

City Council**Notice of Motion**

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Bill C-312 National Cycling Act - by Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker

** Notice of this Motion has been given.*

** This Motion is subject to referral to the Public Works and Infrastructure Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

Recommendations

Councillor Paul Ainslie, seconded by Councillor Glenn De Baeremaeker, recommends that:

1. City Council write to Gord Johns, Member of Parliament, the Honourable Marc Garneau, Minister of Transportation, and the Honourable Catherine McKenna, Minister of Environment, encouraging the passage and implementation of Bill C-312, the National Cycling Strategy Act.

Summary

On November 4, 2016, Gord Johns, Member of Parliament, tabled C-132, an Act to establish a National Cycling Strategy. The Bill is also known as the National Cycling Strategy Act.

This Bill would obligate the Minister of Transportation, "in collaboration with the Minister of Environment and in consultation with ministers responsible for health, infrastructure, sport, communities, education and intergovernmental affairs, as well as representatives of the provincial and territorial governments responsible for those matters, municipalities, Aboriginal community, cycling organizations, businesses representatives from the cycling industry and other stakeholders interested in cycling, develop and implement a national cycling strategy".

The proposed strategy would include the following elements:

- the construction and maintenance of safe and efficient cycling infrastructure;
- national program, standards, education and training to promote cycling;
- identifying fiscal and policy requirements to support and promote cycling; encourage commuter, tourism and recreational cycling, and support the cycling industry in Canada;
- review exiting policies regarding cycling across the country year-round and the transportation legislation, regulation and standards needed to increase road safety, such as the requirement for mandatory side guards on all vehicles in higher weight categories;
- maximize cycling's role in reducing greenhouse gas emissions and criteria air contaminants to help meet Canada's climate goals;
- outline clear and achievable targets for the growth of the commuter cycling, and

- facilitating the gathering of data and the monitoring of indicators that illustrate the extent of cycling in communities.

This legislation is unlike other attempts to support cycling as a preferred method of transportation as it is accompanied by an unprecedented investment in infrastructure. There also seems to be a more widely spread appreciation for the central leadership role that the Federal Government can play by coordinating with the provinces and municipalities. This Bill could help spur further investment of active transportation infrastructure and street redesign at the municipal level.

The Board of Directors of the Ontario Good Roads Association, an organization with two City appointed representatives, endorsed this Bill on January 19, 2017.

Background Information (City Council)

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