cycling Advisory Committee and the Toronto Pedestrian Advisory Committee have ceased to meet. On July 4, 2016, there were eighteen traffic incidents involving either cyclists or pedestrians in the City of Toronto. We need to take action now to protect pedestrians and cyclists.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Member Motion MM20.53

### **Communications (City Council)**

(July 12, 2016) E-mail from Hamish Wilson (MM.New.MM20.53.1)