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Date: September 9, 2016

To: North York Community Council

Subject: Report Request - Installation of Bike Lanes on Dovehouse Avenue and extending the existing Sentinel Road bike lanes between Dovehouse Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West

#### SUMMARY:


With the introduction of the City of Toronto's *Ten Year Cycling Network plan*, the need for connecting various existing bike paths to growing communities is becoming more vital than ever. By enhancing the City's cycling network, residents will be given an alternative transportation option. In Wards 8 and 9 there are bike lanes on The Pond Road between Shoreham Drive and Sentinel Road, on Sentinel Road between The Pond Road and Dovehouse Avenue, and on Finch Avenue West under in the Barrie railway line. There are bike paths in along the Black Creek, and bike loops in the William Baker Neighbourhood east of the intersection of Dovehouse Avenue and Keele Street, and in Downsview Park south of Sheppard Avenue West. I would like to close the gaps in cycling routes in Wards 8 and 9. Dovehouse Avenue is short and has a wide paved area. It is potentially a good connecting route for bike lanes between Sentinel Road and the William Baker cycling loop. There is also the potential to extend the existing Sentinel Road bike lanes the short distance from Dovehouse Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

1. That Transportation Services staff conduct a study and report back to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee by first quarter 2017 to determine the potential of installing bike lanes along the following streets;
  - a. Dovehouse Avenue between Keele Street/William Baker cycling loop and Sentinel Road.
  - b. Sentinel Road between Dovehouse Avenue and Sheppard Avenue West.
2. That the appropriate City staff host a community consultation.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,



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